



# THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

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## Note the Dates:

Wednesday Sept. 17 – 7 p.m.  
End of the summer movie at  
the Village Hall

Thursday Sept. 18 – 7 p.m.  
Claiborne Association Board  
Meeting at the Village Hall. All  
are welcome to attend

Friday Sept. 26 – National  
Pancake Day Celebration  
Dinner at the Village Hall

## September Birthdays

Mike Friedberg	6
Steve Friedberg	6
Maura Bollinger	18
Will Murdoch	16
Shirley Cockey	24
Karen Wright	24

*Please contact Pat Flory at  
[patflory@gmail.com](mailto:patflory@gmail.com) to add  
your name to the birthday list.*

## Claiborne Association Notes

Here we are—just three short weeks and summer will quietly pass the baton to fall. I find myself welcoming each new season with a mix of curiosity and resignation. I've given up on guessing what it'll bring. Will the weather be typical for the time of year, or—true to modern form—a bit dramatic in one direction or another? In the end, I remind myself: "It will be what it will be, and I'll deal with it the best that I can." And truth be told, life in Claiborne makes that a pretty pleasant proposition, whatever the forecast.

This fall also brings some changes to our Board. Several familiar faces will continue serving, and we're grateful to welcome a few new volunteers who've stepped forward to help guide us into the new year. My heartfelt thanks to Mike Kuperberg for his service as president earlier this year, and to Jennifer Shea for stepping up from vice-president to finish out the term with grace and good humor.

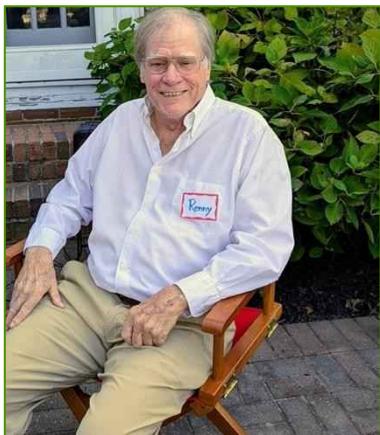
Like the changing seasons, the year ahead will unfold in its own way, likely with some surprises and, hopefully, nothing too extreme. As for me, I'll take it as it comes and do my best to make the most of it.

Looking ahead, the next Board meeting will be Thursday, September 18 at 7:00pm at the Hall. All are welcome. Chances are, setting the agenda and establishing goals for the coming year will be among the things discussed. Please feel free to send your ideas to the Board at [claibornemd@gmail.com](mailto:claibornemd@gmail.com).

Warm regards,  
Rob Todd  
President, Claiborne Association

## Thanks Ren!

At the Claiborne Annual Picnic, Renny Johnson was presented with a red director's chair to thank him for all the wonderful movies he showed on Wednesday nights for many years.



## A Tribute to Clarence Leatherbury Johnson, Film Czar By Kirke Harper

Come gather 'round, Friends, and  
Listen to my praise of  
A stalwart citizen of ours  
Renny Johnson, by name.  
Emeritus film czar, he's passed his torch.  
Now our leader for film is Paul Cooper.  
Cinematic esthete, Renny was not.  
Enthusiastic and film lover, always.

Lively comedies, silly cartoons,  
Earnest dramas and documentaries,  
And, always, films with boats, some  
Testing our patience.  
Heaving bosoms were avoided, and  
Ever willing to  
Reach back for oldies and  
Back to the future romps. He was  
Unfailingly polite and  
Reasoned with complainers for  
Years and years and years.

Just as all things must end  
Our Czar is moving on  
He'll be there on Wednesdays  
No longer in charge, but  
Sharing his popcorn  
Or a celebratory drink  
Now that we're moving on.

## Chris Noyes and William Thomas in Concert

What a wonderful concert we enjoyed August 1! Chris Noyes and William Thomas gave us a great hour of famous songs from many musicals, something they call "Upbeat Melancholia". William is such a talent on the keyboard, and Chris' voice is so clear and beautiful. After the concert, we were treated to ice cream sundaes.

We look forward to more of Chris and William's concerts.



## **Claiborne General Meeting and Picnic 2025**



*Jennifer Shea presided over the Business Meeting portion of the event - a very concise and well-run portion!*



*Our new president explaining his upcoming role to the First Person?*



*Shirley Cockey, our hostess, wished for music so Emma Richardson and Katie Stahl delivered as requested.*

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING – upcoming Claiborne events you don't want to miss.**

Be on the lookout for another Popup Pizza Night coming very soon! This one will include a request to bring something for the local food pantry. A list of suggested items will be included with the invite in a future email.

On Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00, we will have an end-of-the-summer movie. In case you weren't at the Annual Claiborne Picnic, Renny Johnson was presented with a red director's chair to thank him for all the wonderful movies he showed on Wednesday nights for many years. Paul Cooper has volunteered to become the next movie czar and has already found a movie for us to enjoy that night. A reminder email with the movie title will be sent soon. Also, we will be serving ice cream that night at 6:30 as we finish off our supply from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Friday, September 26 is National Pancake Day (who knew, you might ask? Rebecca Cockey who knows those important dates.) And who doesn't like breakfast for dinner? So, we will have a Breakfast for Dinner Night. Details will be forthcoming as the Program Committee works out the details.

Looking ahead, we will have concerts on Sunday, October 12 and Saturday, November 1. So, there's lots to look forward to in Claiborne this fall!

## **Claiborne Picnic 2025 Fun**

