

the Delmarva Beacon



Dear Delmarva Friends,

We'd like to thank Bonnie and Bruce Purcell for a GREAT Rally at Trap Pond. It was the last Rally of the season, and we were treated to beautiful, "rain free" weather, wonderful food, fun games and contests, and marvelous fellowship. Our Worship Service was conducted by Maxine Ungerbuehler, who treated us to her special inspirational stories and beautiful voice. She very gratefully collected our donations for "Bear Hugs for Babies", providing much needed articles for babies at risk.

Region 2 Rally for 2011, will be held near Gettysburg, PA, 5/26/11-5/30/11. Please consider attending as our Unit will have some responsibilities for this Rally.

Next Delmarva Unit Events are:

- Christmas Luncheon- 12/4/10
- Snowball Luncheon- 1/15/11

Mary Ann and I will be leaving for Florida at Christmas via North Carolina to visit our family. We pray a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to ALL of you and your families.

God Bless You,

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December Birthday's

Nate Sansom December 5th
Bill Houser December 9th
Ruth McEnany December 9th
Bonnie Poynter December 21st



Bob McAneny
December 9th



December Anniversaries

Mike & Tina Fannin
December 19th

John & Carol Adams
December 26th



Chuck & Margaret Helwig
December 3rd



Herman & Wilma Duke
December 6th

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for the wonderful baby items and the \$100.00 in cash. You have helped in our effort to provide newborn babies in need in lower Delaware with a sense of belonging to our world. It is heart warming to know there are people like you willing to give to the less fortunate. You have shown warmth and compassion for those who cannot speak for themselves. Sincerely, **Philip W. Brown, Executive Director/ Founder Bear Hugs for Babies, Inc.**



Maxine and Frances with our donations to Bear Hugs for Babies.



The next time you **think** you have the Airstream on a bad road...remember this....Mexico 1957.

Trap Pond Rally

November 12-14,



**Our Hosts
Bruce & Bonnie**



**Written by:
Frances Mason**

Imagine a beautiful, cool, (cold?), Autumn weekend sitting around a campfire with the moon shining through the trees. The leaves are colorful even at night from the light of the fire and the moon, but during the day they are brilliant from the sun; fall foliage at its peak. Add to this a pot of homemade soup simmering on a nearby burner and special breads and desserts waiting on the table. To top it off there are special friends sitting in a circle, sharing stories and jokes and of course laughter as the tall tales get stretched and broadened. Children playing close by and their shrieks of joy surround us. Does this sound like a perfect weekend? This one was about as close as it gets.

Some of the cool-weather campers arrived on Thursday, others came on Friday during the day and evening. Some folks went to the nearby flea markets, others checked out the area. One adventurous group of women set the GPS for Dagsboro, DE and after driving around in a circle for a while, turned it off and drove many miles out of the way to a quilt shop. Friday evening we went for dinner at the Delmar Diner, a new experience for many of us, but certainly a pleasant one with a delightful meal and great service. Saturday morning our chefs prepared a hardy breakfast of pancakes and sausage. We could tell they were especially good when 3 year old Quinton Ashman ate 3 of them.

Another day of adventures, some in the park, others in the area as we explored the church bazaar, flea markets, the furniture store and Amish market.

Our hosts, Bruce and Bonnie Purcell, had filled a jar with pull tabs and we each took a guess as to how many there were. Our first lady, Mary Ann Parks was the closest and won a lovely glass bowl with a Christmas theme. To our surprise, names were drawn and almost everyone got a lovely gift, especially the children. On Saturday evening the delicious soup was served and hot dogs and marshmallows were cooked over the campfire.

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**Hosts Bruce & Bonnie
watch as
Frank explains the
presents game.**



**Livi helps Maxine
with a prayer.**

Trap Pond....continued from page 3

Sunday morning wonderful pastries were served along with an assortment of cereals and sweet breads with plenty of hot coffee and tea. Delmarva Friends, Chuck and Maxine Ungerbuehler came and Maxine shared some songs and inspirational stories that were understood by the children and adults alike. After a true story about a family of birds weathering a storm, Maxine sang, "His Eye is on the Sparrow", a beautiful and appropriate song to close the service and our special weekend. Delmarva members brought articles that covered a large table to donate for "Bear Hugs for Babies" a charity that Maxine is involved with that helps newborn babies in crisis.

A huge thank you to Bruce and Bonnie and their helpers for all their efforts to make this a rally to remember. Also attending were: John and Lisa Ashman and twins Quinton and Sedona; Charles and Iva Lee Carter and Joey; Malcolm and Sue Comstock and Erin and Ian; Chuck and Maggie Helwig and Chris; Frank Laughlin and Judy Moore; Boots and Frances Mason; Carl and Margaret Morris; our hosts, Bruce and Bonnie Purcell; Roger and Celeste Sansom and Nate and Livi; Stan and Nelia Sholette; Clyde and Claire Warden and special guests Mike and Debbie Pyles.

Charlie & Frances help the kids check out their presents.



President Les gets a visit from Santa.



**L to R: (Back Row)
Raven, Chris, Ian,
Joey, Livi, Erin,
Front Row: L to R
Sedona, Quinton.**



Carter's Corner

Canine Heroes of 9/11

Dedicated to: Rags, Ginger, Mandy, Brittany andmany others.

Many FEMA certified search and rescue dogs were used to find people in the aftermath of September 11.

Jake, a black Labrador who became a national canine hero after burrowing through "white-hot, smoking debris" in search of survivors at the World Trade Center. Also helped search for Hurricane Katrina victims in 2005. As a puppy, Jake was abandoned with a broken leg and dislocated hip, but as an adult became one of fewer than 200 U.S. government-certified rescue dogs, and described by a member of the 9/11 Federal search and rescue teams as "a world class rescue dog". He died of cancer at age 12 in July 2007



Bretagne, pronounced, (Brittany) a golden retriever and her handler, Denise Cortiss. Utilizing their noses for recovery of fallen victims and offering their furry presence for comfort of the workers, all of the search and rescue dogs were America's unsung heroes.



Hawk, an Australian Shepherd, (handler, Cathy Schiltz) is trained for human remains detection as well as live finds so he was eager to search regardless of the task. Due to his skills, the police and firefighters would ask for "that hawk dog" because they quickly learned that when he made an alert, they would find someone. **Continued on page 7**

Dog Letters to God ...

Dear God ... Why do humans smell the flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another? Where are their priorities?

Dear God ... When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch? Or is it the same old story?

Dear God ... When we get to the Pearly Gates, do we have to shake hands to get in?

Dear God ... Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

Dear God ... We dogs can understand human verbal instructions, hand signals, whistles, horns, clickers, beepers, scent ID's, electromagnetic energy fields & Frisbee flight paths. What do humans understand?

Coming Attractions



Christmas Luncheon
 Saturday December 4th
 Trevi Restaurant, Smyrna, DE
 "Meet and greet" time 12 noon.

Mark your calendars....



Snowball Luncheon
 Saturday January 15th
 Bridge Way Family Restaurant
Hosts: Helwigs & Comstocks
 Contact # 302-730-1206



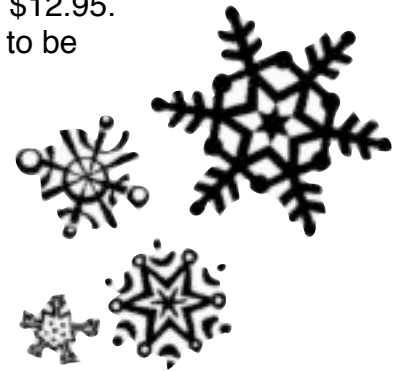
Snowball details: Call Margaret Helwig to confirm your attendance. 302-730-1206
 Meet at the Bridge Way Family Restaurant (directions below) at 12 Noon, January 15th.
 Order off the menu, separate checks. Entrees at priced between \$6.95 and \$12.95.
 Portion sizes are generous.....for example a club sandwich is large enough to be shared (no plate charge for sharing).

Directions:


Coming from the North on Route 1: Take the Smyrna Rest Area Exit. Go about 1 mile South, turn right on route 300 (East Glenwood Ave). The Bridge Way will be on your left.

Coming from the South on Route 1: Take Exit 114. Turn right on Route 13 North. Proceed through town and turn left on route 300. Bridge Way will be on your left.

If you attended the Christmas Luncheon the Bridge Way Family Restaurant is about **200 ft.** further West of Trevi Restaurant (same side of the street).



Valentine's Luncheon
 Saturday February 12
 Trevi Restaurant, Smyrna
 Hosted by Tom & Connie Littel
 Contact # 302-633-4559



The Flamingo Fling
 February
 Traveler's Rest Dade City, Florida
 Hosts: Judy Moore & Frank Laughlin
 Contact # 302-545-2260



St. Patrick's Day Luncheon
 Thursday, March 17
 Michael's Restaurant, Newark, DE
 Hosts: John Chromy & Millie Brown
 Contact # 302-994-7412



Long Range Planning.....
 Region 2....May 26- 30
 International June 28- July 4
 Contact Les about caravans.....

Dog Heros continued.....



Jersey Shore Rally Update.....

I don't know if this is true or not.....but the person who related it to me was an eye witness.

We were at a restaurant having lunch and John complained to the waitress that the roll she brought him was cold and hard. She didn't say anything but immediately left the room, I thought she was angry. She soon returned with a whole loaf of warm bread and put in front of John. Would you believe, he finished the whole thing!

Trakr was a German Shepherd police dog who along with his handler, Canadian police officer James ("Jamie") Symington, discovered the last survivor of the September 11 attacks at the World Trade Center

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A THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

Do you know what would have happened if it had been Three Wise Women instead of Three Wise Men.

They would have asked directions,
Arrived on time,
Helped deliver the baby,
Cleaned the stable,
Made a casserole,
Brought practical gifts and
There would be Peace on Earth.



Message from 2nd Vice-President Sue

I am working with Unit Caravan chairman Clyde Warden to organize a unit caravan for 2012.

It would tour the Delmarva area. If you have any suggestions for possible campgrounds, factory tours, historic sites, museums, scenic routes, etc they would be appreciated.

Also, would you be interested in joining the caravan ? What do you feel would be an ideal number of days to run the caravan ?

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Merry Christmas Delmarva