

GBIA



NEWS

January 2008

Next General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2008 7:00 p.m. GBIA Hall

Let There be Light...And Snow

The annual GBIA Tree Lighting on December 5th, held a special wonder this year for all who attended. Mother Nature participated by decorating the tree with a beautiful coating of fluffy, white snow. This added to the festive feeling in the air which was heightened as Santa himself was present to light the tree. Kids and adults enjoyed the night with refreshments, crafts and some conversations on the lap of the man in red. There are several people whose efforts made the night not only possible, but magical as well. Thanks to the Behegans, Beth and Bev for trimming the GBIA tree beautifully. And thanks to Brenda Kelly for organizing the event, as well as serving delicious treats and warm beverages to all. Many thanks to Mrs. Claudine Dunning for handling the crafts this year. And of course, we can't forget Santa, who took time from his busy schedule to visit the GBIA and light our tree. A great time was had by all!

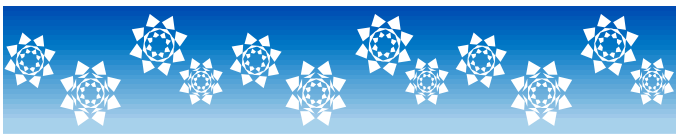


Attendees gaze at the falling snow and the beautiful GBIA Christmas tree as Santa lights it.

Centennial Year Begins in January 2008

And you won't want to miss a minute of the celebrating. There is a dedicated committee of volunteers

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planning a huge variety of wonderful events which the whole family can enjoy. One hundred years is a long time for any civic organization to exist, but the GBIA has done more than exist during the century since its inception. It has grown, built a building, raised funds annually to be given back to the community, it has cared. It has fought for what will make the community grow and thrive, and most of all it has brought people together. So that is how the GBIA plans to celebrate its birthday, by bringing people together. Won't you join us as we mark 100 years of dedication, participation, and community service? We'd love for you to be a part of this year-long birthday party.

There will be visible signs of commemoration beginning in January 2008, when the GBIA Hall on Crain Highway will be decorated with patriotic bunting. When the holiday bells come down, look for happy birthday banners going up. There will be other events as well. In fact, a whole calendar of events has been put together. Plan to join us at as many of the events as you can. Happy Birthday to the GBIA!



Please note that throughout 2008 every General Membership Meeting will have a drawing for all GBIA Members who are present. The prize will be a basket worth \$150. You must be present to win, so plan to attend all general membership meetings and you could be our lucky winner!

Additionally, throughout the year, GBIA Centennial shirts will be on sale for \$10/each and GBIA magnets will be on sale for \$3/each. There will also be a centennial quilt constructed to commemorate this special anniversary year. It will hang in the Hall when it is complete. Please help us celebrate this remarkable year by attending as many events as possible. See the Centennial Calendar on page 4 for a list of activities planned.

Santa's Sleigh Brightens the Holiday for Many Citizens in Glen Burnie



A special thank you goes out to the GBIA for sponsoring and organizing the Christmas Eve Sleigh ride that Santa makes annually through Glen Burnie neighborhoods. The event would not be possible without help from the GBVFD as well as other special volunteers, including: Jim Call, Patrick Kelly, Bill Nevin, Bonnie Nevin, Brian Nevin, Mark Nevin, Tom Nevin, Jr. and Tom Nevin III. Many thanks to JBA Chevrolet for use of the truck. The GBIA thanks Beth Behegan for preparing all 1400 bags distributed by Santa. The children, and adults as well, look forward to this yearly visit from Santa. Thanks for continuing the tradition.

\$ 2008 Budget Approved \$

The budget for 2008 was voted on at the December General Membership meeting and unanimously approved. Many thanks to Beth Behegan and her Budget Committee for all their hard work assembling the budget.

Elections to be Held at January Meeting

The GBIA will start the New Year by holding elections for its officers. The following GBIA members are running for the following positions:

President-Barbara Moeller

Vice President-Candy Fontz

Treasurer-OPEN

Recording Secretary-Nancy Brown

Corresponding Secretary-Jacquelyn Lucy

Please note that the position of Treasurer is open. Beth Behegan has done a truly outstanding job as treasurer and the GBIA wishes to thank her for her many years of dedicated service. If anyone wishes to become treasurer they should contact Barbara Moeller at 410-766-6760.

Contingency Fund Resolution Passed at December Meeting

At the November meeting a resolution was presented to establish a contingency fund for emergency repairs and the replacement of equipment as deemed necessary to maintain the integrity of the building. The Resolution was voted on by the General Membership and passed.

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Members of the Board

Dolores Call

Marian Johnson

Muriel Carter

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Marsha Frazier

Norma Shaw

Attorney

Charles W. Ayres, Jr.

Calendar of Events

Monday, January 1st

New Year's Day

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GBIA Centennial Year Begins

Tuesday, January 8th, 7:00 pm

General Membership Meeting

\$150 Value Prize Pack Drawing

Monday, January 21st

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



January

8th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

February

12th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

All Order Black-Eyed Susans (\$2.50/qt)

March

11th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

15th Black-Eyed Susan orders end

April

8th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

TBA Black-Eyed Susan orders ready

May

13th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

20th Memorial Day Parade

June

8th Birthday Party and Time Capsule Burial at the GBIA grounds

10th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

July

3rd Fireworks at Saw Mill Creek Park

6th Rain date for fireworks

8th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

25th, 26th, 28th-31st Big GB Carnival

August

1st, 2nd Big GB Carnival

12th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

September

9th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

October

13th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

26th GBIA Fall Fest @ GBIA grounds

TBA GBIA 5K Run/Walk

November

11th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

December

3rd GBIA Tree Lighting

9th GBIA Meeting and Prize Pack Drawing

24th Santa's Sleigh Ride

Proposed Amendment to Bylaws

The GBIA Executive Board has approved an amendment to the GBIA Bylaws. The change was presented at the December General Membership meeting and will be voted on in January. Please read the original and amended bylaws carefully. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Moeller at (410) 766-6760. Thanks to the Bylaw committee for the time they invested in creating this change.

ARTICLE X—Budget

Section 4: Budget Restrictions

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- B. *The total of the Operating Budget and Contributions Budget may not exceed the net profits received from fundraising activities and investment income during the preceding year. The Contributions Budget may not be added to by action from the floor of the Association after it is adopted. The annual advance to the Big Glen Burnie Carnival for operation expenses shall not be subject to the budget restrictions set forth herein. However, said advance shall be repaid promptly after the Carnival has concluded.*

This is the change approved by the Board:

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Election Judges are Needed

The GBIA has been informed that election judges are needed. If you are interested in working on Election Day please contact Barbara Moeller for further information.



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