

The Delmarva Beacon



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Region 2

Unit #026

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President William Turner

Photo by Anna Ruth Tubman

President's Message



Hello all,

March is coming fast! Weather has been crazy some days! But, they say March comes in like a lion! I talked to Mary Ann Parks in FL., and she said the temp has been in the 70s while our weather has been up and down. Spring's coming folks. Just 25 days more or less to spring.

I was talking to my father about when they had their Airstream and some of the rallies he attended when he was president back in 1988. I could write a book on some of the adventures they did and trips they were on. I'll have to post some pics to Glenn to put in the *Beacon* from yesteryear of members.

Don't forget we have a St. Patty Day luncheon coming up this month. Make sure you let our host know you're coming and don't forget to wear your Green that day.

Pretty soon most of us still up north will be getting our trailers out of storage and getting them ready for an adventure or trip, also, for our Annual Maintenance Rally in Centreville, MD. I have been checking on my trailer seeing what I have to do, and checking for any visitors inside. Thank goodness for the Downy sheets. I know they work being as I live in the woods!

Hope to see you at the luncheon on March 9 in Smyrna!

If you are traveling have a good trip and be safe!!

*Take care,
Bill*

Editor's Notes -

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March and the year is marching along. It's getting time to clean out the Airstream and get it ready for the season, or refresh it from a winter in all that heat and splendid sunsets.

The cover photo this month is from a lady whose photos I have used before, Anna Ruth Tubman. It is entitled *Super Bowl Sunset at Tolchester*. Seemed appropriate for the month. Thank you again Anna Ruth. The close up of the shamrock plant is from a previous Luncheon and was a shot of mine which I played with a bit.

I'm sending a 'special thank you' to Past President Mary Ann Parks for her coverage of the Valentine's Luncheon. She was assisted ably in the photo work of Past President Donna Field. I am not in Florida so their coverage is appreciated.

Along with the information of the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, there is an informational thing I came across on St. Patrick and thought it would provide some fun about the holiday.

The Region 2 Rally Coupon is included again and all are encouraged to send in your reservation soon.

There is another page on Mildred 'Millie' Frosch. As is stated on the page, Frances Mason received another communiqué from Mildred's daughter after we went to press for the last issue. I felt it was worthwhile for inclusion, especially as it included a correspondence from Mildred herself. As this card was in her handwriting I felt it needed to be viewed in that form.

I hope you agree.





Birthdays

Dick Talbott	Mar 05
Phyllis McVaugh	Mar 14
Bill Robinson	Mar 15
Nancy Eldred	Mar 17
Margaret Helwig	Mar 19
Charlie Carter	Mar 23
Tom Little	Mar 26

SUNSHINE NEWS.

March 2019

Mary Ann Parks, Chair 302.584.3215 marybelle42@gmail.com

Les and I finally were able to leave for Florida, and we arrived on Tuesday, February 12, to a wonderful 80°! Our Florida friends had opened our trailer windows and turned the Fantastic Fans on! Our shed had been swept out, and the porch furniture was ready for us to relax on! Makings for a complete breakfast and frozen homemade soups in the freezer! At our Travelers Rest Resort Park, we call that the “TR Way”! It is great to be back, even though our season is half over, but we are here and it is warm!

- Charles and Iva Lee Carter are spending the season at our Park, and Charles is doing well, in spite of his visual challenges!

- Twenty of our Delmarva members and a few friends enjoyed the “Snowbird South” Lunch last week. Everyone enjoyed themselves and each other, and all seemed to be doing well.

- Just received word from Liz Potter that she and Bill’s Dad had a bad fall and is in the nursing home again, that bruised his hip and cut his head, but he is okay. Art Potter’s Mom passed away, and Liz and Art are leaving for Syracuse on Friday. I know they would appreciate cards from their Delmarva friends. **11561 Shawnee Rd, Greenwood, DE 19950**

- Also now comes word on my Sunshine Hot Line that Phil Cruchley is in Intensive Care at Christiana Hospital. Thoughts and prayers are sent out to the family for his care. Limited information at this time. **11 Adams St., Delaware City, DE 19706**

Hope those of you who are staying up in the “frozen Tundra” this winter are staying well and warm!

See ya “down the road”!

Mary Ann Parks. (marybelle42@gmail.com) or 302 584 3215

VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON



**February 16, 12:30 PM
Valentines Luncheon South,
Buffet City, Brooksville, FL**

Hosts - Mary Ann & Les Parks

SNOWBIRD "SOUTH" LUNCHEON

On Saturday, February 16, twenty of our Delmarva Members and Friends gathered at Buffet City in Brooksville, FL to enjoy friendship

and "good eating"! Folks had fun reminiscing about Caravans, Rallies, and adventures from "yesteryear"! Attending were- Carl Anderson and Jim Adkins, Frank Anderson and Joan (Carl's Brother and wife),

Frank & Helen Hickham, Frank & Kay Blunda, Mike & Donna Field, Gary & Betsy Behler, Frank Laughlin & Judy Moore, Charlie Carter & Iva Lee, Mark & Debbie Hammer (Region 2 President and First Lady), and Les & Mary Ann Parks. A good time was enjoyed by all, and we look forward to getting together in the "South" next year!



Donna Field

Mary Ann Parks



And Mary Ann gets to play host, and be photographed, The reason it's always good to have a couple of reporters.

Delmarva members pose clockwise from Kay, Frank, Les (looking away), Donna, Mike, Carl, and Jim.

As is clearly visible members are having a great time. Charlie is pleased to be able to attend.

Other attendees are Frank & Helen Hickham, Judy Moore, and Frank Laughlin, and Joan Anderson, with Frank her husband being just partially in the photo.



Donna Field



Mary Ann Parks



Donna Field



Donna Field

Les, Mary Ann, Debbie Hammer, & Betsy Beuhler & Gary's arm.

Mike, Carl, & Jim



St Patrick's Day **Luncheon**

March 9, 2019

12 Noon

Sheridan's
Irish Pub

44 W Commerce St,
Smyrna, DE



Hosts -

Chuck & Maggie Helwig (302) 730-1206

Call for reservation by March 4



Saint Patrick Missionary

Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the “Apostle of Ireland”, he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, along with saints Brigit of Kildare and Columba. Wikipedia

Born: 385 AD, Britannia Died: March 17, 461 AD, Saul, United Kingdom

Full name: Maewyn Succat Nationality: Roman Feast: 17 March (Saint Patrick’s Day)

Buried: Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, United Kingdom

Ten Interesting Facts About St. Patrick

10. March 17th is when Patrick died.

Saint Patrick is a saint of the Catholic Church, and his holy day is the day of his death, and subsequent entrance to heaven, rather than the day of his physical birth. After spending most of his adult life converting the pagans of Ireland to Christianity, St. Patrick went to his reward on March 17, 461 AD.

9. St. Patrick wasn’t Irish.

St. Patrick wasn’t Irish, and he wasn’t born in Ireland. Patrick’s parents were Roman citizens living in modern-day England, or more precisely in Scotland or Wales (scholars cannot agree on which). He was born in 385 AD. By that time, most Romans were Christians and the Christian religion was spreading rapidly across Europe.

8. St. Patrick was a slave.

At the age of 16, Patrick had the misfortune of being kidnapped by Irish raiders who took him away and sold him as a slave. He spent several years in Ireland herding sheep and learning about the people there. At the age of 22, he managed to escape. He made his way to a monastery in England where he spent 12 years growing closer to God.

7. St. Patrick used the shamrock to preach about the trinity.

Many claim the shamrock represents faith, hope, and love, or any number of other things but it was actually used by Patrick to teach the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and how three things, the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit could be separate entities, yet one in the same. Obviously, the pagan rulers of Ireland found Patrick to be convincing because they quickly converted to Christianity.

6. Legend says St. Patrick drove all the snakes from Ireland.

According to legend, St. Patrick drove all the snakes, or in some translations, “toads,” out of Ireland. In reality, this probably did not occur, as there is no evidence that snakes have ever existed in Ireland, the climate being too cool for them to thrive. Despite that, scholars suggest that the term “snakes” may be figurative and refer to pagan religious beliefs and practices rather than reptiles or amphibians.

5. Patrick’s color is blue.

The original color associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green as commonly believed. In several artworks depicting the saint, he is shown wearing blue vestments. King Henry VIII used the Irish harp in gold on a blue flag to represent the country. Since that time, and possibly before, blue has been a popular color to represent the country on flags, coats-of-arms, and even sports jerseys.

Green was associated with the country later, presumably because of the greenness of the countryside, which is so because Ireland receives plentiful rainfall. Today, the country is also referred to as the “Emerald Isle.”

4. The Shamrock is not the symbol of Ireland.

The shamrock is a popular Irish symbol, but it is not the symbol of Ireland. As early as the medieval period, the harp has appeared on Irish grave-stones and manuscripts. However, it is certain that the harp was popular in Irish legend and culture even well before that period.

Since the medieval period, the harp has represented the nation. King Henry VIII used the harp on coins as early as 1534. Later, the harp was used on Irish flags and Irish coats of arms. The harp was also used as a symbol of the Irish people during their long struggle for freedom. Starting in 1642 the harp appeared on flags during rebellions against English rule. When Ireland became an independent country in 1921, it adopted the harp as the national symbol.

3. There are more Irish in the USA than Ireland.

Well, sort of. An estimated 34 million Americans have Irish ancestry. Some are pure-blood Irish, meaning they or their parents came from Ireland, but many more have mixed ancestry today. By contrast, there are 4.2 million people living in Ireland. This peculiarity has a lot to do with the troubled history of Ireland. During the potato famine in Ireland, millions of Irish left the country for the US. This diaspora of Irish continued throughout much of the 19th century. Great numbers of Irish immigrants filled factories, served as railroad laborers --and even joined the military, sometimes immediately upon stepping foot on American soil! During the US Civil War, entire regiments of troops were comprised exclusively of Irish immigrants. It wasn’t until the economic boom of the 1990s that more Irish stayed in their native country than traveled abroad searching for better opportunities.

2. St. Patrick’s Day in the US has a strong political history.

In the mid 19th century, the Irish faced discrimination much like that faced by African Americans. In a few rare instances, prejudice against the Irish was even more fierce! The Irish were culturally unique, Catholic, and because of deplorable conditions in Ireland, flooded into the US in large numbers. They were perceived as a potentially disloyal and were treated harshly. To combat this, the American Irish began to organize themselves politically. By the end of the 19th century, St. Patrick’s Day was a large holiday for the Irish and an occasion for them to demonstrate their collective political and social might. While the political emphasis has faded along with the discrimination, the holiday remains ever popular as an opportunity for festivity regardless of one’s cultural background.

1. St. Patrick’s was a dry holiday in Ireland until 1970.

Aside from the color green, the activity most associated with St. Patrick’s Day is drinking. However, Irish law, from 1903 to 1970, declared St. Patrick’s Day a religious observance for the entire country meaning that all pubs were shut down for the day. That meant no beer, not even the green kind, for public celebrants. The law was overturned in 1970, when St. Patrick’s was reclassified as a national holiday - allowing the taps to flow freely once again.

Bonus Fact: Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are: About 1 in 10,000.

Have you Considered a Caravan?

Here are a few that are interesting -

American Civil War – Part III; War In Virginia

Start Date: March 31, 2019 Location: Chesterfield, VA
Stop Date: May 4, 2019 Location: Newport News, VA
Total Number of Nights: 35
Number of Stops: 9
Leaders: Dale & Kathy Spillman #15880
Phone: Dale 225-405-4057 Kathy 225-933-6289
E-Mail: Lau15880@yahoo.com
Mailing Address: 16573 Tiger Bend Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70817
Co-Leader: Bill & Beth Racavich #7777
Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 26

American Revolution War – Southern Campaign – Openings are Available

Start Date: April 10, 2019 Location: New Bern, NC
Stop Date: May 20, 2019 Location: Williamsburg, VA
Total Number of Nights: 40
Number of Stops: 11
Leaders: Ed and Beth Jones WBCCI #1515
Phone: Home 703-780-6597 Cell : Ed 703-475-0573, Beth 703.244.6384
E-Mail: thunderhorse16@yahoo.com
Mailing Address: 3704 Washington Woods Dr., Alexandria, VA 22309
Maximum RV Units/With Leader: 26
Kitty Fee w/2: TBD Kitty Fee w/1: TBD Guest: TBD
Deposit Amount: \$350.00

Kentucky Bourbon & Beyond

Start Date: 15 Sep 2019 Start Location: Bowling Green, KY
Stop Date: 12 Oct 2019 Stop Location: Frankfort, KY
Total Number of Nights: 28
Number of Stops: 6
Leaders: Margaret Van De Ree WBCCI #2685
Cell phone: 704-728-6040
Email: mvanderee@gmail.com
Mailing address: 138 Greystone Road, Davidson, NC 28036
Co-Leader:
Co-Leader:
Nancy and John Becker WBCCI #2048
Cell phone: 336 504 8769
Email: john_becker@mac.com
Mailing address: 343 Lakewood Pointe Dr., Roxboro, NC 27574
Caravan email: kbbcaravan@gmail.com
Maximum RV Units/With Leaders: 25

Check the latest issue of *The Blue Beret* for up-to-date information on these and other caravans..

2018-2019 Calendar of Activities for Delmarva Unit #026

March 9 - St. Pat's Luncheon, Sheridan's Irish Pub, Smyrna, DE

Hosts - Chuck & Maggie Helwig 302-270-7618

April 26-27-28 Annual Delmarva Maintenance Rally 4-H Park Centreville, MD

Hosts - Helwigs and Comstocks, 302-724-0654 302-270-7618

June 6-9 Annual Region 2 Rally, Biglerville, PA See Coupon on Page 11

June 22, 1 PM Annual Unit Picnic, 128 Rocky Meadow Lane, Dover, DE

Hosts- Kim & Raul Reyna-Galinda 302-678-2941

July 20 -27 Sixty-Second International Rally, Doswell, VA, Meadow View Park,

Register at wbcci.org

August (Date to be determined), Salisbury

Hosts - Sansom Family, Roger, Celeste, Nate, and Livi 410-251-8574

October 4-5-6 - Delmarva Installation Rally, 4-H Park Centreville, MD

Host - Outgoing President Bill Turner, 302-743-0467

Use this coupon or you could also go to the Region 2 website, Region2.wbcci.net, and click on "Region Rally 2019" and use the form that lets you either pay by PayPal or by going to the next paragraph and clicking where it says "click here" to print the form and mail the check.



RED...White and...BLUE

WBCCI REGION 2 RALLY

June 6th- 9th, 2019

South Mountain Fairgrounds

615 Narrows Rd., Biglerville, PA 17307

South Mt. Fairgrounds is in Adams County, PA., home of the historic Civil War Battlefield of Gettysburg, the South Mountain Fruit Belt, covered bridges and portions of the Appalachian Trail and the Underground Railroad. The Rally promises you two breakfasts, a catered dinner, two nights of entertainment and nightly ice cream socials. Morning activities will include a golf outing, seminars, and the Region 2 Business Meeting. Afternoons are free to explore the area...bicycling, hiking, kayaking and fishing are as close as the nearby Caledonia State Park. Take a tour of Gettysburg or one of several local wineries! Mark your calendars now!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

WBCCI# _____ Unit# _____

Handicap Parking? _____ (yes) Golf? _____ (yes) Volunteer? _____ (yes!)

Rally Fee includes two breakfasts, catered dinner, 2 nights entertainment, ice cream socials. Sites include W/E (guaranteed 110V) with dump station available

Rally Fee (Ages 13 and up) -----\$65 x ____ = \$ _____ Rally
Fee (Children 3-12) -----\$30 x ____ = \$ _____

Camping per night (W/E and dump) -----\$20 x ____ = \$ _____
(May arrive on Wed. June 5th and must depart Mon. June 10th. Max 5 nights)

Total Enclosed ----- \$ _____

RSVP by May 01, 2019. Make check (USD) payable to: Region 2 WBCCI
Mail to: Will Kushto, Tres. 114 Flagstaff Rd., Phila., PA 19115-3410
Children and pets welcome!
Contact: Rune Moeller (443)286-3114 gpickr@icloud.com CMU #166/WBCCI

More Information on Millie Frosch

After the February issue went out, Frances Mason received a note from Linda, one of Mildred Frosch's daughters.

The content of the document is interesting and the handwriting easy to read, from both Linda and Millie. I decided to scan the documents and run them as they were presented instead of typing them over and miss something in the translation.

Dear Mrs. Mason,

Glad to help. Remember Mom talking of you often.

Mom passed away Nov 29th 2017 she was very active @ 96 - up until 2 weeks prior to dying. Every one she met said she was a "special lady" with zest for life.

Cape Town to Cairo 1959-1960

Mom + 3 girls took a freighter from NYC to Cape Town in trailer + 4-wheel truck. Dad met up with us 3 months later in Johannesburg after the farming crops were done. (1 mo on ship, 2 weeks in Cape Town, 6 weeks on the road.)

After the 9 months in Africa, we continued with same folks thru Saudi, Holy Land & then picked up part of another Canadian group + did Europe, all the way to Hammerfest, Norway.

At the age of 10-11, I remember alot. Playing with the natives, teaching them to blow bubble gum (Dad brought a large case), all the animals, Victoria Falls, climbing the pyramid, crossing the desert, floating down the Nile, swimming in the Dead Sea, way to many ruins in Greece, many.

Seeing tower of Pisa, Eiffel Tower in Paris, Swiss Alps, midnight sun in Norway.

The picture of mom was taken in the pool @ the retirement community. The other, in Mexico on a cruise. She had about 30 cruises under her belt, all after Dad passed.

Sincerely,
Linda

Dec 2016

I am now 95 year old. I am able to care for myself. Deep sleeping, clear & sparkling. I do have macular degeneration but holy blind.

I too happy to be under 200, more on line - love her. My daughter Linda about 3 miles away. Glad to hear from you.

Merry Christmas a Very happy New Year
Millie



Speaking of Caravans -

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Some shots from the Maple Leaf Caravan Route taken by Malcolm ComSack



One doesn't get these kinds of photos unless you see through the window from a different place



News from Other Places