



*Biweekly Social News*  
*September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020*

~CONCERNS~

**AK/LA** from Schelley Francis

Friday Day after Laura 8/28/2020:

The AR/LA District has experienced something that many of us have never dealt with. On August 27th hurricane Laura came on shore near Lake Charles, LA at almost a Cat 5 level storm. It didn't stop there as it tore across Louisiana staying at a Cat 1-2 level all the way into Arkansas. I have lived in North Louisiana my entire 61 years and never seen anything of this level hit our state in such a widespread way. We have never had any storm reach North Louisiana and still be at a Hurricane level. So that shows you the magnitude and strength this one had.

It was like having a tornado in almost every inch of Louisiana over a one-day period. Many trees, homes and even some lives were lost during the day. Our Motor Maid family was blessed that no lives were lost. Two of our Motor Maid sisters Sylvia Bailey and Jane Allums live in Lake Charles. Lake Charles will take years to recover from this. But even with that they were blessed to not have the predicted storm surge hit that would have totally wiped them out. Cell towers are down so communication is hard right now. But I know the water system of Lake Charles has been devastated as well as the power grid. I have been told Jane's home has suffered damage and at this time I am not sure on the extent of that damage. So, we need some very special prayers for these two ladies. I am unsure of where to mail anything to them at this point due to all the damage so just prayers will be much appreciated until we know more.

Becky Ham lives in Natchitoches, LA which is the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase. Located in the upper central Louisiana region and only about an hour or so from me. The eye of Laura came right over her area at nearly 100 mph so much damage to this area too as far as trees down and power outages... Becky was fine when we talked with only power outage and limbs down.

We have a good many ladies that lives near me in North Louisiana and for the most part we had gust of 75 mph with many trees and power outage but most have reported back that they are fine with no damage.

Arkansas ladies have reported same just power outage but no real damage to homes.

Please keep us all in your prayers

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**IA** from Marcey Anderson

Ronda Clark, Iowa DD, just had her second knee replacement surgery and is doing well. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. You can send cards to her at: Ronda Clark, 525 Spring Street, Humeston, IA 50123

**TX** from Glenda Mize

Last week we heard that on our dear friend and Texas Motor Maid, Barbara Simpson passed away after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. A celebration of life was held on August 29 at her home and was attended by Pam Wheeler and Cherilynne Ramsey. Barbara was full of fun and a joy to be with. We will surely miss her. Condolences may be sent to her son Michael Eagen at 4116 Hill Ave, Dickinson, TX 77539.

Dot Bailey's husband was in the hospital dealing with dehydration. They were traveling. We hope he is safely home soon. You can email Dot at [sunsetdaytona@gmail.com](mailto:sunsetdaytona@gmail.com) or contact her at 2703 Aurora, Horseshoe Bay, TX 78657.

Liz Hardin's home was hit pretty hard by the hurricane. She has lots of trees down on her property and some damage to vehicles. Liz feels blessed that her family, house, and bikes are ok. You can email Liz at [liz.hardin58@gmail.com](mailto:liz.hardin58@gmail.com) or contact her at 791 Newhaven Ridge, Hemphill, TX 75948.

~GLAD NEWS~

**FL** from Mona White

We can all use some Good News!! How about Goodie News? Mona White, Florida Motor Maid, married Craig Goodie August 25, 2020 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. They are happily honeymooning on the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina. Cards of congratulations to the happy couple can be sent to them at their summer address: 13938 Park Road, Pikeville, TN.

Respectfully,

Marianne McBride  
Recording Secretary

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