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## From the Desk of the Association President

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*"The Association Where  
Everybody Is  
Somebody."*



2009 is here and I am excited about the great things that are happening within the Association. We had our winter meeting on January 17, 2009 at the Bon Carre' Conference Center. This meeting was held in conjunction with an Officials Clinic hosted by our Officials Chair, Mrs. Gloria Louis. Those of you that were not able to attend, you missed an opportunity to share with our Committee Chairs to hear their ideas, take part in their vision for the upcoming season and just to be inclusive in making a difference in the positive move. I would like to encourage you to contact one of those committee chairs, and get your feet wet, explore your options in making a difference in the lives of the youth and adult athletes in our Association. Youth Committee Chair, Byron Turner, can be contacted at [byronturner@southernmasters.org](mailto:byronturner@southernmasters.org); Coaches Education Chair, Rashad Hannah, can be contacted by [rhannah@southernmasters.org](mailto:rhannah@southernmasters.org), and the Officials Committee Chair, Gloria Louis can be contacted at [marialouis1@aol.com](mailto:marialouis1@aol.com). With the restructuring of the meeting, I had the opportunity to sit and talk with some of you individually, on a more personable setting, to hear your concerns, to attempt to address your issues, and just to award you the opportunity to get to know me on another level. To date we have had one sanctioned event, the Southwest Regional Masters Championship. Again, our masters program has done a phenomenal job in accelerating to another level. A special note of thanks and gratitude is to be extended to our Masters Chair Byron Turner and his staff for their professionalism, their time, their unselfish efforts and most of all their willingness to continue to find ways to excel in this program. Thanks are also extended to all of our Officials and volunteers for making that Championship meet a success.

Please see message from *Association Secretary/Membership Chair* on page 3

## SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION MASTERS PROGRAM RECEIVE OUTSTANDING RECOGNITION

Lorraine Tucker Wrote:  
March 10, 2009 10:25 PM

RE: Southwest Indoor Masters/Open Championships  
Kudos to Byron Turner, officials and volunteers. The local and meet hospitality were an added bonus.

This was my first indoor meet in several years and was a great experience and a good practice for Indoor Nationals. The meet was well administered and the officials were the best that I have seen in years.



WORKING TO MAKE THINGS  
HAPPEN FOR OUR MASTERS.

The newsletter was designed to keep our Association members abreast of everything relative to our Association. In addition, we have a new website, the address is [www.usatfsouthern.org](http://www.usatfsouthern.org), as well as a new Webmaster, Mr. Bart Stagg. Bart has been working consistently to assure that we have e-mail lists for athletes (youth and adult), officials, parents, administrators, etc. set up so that we can also send out e-mail blasts to everyone with a current e-mail address any pertinent information that needs to be shared on any given day. I would ask that you make sure that your club contact information is correct, the e-mail address you use when you register for membership is current. It is our goal to make sure that no individual is left out of the sharing of information, so help us help you by providing us with current information.

If you were unable to attend a track meet held on March 7<sup>th</sup> at LSU, please find results posted on the Masters website [www.southernmasters.org](http://www.southernmasters.org)




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*“Get Involved to make a  
difference.”*

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## SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP CHAIR MESSAGE TO ASSOCIATION CLUBS/MEMBERS

I would like to thank you for the opportunity of being able to serve as your Secretary/Membership Chair since August 2008. I have attempted to make myself accessible to you in handling your membership and event sanctions needs. For those of you that have not yet required my assistance, I wanted to let you know how your requests are processed. If you forward me a membership application, I immediately upon receipt of your application, enter your data in the system and if you have an e-mail address on your application you immediately receive a confirmation e-mail notifying you that your application has been processed. I do, however, encourage you to register on-line if you have computer accessibility.

Those of you that are renewing your club memberships: I process your application and forward you via e-mail a copy of your application that I have completed at the Association level and forwarded to the National Office for further handling.

All information relative to membership can be found below. If you are uncertain of anything, please do feel free to contact me. If when you call and are unable to reach me, please do leave a message and your call will be returned as quickly as I am able to.

**Individual Membership**

	Youth	Adult
Membership fee:	\$20.00	\$30.00

Membership Contact

USATF Southern  
PO Box 4695  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821  
225-270-3322

**Organizational/Club Membership**

	Fee	
Mail-in	\$50.00	<a href="#">Download an application</a>

Club Contact

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[earlettbuckley@southernmasters.org](mailto:earlettbuckley@southernmasters.org)

**\* \$100 late fee for renewal applications received after May 1 from competitive clubs.**

Again, I am your Secretary/Membership chair and I am here to assist you with all of your Administrative requests as they relate to this Association.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHAPLAIN-Rev. Burnett King, Sr.

1. The office of Chaplain within the Southern Association of USA Track & Field is an elected position but could also be appointed by the President. This position acts under the leadership of the President & may receive directives from the President or the Youth Chairperson.
2. The purpose of the office of Chaplain is to provide a "spiritual covering" for the Southern Association, its officers & members, its coaches & officials, as well as its athletes & families.
3. The Chaplain will also offer prayer, encouraging words, & consolation to the Southern Association, its Members, & Families; in the event of severe sickness, physical & mental illness, major accident, & death. When present at association meetings/functions, the Chaplain will lead prayer.
4. The Chaplain must, at all times, maintain seriousness of the position while taking care of God's business. Members shall be accountable for maintaining the integrity of the Chaplain position.
5. The Southern Association & its Members shall demonstrate a commitment to the values in spiritual relationships established within the organization; with members, those served, colleagues & through conduct in their professional roles; respecting the dignity & worth of the position.
6. The Southern Association & its Members shall attempt to maintain its spiritual dimension as an essential part of its striving for health, wholeness & meaning in life.
7. The Southern Association & its Members should remember that the spiritual care of people is a critical aspect of the total care offered in the delivery of care for public & private institutions & organizations.
8. The Chaplain must serve all persons without discrimination regardless of religion, faith, group, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, age, or disability.

### **Procedures:**

- Upon knowledge of severe sickness, accident, or death, contact the President or 1<sup>st</sup> VP ASAP. They will in turn, email and/or phone the Chaplain & provide all contact information for those involved.
- The Chaplain will, in turn, assess the situation spiritually & proceed with a phone call to the individual or family for prayer/encouragement, arrange delivery of flowers, mail a card, or simply begin fervent prayer on their behalf for a speedy recovery from their illness/accident.
- The Chaplain will email or call the President to inform him/her of the steps that have been taken in regards.

The Chaplain will provide receipt(s) relating to any flower delivery/purchase to the President, Secretary, & Treasurer in order to expedite reimbursement. In addition, the other officers will be copied (1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, & the Youth Chairperson).

USATF Calendar of Southern Association Events**Youth Schedule for 2009**

Date	Event	Point of Contact	Location	Fee
Mar 27-28	LSU Relays <a href="#">Meet Info</a>	Todd Lane <a href="mailto:toddlane@lsu.edu">toddlane@lsu.edu</a>	LSU, Baton Rouge, LA	TBD
April 10-11	Pelican Relays <a href="#">Meet Info</a>	Greg Thompson 225-802-2722 <a href="mailto:greqt15_91@yahoo.com">greqt15_91@yahoo.com</a>	Southern University	TBD
April 18, 2009	KY Developmental Meet	Lester Patterson, KY Track Club 225-603-1218 <a href="mailto:lpatterson19@cox.net">lpatterson19@cox.net</a>	Scotlandville HS, Baton Rouge, LA	\$4.00
April 25, 2009	Future Track Club Developmental Meet	Trent Ellis, The Future Track Club 225-288-9434 <a href="mailto:toeellis@yahoo.com">toeellis@yahoo.com</a>	Zachary HS, Zachary, LA	\$1.00
May 16, 2009	The Future Invitational Meet	Trent Ellis, The Future Track Club 225-288-9434 <a href="mailto:toeellis@yahoo.com">toeellis@yahoo.com</a>	Zachary HS, Baton Rouge, LA	\$8.00
May 16, 2009	Peak Performance Invitational Meet	Dennis Groll, Peak Performance Track Club 318-355-2598 <a href="mailto:dgroll@comcast.net">dgroll@comcast.net</a>	ULM, Monroe, LA	\$6.00
May 23, 2009	The Feliciana Classic	Rev. Burnett King, Faith Track Club 225-202-8431 <a href="mailto:revbking@bellsouth.net">revbking@bellsouth.net</a>	Jackson HS, Jackson, LA	\$8.00
May 30, 2009	Tommy Smith Track Classic	National Office of 100 Black Men/Jackie Callendar 504-237-6526 <a href="mailto:iajacoki@aol.com">iajacoki@aol.com</a>	Tad Gormey Stadium, New Orleans, LA	No Charge
June 6, 2009	Peak Performance Track Classic	Dennis Groll, Peak Performance Track Club 318-355-2598 <a href="mailto:dgroll@comcast.net">dgroll@comcast.net</a>	ULM, Monroe, LA	\$8.00
June 13, 2009	USATF Southern Association Championship	Byron Turner, Youth Chairman 225-892-3489 <a href="mailto:byronturner@southernmasters.org">byronturner@southernmasters.org</a>	Alexandria HS, Alexandria, LA	\$8.00
June 20, 2009	Greater King David Invitational	Roderic Newton, Greater King David Track Club 225-278-2389 <a href="mailto:newtonroderic@yahoo.com">newtonroderic@yahoo.com</a>	Woodlawn HS/ Baton Rouge, LA	\$8.00
25-28 Jun-2009	Association JO Outdoor T&F Championship (Host: GKD)	Roderic Newton, Greater King David Track Club 225-278-2389 <a href="mailto:newtonroderic@yahoo.com">newtonroderic@yahoo.com</a>	Port Allen HS/ Port Allen, LA	\$6 per athlete/ \$10 per relay/ \$10 or \$12 multi's
30 June - 5 Jul- 2009	USA Youth Outdoor T&F Championship		Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI	Must Qualify
9 - 12 Jul-2009	USATF Regional JO Outdoor T&F Championship	Mary Birdwell 205-862-2477 <a href="mailto:trakbird2@bellsouth.net">trakbird2@bellsouth.net</a>	Nashville, Tennessee	Must Qualify
28 July - 2 Aug 2009	USATF National JO Outdoor T&F Championship		North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC	Must Qualify

## Masters Schedule for 2009 (Tentative)

Date	Event	Host	Location
March 1, 2009	Greater New Orleans Games Track & Field District meet		
March 7, 2008	USATF Southwest Regional Indoor Championship	Byron Turner byronturner@southernmasters.org Ph: 225-892-3489	LSU, Baton Rouge, LA <a href="#">Map</a>
20-22 Mar-2009	USATF National Masters Indoor T&F Championship <a href="#">Meet Info</a>		Landover, Maryland
27-28 March 2009	Tiger Relays <a href="#">Meet Info</a>	Todd Lane	LSU, Baton Rouge, LA <a href="#">Map</a>
10-11 April 2009	Pelican Relays <a href="#">Meet Info</a>	Greg Thompson	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA <a href="#">Map</a>
March 28, 2009	Southwest Louisiana District Senior Games Track & Field <b>*Can enter if 40 by 12/31/09</b> <a href="#">Meet Info</a> <a href="#">Entry Form</a>	Diane Devincenzi	McNeese State University - Lake Charles, LA <a href="#">Map</a>
April 14, 2009	Bayou River Senior Games District Track & Field <b>50+</b> <a href="#">Meet Info</a>	Bill Rodd	Destrehan H.S. Destrehan, La <a href="#">Map</a>
April 18, 2009	Northeast Senior Olympic District Track & Field <b>50+</b> <a href="#">Meet Info</a>	Dennis Groll	ULM, Monroe, LA <a href="#">Map</a>
April 18, 2009	Acadiana Senior Olympic District Track & Field <b>*Can enter if 40 by 12/31/09</b> <a href="#">Meet Flyer</a> <a href="#">Meet Info</a>	Jody Thibodeaux	ULL, Lafayette, LA <a href="#">Map</a>
May 16, 2009	Central Senior Games District Track & Field <b>50+</b>	Janita Vanderhoeven	Alexandria Senior High, Alexandria, LA <a href="#">Map</a>
May 16, 2009	Northwest Senior Games District Track & Field <b>*Can enter if 40 by 12/31/09</b> <a href="#">Meet Info</a> <a href="#">Entry Form</a>	Doyle Blasingame	Bossier High Field, Bossier City, LA <a href="#">Map</a>
May 30, 2009	Greater Baton Rouge Senior Games District Track & Field <b>*Can enter if 40 by 12/31/09</b> <a href="#">Meet Info</a>	Jeremy Theriot or Christy Sternitzky	Catholic High School Baton Rouge, LA <a href="#">Map</a>
May 30, 2009	Tommy Smith Track Classic	National Office of 100 Black Men/Jackie Callendar	Tad Gormey Stadium, New Orleans, LA
June 13, 2009	Southern Association Championship	Byron Turner byronturner@southernmasters.org Ph: 225-892-3489	Alexandria, LA Alexandria Senior High
June 20, 2009	South Zone Championship/Southern Association Masters Championship	Byron Turner byronturner@southernmasters.org Ph: 225-892-3489	Southern University, Baton Rouge, LA

9 -12 Jul 2009	USATF National Masters Outdoor T&F Championship	National Masters Chair	JJ Keller Field, University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, WI
July 25, 2009	USATF Regional Masters Outdoor T&F Championship	Byron Turner <a href="mailto:byronturner@southernmasters.org">byronturner@southernmasters.org</a> Ph: 225-892-3489	LSU, Baton Rouge, LA
September	Last Chance Meet	TBD	TBD
October	Louisiana Senior Games	TBD	TBD
	These are Senior Olympic games. We have reached an agreement to allow Masters to participate. Working thru details.		
	For questions, please contact Byron Turner at <a href="mailto:byronturner@southernmasrters.org">byronturner@southernmasrters.org</a> For question about the website, contact Bart Stagg at <a href="mailto:bart@southernmasters.org">bart@southernmasters.org</a> .		

If you would like to have an article posted in our next edition of the newsletter, please e-mail [earlettuckley@southernmasters.org](mailto:earlettuckley@southernmasters.org).

