

CALLING IT QUILTS

Capt. James M. Baker of Edenton recently retired from US Airways after a career in aviation that began in the 1960s. Baker, who began flying in 1960, got his first job as a flight instructor in Richmond, VA for \$5 an hour in 1963. He worked as a corporate pilot from 1966-68, when he went to work for US Airways (formerly Allegheny), a job he held until his retirement in 1999. His last flight was on May 22, when he flew from Charles DeGaulle Airport in Paris, France to Philadelphia, PA in a Boeing 767. Baker said he had accumulated approximately 31,000 hours of flying time, mostly in commercial jets. "My only significant flying accomplishment," he said modestly, "was completing 39 years and 31,000 hours of safe, incident-free flying."

Griffin continues her recovery

BY LAURIE HUFFORD
Staff Writer

You may have seen this woman travelling around on her bicycle. There's nothing unusual about this, except that the woman is Gail Griffin and, for her, even walking without tiring is a miracle. With a hereditary lung disease called "Alpha-1", Gail required a lung transplant to survive.

"I want to thank everyone who donated to the transplant fund. Even if it was just a penny, that's one breath that I wouldn't have had otherwise," says Gail.

Gail got her left-lung transplant at Duke University on January 16, after waiting four years on the national transplant list. The date was slightly after the 50th birthday that her doctors said she would be lucky to see:

"It was the best birthday gift I could have gotten!" she exclaims. "I want to thank everybody who helped!"

At the time of the transplant, Gail's lung capacity was at 14%. She was in the last stages of disease, and her left lung was "shot". She had to be on oxygen, and required a health care aid from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day.

After surgery, Gail spent 15 days in the hospital before going to a host house. She lived there for six weeks, while attending rehabilitation and being closely monitored.

Gail says that the transplant has changed her life in every way, and that her quality of life



Gail Griffin

has improved by at least 80%. A certain amount of exercise helps to keep the lungs healthy, so Gail is conscientious about exercising. She enjoys riding her bicycle, "the Gordon Express" (named for the friend who paid for the bike), to therapy.

"I think I'm in better shape than I've ever been," she smiles.

There was something else to celebrate, and for a few weekends, Gail tried out recipes on

her mother. Then, on the 1st month anniversary of her homecoming after surgery, Gail had her doctor and his wife over for dinner. It was the first time in six years that she'd been able to cook a full meal.

Gail's left lung capacity is now 90%, and she is optimistic about the future. When able, she would like to do some volunteer work at the hospital, to "give something back" to the town which helped her to recover.

"I want to thank the people, but how do you thank them for giving you your life?"

Donations are still being accepted and may be sent to: Organ Transplant Fund, c/o Gail Griffin, PO Box 749, Edenton, NC 27932.

Cookbooks, t-shirts, and sweatshirts are also still for sale at Chowan Hospital in Edenton.

ECSU announces names of Chowan resident graduates

The Registrar's office at Elizabeth City State University has announced that the following Chowan County residents received degrees during its 1999 Spring Graduation Commencement:

- Chanda L. Blount, BS, Business Administration
 - Kendra Yarnell Bunch, BS, Biology
 - Kimberly Renee Bunch, BS, Criminal Justice, cum laude graduate
 - Rosa L. Carter, BA, Sociology/Social Work, cum laude graduate
 - George Donald Copeland, BS, Industrial Technology, cum laude graduate
 - Van-Dee Hetherington, BS, General Psychology
 - Donetta Renea Privott, BS, General Psychology, cum laude graduate
 - Jolyquin C. Sessoms, BS, Mathematics
 - Linda Rae Sutton, BSED, Special Education, cum laude graduate
 - Varick Theron Taylor, BS, Business Administration, cum laude graduate
 - Roxanna Elizabeth White, BA, Sociology/Social Work
 - Nicole S. Taylor, BS, Business Administration
- Copeland and Hetherington reside in Tyner. The remaining graduates live in Edenton.

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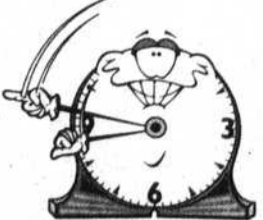
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