

GBIA



NEWS

February 2006

Next General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2006 7:30 p.m. GBIA Hall

All Candidates Running for GBIA Officer Positions Unanimously Elected

At the January General Membership meeting elections were held to fill officer positions on the GBIA Board. All candidates were running unopposed and therefore the recording secretary made a motion to unanimously elect the entire ballot. All present were in favor, so we now congratulate the following winners:

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| 1. President | Barbara Moeller |
| 2. Vice Pres. | Candy Fontz |
| 3. Recording Sec. | Barbara Sabur |
| 4. Corresponding Sec. | Jacquie Lucy |
| 5. Treasurer | Beth Behegan |
| 6. Financial Sec. | Nancy Brown |

Senator Ed DeGrange presided over the swearing in of the new officers. We are grateful to all those who have offered to sacrifice their time and energy to serve the GBIA for this two year term. Best of luck to all for a successful two years.

Election to Fill Board Vacancies will be Held at February Meeting

Due to some Board members choosing to run for officer positions, as well as one resignation, there are now four vacancies on the GBIA Board. The nominees for the Board positions thus far are:

Brenda Kelly
Marion Johnson
Norma Shaw
Levin Parker.



However, nominations are not closed. If you are inclined to run for a vacant Board position, (and meet the qualifications outlined in last month's GBIA News), nominations will be taken from the floor at the February General Membership meeting on Tuesday, February 14th. Please plan to attend so you can cast your vote, also, consider running if you have not yet thought about it.



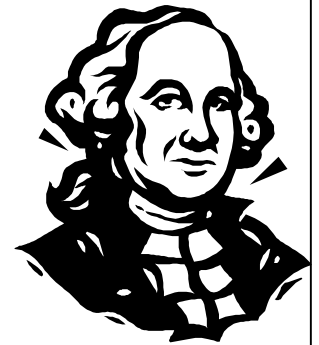
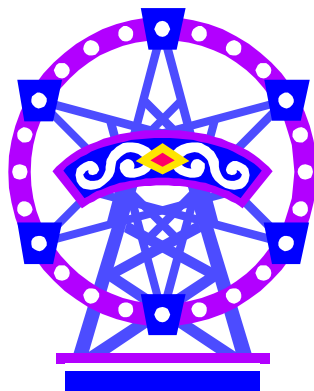
Arundel Alarmers Honor GBIA

The Arundel Alarmers, who are typically in the GBIA annual budget, wanted to thank our organization for supporting their worthwhile work in the community. Bob and Janice Flemming, who are both Alarmers, presented Barbara Moeller with a certificate of appreciation from the past president of the organization. Barbara Moeller gratefully received the plaque on behalf of the GBIA.



The Big Glen Burnie Carnival Needs Your Help

If this warm weather in January has you thinking about the Big Glen Burnie Carnival, you are not alone. The Carnival Committee is already hard at work, planning for another great year. However, you can help make it a better year by agreeing to be a chairperson for a carnival stand. We are currently in need of a chair for the Hanging Baskets Stand and the String Game Stand. If you think you could help, please contact Barb Moeller. (410-766-6760)



**Happy Birthday,
Presidents Washington
& Lincoln**

Congratulations, Senator Ed DeGrange



Our very own Senator Ed DeGrange, a member and regular attendee at the GBIA General Membership Meetings, was the first recipient of the Monsignor Slade Distinguished Graduate Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize individuals who exemplify the highest qualities of Catholic education and who have rendered distinguished service to the Catholic Church and the United States. Senator DeGrange received the award on January 20th, 2006. When notified that he would be receiving this honor, Senator DeGrange had these words to say, "I am honored and deeply humbled. Be assured that I will continue my volunteer service to the community. I am appreciative of the opportunity to help others and improve the community." Congratulations!



A Brief History of the Origins of Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day first originated in a little town called Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The town is located 90 miles North-

east of Pittsburgh, halfway between the Allegheny and Susquehanna Rivers. The Delaware Indians first settled in the town back in 1723 and considered groundhogs to be their honorable ancestors. The name of the town comes from the Indian name for the location, which means “the town of the sandflies.”

German Settlers came to the town in the 1700s, bringing with them the tradition of *Candlemas Day*. This day originated from pagan ideology, but eventually became a Christian tradition also. The day falls halfway between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. The tradition held that if the weather was fair, the second half of winter would be stormy and cold.

The earliest American reference to Groundhog Day dates back to 1841, but Pennsylvania officially began celebrating the holiday annually in 1886. Records have not been kept every year, but of the ones available, the groundhog has spotted his shadow 95 times and seen no shadow 14 times. In terms of accuracy, Punxsutawney Phil, as the groundhog has come to be called, is only correct 39% of the time! So tune in February 2nd to see what will happen this year.

(Information obtained from www.stormfax.com/ghogday.htm.)

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Calendar of Events

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Groundhog Day

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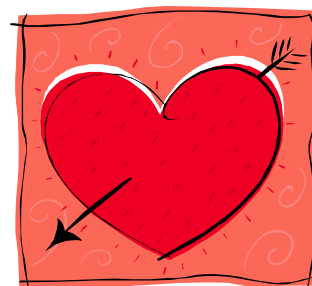
Elections to be Held

Tuesday, February 14th

Happy Valentine's Day

Monday, February 20th

Presidents' Day, Observed



Anne Arundel County Snow Removal Contacts

Northern Road District 410-222-6120
(Storms under 4")

Road Operations Storm Center 410-222-4040
(Storms 4" or more and severe ice storms)

Emergency Operations Center 410-222-8040
(Storms 4" or more and assistance with food, shelter, or critical non-emergency care)

MD State Highway Administration 410-841-1002
(Service on roads that have a route number)

Web Address: www.aacounty.org/dpw/snowinformation

Please call 911 in case of a true emergency.



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