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A note from Project Safe: “Thanks for including Project Safe! We’d love to be shared as an opportunity. Please use smolkentin@project-safe.org for potential volunteers. We have both group and individual volunteer opportunities.

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Treasure Hunt!

Get your sleuthing skills ready to play this month’s Treasure Hunt! To play, just find all instances of the word love in the newsletter, then submit the correct answer via email to spark-comm@uga.edu by February 25. Up to 3 winners will be chosen to receive a prize.

Congratulations to Cathy Martin in Accounting, Judy Scott from the Bursar’s office, and Philip Weinrich from Bulldog Print + Design for winning last month’s treasure hunt!

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