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Summit News

The Newsletter of the Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting
119 Beaver Valley Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317

Notes From the 2007 Annual Meeting

The Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting annual corporation meeting was held on August 11th. Major agenda items addressed were a review of the past Camp season activities, committee reports, and election of Trustees.

Three Board of Trustee members were elected for terms running 2007-2010: Winnie MacAulay, Richard Spada, and Dottie Sturm. This is Winnie's second term, while Richard and Dottie are new to the Board. A list of all Board members is given on the following page, along with their contact information, office and/or Committee head, and year of expiration for their terms.

Two topics which generated much discussion were implementation of a one year provisional status for all newly approved cottagers and resumption, after many years, of cottage inspections. Provisional membership offers a means for new cottagers to experience the opportunities and responsibilities of Camp meeting life, to ensure that they and the Camp are suited for each other, prior to taking on full cottager membership.

The revival of cottage inspections was a Board recommendation in response to the unsafe and unsanitary conditions found in some cottages recently returned to the Camp Meeting's ownership. Situations like these put the Camp Meeting grounds and all of us needlessly at risk. Trustee Winnie MacAulay led a small team through several cottages for a basic safety and structural check. These inspections are being done on a voluntary basis, ideally with the cottage owner present to discuss any comments. We hope to complete all cottages and Camp buildings by the end of the 2008 season.

Comments are welcomed on topics presented at the Annual Meeting. These should be sent in writing to any of the Trustees for consideration. Thank you.

In Memoriam

We sadly note the passing of long-time cottager and Trustee Emeritus Walter Phillips. Walter was a fourth-generation cottager who served actively over the years on many fronts at our Camp Meeting, as well as on the Board. He will be remembered especially for his support of the yearly Money Tree. Our prayers go with him, now home to glory within the embrace of our Lord Jesus, and we extend our sympathies to the family and friends he left behind.

2008 Auxiliary Officers

The Auxiliary officers for the coming season are listed below. The President, Financial Secretary, and Recording Secretary offices were elected at the September Auxiliary meeting for three year terms, beginning in January 2008.

President

Janine Phillips

Vice-President

Dolores Kirby

Treasurer

Sarah Foreacre

Financial Secretary

Linda Santiago

Recording Secretary

Andrea Pergolese

Corresponding Secretary

Barbara Adams

Christmas Greetings

The staff and volunteers at *Summit News* take this opportunity to wish a healthy and joyous Christmas, filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit, to all BSCM cottagers, families and friends. May you find time during this hectic but wonderful season to reflect on the greatest gift of all: the birth of Jesus Christ, who brought salvation to all mankind. As Tiny Tim might better have put it "God *blessed* us, every one!"



2007-2008 Board of Trustees

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Cottage Inspections

As discussed at the Annual Meeting, we restarted cottage inspections in order to ensure safe and healthy environment at Camp Meeting. This is consistent with our Ground Rules which read that "cottages should be maintained in a condition that will be an asset to the Camp."

Specific items that will be checked are safety equipment (e.g., water hose, fire extinguisher, smoke detector), proper hook-up of the electric meter, no broken windows, condition of the roof and exterior, and clean-up of the yard. Please contact Winnie MacAulay or any of the Trustees if you have questions.

Don't "Leaf" Us Alone!

While we appreciate the colorful beauty of our Camp Meeting's many trees in the Fall, we are less excited when the leaves finally fall and heavily blanket our grounds. Please take a day to come by and help rake up our common areas. It is much easier to clear them up now than in the Spring! Thank you.

Cottages For Sale

Tod and Jackie Benedict offer their Cottage #92 for sale at \$5,000. It has 2 large rooms, a full kitchen, and a fully functional bathroom. It has two entrances, lots of closet space, two ceiling fans and heating system. The roof and rest of the structure are in excellent condition. Contact them at (610) 431-2105 or (484) 888-8434 for any inquiries.

Dianne and Jim Atkins are selling Cottage #5, located near the Pavilion and Biddle Hall, for \$6,000. Recent upgrades include a deck, new front porch floor, attic exhaust fan and air conditioner, new electric breakers, and an antique sink with new RV toilet in the bathroom.

Standing Committees

Per our By-Laws, three standing committees handle most ongoing Camp Meeting operations: Grounds, Program, and Finance. Committees are overseen by Board members. For the 2008 season, these leaders are:

Grounds

Chair: Margaret Palmatary
Members: Winnie MacAulay
Dottie Sturm

Program

Chair: Jim Pierson-Perry
Members: Jack Grafton
Richard Spada

Finance

Chair: Dolores Kirby
Members: Margaret Crozier

In addition to their other Trustee duties, Winnie MacAulay is now responsible for cottage rentals/sales, and Dottie Sturm will oversee all pool-related activities.

Notes From the Program Committee

The Program Committee has been working since early October to develop the 2008 season program. While still very much a ‘work in progress’, we wanted to give you a preview of the structure and some of the events already finalized.

We are returning to three Fellowship Weekends, with the events for each weekend tied together by a unifying theme. Walk-A-Round will be at the end of the program season on a Saturday night and preceded by a “simple supper.” This year’s featured performer at Walk-A-Round will be Karen Domino White, daughter of Fats Domino, who will present an evening of singing and ministry. Refreshments will be served on the Green following Saturday night program events to promote fellowship among cottagers and visitors. The dates and themes for the Fellowship Weekends are:

June 27-29	Fellowship Weekend I:	<i>God’s Love in the Family</i>
July 11-13	Fellowship Weekend II:	<i>God’s Love in the Community</i>
July 25-27	Fellowship Weekend II:	<i>God’s Love in the World</i>
August 9	Walk-A-Round	

Other planned events are the return of popular entertainer Jack Foreaker with his music and puppets (July 5th), singer Mark Dayon (August 2nd), guitarist/singer Jack Enea (July 26th), Children’s Camp with Ken and Dee O’Brien (July 7-11), and lots more! We want to bring back the Camp Progressive Dinner one Saturday evening, where cottagers sign up to provide different courses to be served in different areas (e.g., appetizers outside of the Museum, main course in the Pavilion, etc.). This season also will mark the start of a new tradition: Camp Beautification Day. This will be a day for us to work together on a project to improve our Camp environment—along with a free pizza lunch! Please feel free to send in your ideas for program events to any committee member (see Standing Committee list on page 2). Thank you!

Fall Harvest Party

Saturday afternoon September 29th was fun for cottagers, family, and friends, as over 50 adults and 20 children took part in our annual Harvest Party.

The afternoon began with an adult worship service led by members of the Beth Yeshua church. We watched them give a demonstration of sacred dance and the Pavilion floor was soon packed with cottagers joining them in dance. During this time, the children were having a Pumpkin Party led by members of Child Evangelism.

Then on to the Pumpkin Hunt, followed by making scarecrows and learning Christian salsa dancing. After a rest for sandwiches and snacks sponsored by the Board, it was time for children to roam the Camp grounds looking for elusive treats and prizes. The festivities finished up with a bonfire and roasted marshmallows for dessert.

Many thanks to cottager Andrea Pergolese for once again coordinating another great special event day! Thanks also are due to Carole and Richard Spada, Dolores and Tom Kirby, Barbara Adams, and the Santiago family for their help with the different activities during the day.



The Harvest Party was bales of fun!



The President's Corner

Being vice-president for this past season, I was blessed by the outstanding programs offered to us all. I truly feel that the Spirit of the Lord was in this place. Many thanks go out to the program committee and Jack Grafton for all of their hard work and dedication to our ministry of 141 years.

As your new president, I look forward to the blessings that God has for us in 2008. One of my personal goals for the new season is to see each and every cottager involved in some aspect of the Camp Meeting. Many hands will make the work load lighter for all. The Auxiliary is also an integral part of our success. I encourage each of you to also become a member and participate in the many functions that they sponsor. Without the Auxiliary at work we would not enjoy meals in the Biddle, picnics, the corner store, cottages available for rent, and many other fellowship opportunities. Janine Phillips will be leading this group as president in 2008.

I would like to welcome our new board members, Richard Spada and Dottie Sturm, and welcome back Winnie MacAulay. They have already begun to work hard. I also extend a heartfelt thank you to Margaret Mayo and Simon Shute for their years of service.

I encourage all cottagers to contact me in the near future to discuss your vision for the Camp meeting. I would appreciate a phone call, note, or email pledging and directing your commitment to our ministry in the coming year. If you are able to assist with the Grounds Committee, please contact Margaret Palmatary. If you want to serve on the Program Committee, contact Jim Pierson-Perry. And if your skills are in finance, please offer your assistance to Dolores Kirby.

As a fifth generation cottager, I see almost 150 years of tradition blending with a bright future ahead. I hope in some small way to be a part of moving the Camp Meeting forward side-by-side with the Board of Trustees and each cottager.

In the Unity of Christ,
W. George Phillips, President



Just For Fun

Step right up and test your "Biblical" knowledge with these questions. A pun time is guaranteed for all!

Q: What kinds of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A: *Three of them. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of Eden in a Fury, David's Triumph was heard throughout the land, and probably a Honda—since the apostles were all in one Accord.*

Q: Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A: *Samson. He brought down the house.*

Q: What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why they no longer lived in Eden?

A: *Your mother ate us out of house and home.*

Q: Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?

A: *The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.*

Q: Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A: *Noah was standing on the deck.*

Q: Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker?

A: *Moses. He broke all of the ten commandments at once.*

Q: Who was the greatest babysitter in the Bible?

A: *David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.*

And finally, for bonus points . . .

Q: What do they call pastors in Germany?

A: *German shepards*