

GBIA



NEWS

January/February 2007

**Next General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2007 7:00 p.m. GBIA Hall**

The GBIA Tree Lighting: Made Possible by Dedicated Volunteers

How does a Glen Burnie tradition begin? And how does it continue year after year? In the case of the annual GBIA Tree Lighting, the answer is simple. A few dedicated volunteers make it happen. These volunteers are Brenda Kelly, Beverly Behegan and Beth Behegan. (*cont'd on p. 2*)



From Left to Right: Brenda Kelly, Jackson Behegan, Beverly Behegan and Beth Behegan



Santa's Sleigh Rides Again to the Delight of Many

Christmas is a magical time, especially for children. There is nothing that can add to the anticipation or wonder of Christmas day like a Christmas Eve visit from Santa himself. Many children in Glen Burnie are treated to just such a visit thanks to volunteers from the GBIA, with the help of the Glen Burnie Volunteer Fire Department, and JBA Chevrolet. This Glen Burnie tradition has been going on for over 50 years and some volunteers have been helping out for half a century. Many thanks to Tom Nevin who celebrated his 50th year of helping with Santa's sleigh this year. (*cont'd on p. 2*)

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This team of volunteers has been working together for over 10 years. Brenda Kelly typically arranges for the night's entertainment, the GBHS Band providing music and the Girl Scout's providing a craft. She is also in charge of the delicious refreshments, cookies and warm beverages. Beth Behegan and her sister-in-law, Beverly are the decorating team. This year Bev hand-made over 140 red bows to hang on the tree. Bev usually decorates the tree while Beth holds the ladder. What a great team these ladies make!

It is typical for the GBIA to ask a special guest to light the Christmas tree each year, This year's honored guest was Beverly Behegan's grandson, Jackson Behegan. He did a great job! As he grows he will come to learn what a great contribution his grandma, aunt, and others have made to the community. Thanks to all!



Santa made a special appearance at the GBIA Tree Lighting.

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A huge thank you goes out to Brian Nevin, Bonnie Nevin, Bill Nevin and Mark Nevin. The Nevin family has been giving up their Christmas Eve year after year in order to make yours more special. We'd also like to thank Beth Behegan from the GBIA who assembled the treat bags which were handed out to excited, expectant children on Christmas Eve. JBA Chevrolet donated the truck that was used for Santa's sleigh this year and for that we are grateful. We don't want to forget Pat Kelly, Jim Call, Bill Nevin, Bonnie Nevin, and Mark Nevin who spent many hours assembling and decorating the sleigh for its Christmas Eve ride. Without their help this beloved tradition would not be possible. Thank you all for helping to make Christmas Eve a little more special for children of all ages in Glen Burnie!



News About the Newsletter

The GBIA Newsletter will now be published bimonthly instead of monthly.

This will cut down on mailing costs and allow us to pack more information into each issue. Look for the next issue to appear in early March.

Elections for the GBIA Board to be Held in January

The nominations are closed for the upcoming elections to the GBIA Board. The nominees are:

Dolores Call
Muriel Carter
Marsha Frazier
Marian Johnson
Brenda Kelly
Norma Shaw

Please plan to attend the January General Membership Meeting to cast your vote.

You are eligible to vote if you are a member in good standing who has attended at least 5 General Membership meetings in the previous twelve months. Please come out and vote on January 9th.



The 2007 Budget was passed at the December General Membership Meeting. Many thanks to the Budget Committee.

Bylaws Committee Formed

It was announced at the December Meeting that a new Bylaws Committee has been formed and the Chairperson is Candy Fontz. Although the bylaws were recently reviewed, it seems pertinent to review them again in order to access GBIA funds that are currently unavailable. This would only be done if necessary. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Barbara Moeller. (410-766-6760)

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January/ February Calendar

Monday, January 1st

Happy New Year

Tuesday, January 9th

General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m.

Elections Held

Monday, January 15th

Martin Luther King's Birthday

Tuesday, February 13th

General Membership Meeting, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14th

Valentine's Day

Monday, February 19th

Presidents' Day



Seeking Lifelong GBIA Members

As many of you have heard, a Centennial Committee has been formed to begin preparations for a huge celebration of the GBIA turning 100 years old. We need input from you, the members, that have been around for a while, perhaps longer than those serving on the committee. We want to hear your stories, record your memories, and share your experiences. The GBIA is made up of people. You are the lifeblood of this organization, so please help us celebrate the birthday of this fine organization. Call 410-766-6760 to help.

Happy Birthday

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