

# Appalachian Album

*a nostalgic look at Appalachian culture*



Our speaker for the April 16th club meeting will be Mr. Earl Carter. Now retired, Earl Carter was a photojournalist for newspapers in the Southeastern United States for 50 years. He is a native of Kingsport, Tennessee. Mr Carter has won numerous awards from news organizations for his photography, including awards from the Tennessee Press Association and The National Press Photographers Association. He is also a former United Press International Photographer of the Year.

The topic of Mr. Carter presentation will his book *Appalachian Album* which he published in 2016 and was the culmination of a 30-year photographic project, documenting the history of the Southern Appalachian coal mining communities. The book has been described as *“A photographic journey through life in the Appalachian region. Visually stunning photographs document lifestyle and culture.”*

Through his photography Earl Cater moves beyond the cliches attached to these residents of Appalachia to show their strength in their faith, families and communities in the face of hardship and the challenges of a changing world. He also shows their moments of joy and celebration. As one Appalachian resident says *“We’re just like everybody else, only a little different.”* Some of these communities are no longer there, but they continue to live in the pages and photographs of Earl Carter’s *Appalachian Album*.