



Winter 2008

Letter from the President



By
Alan Olson

As I write this, I am finishing my second year as your President, and the membership has given me another year to lead our Association. I continue to be impressed by the imagination, the commitment, and plain hard work of the board members and other volunteers who work to make our Association fulfill its mission, to make our Carroll Valley a better place to live.

Every October, at our dinner celebration of Oktoberfest with refreshments and music for the season, we elect half of the officers and Board of Directors for a two year term. I want to give a hearty WELCOME to our new board members elected at that meeting: Leslie Bartlebaugh as Treasurer, Jale' Dalton as returning Veep, Leonard Kulkusky, and Michael Kulkusky as they start their terms in January.

I also want to thank two stalwart outgoing members of the Board: Karen Golden and Gayle Marthers. They have stepped forward to do many, many tasks for the CVCA, and are both moving on to other responsibilities in the community. Thank you Karen. Thank you Gayle, for tasks well done!

The thing I like about this late fall season in Carroll Valley is that we become much more aware of our neighboring houses, those no longer hidden behind all the green leaves. Such a curious change in our awareness, that we aren't really so isolated, but live in a larger community! In this issue we give you another opportunity for awareness of your neighbors: to join or re-join our CVCA, to add your efforts with those of your neighbors, to make Carroll Valley an ever better place to live.

Please send in your membership now while you have this newsletter and application in your hand and in mind. You won't regret it!

- Alan Olson CVCA President

J4

Planning Group is planning to hold its first 2008 meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd at the Carroll Valley Borough

Office from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. If you would like to contribute to the planning of the next July 4th celebration, please mark your calendar and attend. We are always looking for new ideas and talent. If you cannot attend this meeting but want to be part of the J4 Planning Group, send an email to ronharris41@comcast.net.

CVCA Meeting Dates for 2008

Jan 17—FHS Art Honor Society Art Show, CV Resort
Feb 15—Dinner Mtg—Mayor Ron Harris, CV Resort
Mar 21—Dinner Mtg—Science Fair Winners Presented,
CV Resort

Apr 5—Easter Egg Hunt, CV Commons
Apr 18—Dinner Mtg, CV Resort
May 3—Spring Yard Sale—CV Commons
May 16—Dinner Mtg—Present CVCA Scholarship Winner
June 20—Dinner Mtg, CV Pavilion

July 4—Festivities & Fireworks, CV Commons
Aug 15—Dinner Mtg/Exchange Student Experience, CV Pavilion
Sep 19—Art Show/Wine & Cheese, CV Pavilion
Sep 20—Carroll Valley Founders Day, Ski Liberty
Sep 27—Pippenfest Yard Sale—Ski Liberty parking lot
Oct 17—Dinner Mtg/Oktoberfest/Nominations/Accordion,
CV Pavilion

Nov 21—Dinner Mtg/elections, CV Resort
Dec 6—Christmas Story, Music, Meal, CV Resort

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our annual Breakfast with Santa was held on Saturday morning, December 15th in the Fairfield Fire Hall, in cooperation with the Fairfield Fire and EMS company who provided the hearty breakfast. We counted some 360 children, parents and neighbors there. Santa provided great photo ops for the parents. CVCA also provided four different craft tables for the kids, organized under the able supervision of Annie Springer. This event was organized by Margaret Wile and Mary Devlin. We had the help of ten high-school volunteers called by Jessie Finafrock, to help with the crafts. There were 19 toys provided to Toys For Tots.

The proceeds for paid breakfasts plus donations was \$604, and we agreed that this amount be donated to the Fairfield Pantry for food distribution. 156 breakfasts for kids under 10 were provided free by the Fire and EMS company.

A big thanks to all of you who contributed to this community success!



Get Your Pictures from 2007 Breakfast With Santa



Bill Devlin (devlinw1@aol.com) has 173 pictures taken at the recent Santa Breakfast that are available thru him. If you want them, please email him. The technical details are as follows. There is a free Google software package called Pando. It allows for transfer of large files up to 1 GB. Bill will respond with an email to you giving you details as to how you obtain your free copy of Pando, and the address on Pando's website where the pictures will be found. Over 120 individual or family photos with Santa are available for you to find your photos of interest.

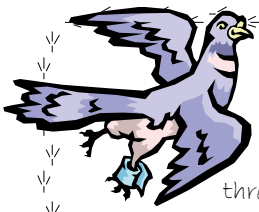
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Lake Kay Happenings

With winter rapidly approaching as I write this, our feathered friends fall into two categories, those passing through, and those here for the long haul. The first category, those passing through are by far the most attractive. Some of our long haul friends are very attractive, i.e. the Bluebirds, but some are not. Those who are not include some that are downright ugly. I have pictures of both for this article.

For the more attractive, we have 3 pairs of Bufflehead Ducks. These were sighted right next to my back yard; however they started swimming away as soon as I opened my back door to get this picture. As you can see, they are really making time across the water.



These small chubby ducks nicknamed 'Butterball' nest in mid Canada and winter in the south. When this picture was taken on November 17 they were resting on Lake Kay on their way south. They nest in down-lined wood pecker created cavities on trees not unlike the more vibrantly colored Wood Duck, according to the National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Birds.

Back to the less attractive, or let's face it, ugly.

Easily mistaken for a real Native American Turkey, its namesake, the Turkey Buzzard actually performs a useful service here in Carroll Valley. I received an urgent call from the neighborhood to photograph some turkeys perched in a tree. Responding with my trusty 10x zoom camera, the above picture was obtained of 4 Turkey Buzzards (Vultures actually) perched on limbs in a backyard tree, near some squirrel nests. It was the third day of rifle deer season so they were moving back and forth in response to the frequently heard gunfire that punctuates the morning during this near state holiday week.

The term 'Buzzard' is actually a family of hawks, our residents are actually Vultures, which are further broken down as 'Old World Vultures' and New World Vultures, according to the Turkey Vulture Society, a non-profit corporation that has a web site describing these carrion eating birds. Their nearly bald head and neck suits the need to keep from getting their coats messy as they go about breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

The New World vultures are distributed in North, Central, and South America. They include the Turkey Vulture, Cathartes aura; Black Vulture, Coragyps atratus; California Condor, Gymnogyps californianus; Andean Condor, Vultur gryphus; King Vulture; and the Greater and Lesser Yellow-Headed Vultures.



The Turkey vulture is common in the United States. Its keen sense of smell is vital for finding carrion. Black Vultures, a more southern species, lack the graceful flight pattern of the Turkey Vulture and depend more on keen eyesight than sense of smell. The California Condor, along with the Andean Condor, is one of the world's largest flying birds. Because of many years of persecution, the California Condor is in danger of extinction; an estimated 40 to 60 birds exist today.

I personally have seen as many as 25 to 30 gathered at the scene of a fresh (or not so fresh) deer kill. They do provide a service and don't seem to be nearing endangered species status by a long shot.

Bill Devlin

2008 CVCA Scholarship

Once again the CVCA will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a 2008 graduating senior who meets the requirements. The requirements are not difficult, but they do require a certain amount of effort beyond normal scholastic endeavors. To apply, you must:

1. Be a resident of Carroll Valley
2. Be a graduating senior of a public, private or home school
3. Be accepted into a two or four year college, university, trade or vocational school.
4. Submit a completed application packet by the deadline of April 1, 2008 that includes:
 - A. A completed and signed data sheet.
 - B. Three letters of recommendation from individuals of academic, extracurricular and community involvement. These recommendations will attest to the student's high moral character and ambitions.
 - C. Compose and type a single page essay addressing the question "What Recommendations Would I Give to Improve the Carroll Valley Community?"
5. Summarize the extracurricular activities (community, social, church or other) outside of normal scholastic activities.

If the applicant feels that he or she has special circumstances that need to be addressed, please submit that written request to the scholarship committee.

CVCA representatives will be available at the January 17th Financial Aid Fair at the Fairfield High School (6:30pm) to answer any questions. Students at Fairfield High School may obtain additional information, forms and directions from their guidance counselor or Ms. Sandy Penner; interested students from other qualifying institutions please call Mr. George Fisanich, 642-6774 for necessary forms or information.

Carroll Valley Citizens Association Membership Application

New Member

Membership Renewal

Single \$10

Couple \$20

Family \$20

Names: _____

Carroll Valley Address:

Home Address (if not resident):

Phone: _____ Email: _____
(so we can inform you of CVCA events about once a month)

Make Check Payable to CVCA and mail to:

Carroll Valley Citizens Association
PO Box 302
Carroll Valley, PA 17320



Where Does The Money Go?



Thanks to all of you who joined Carroll Valley Citizens Association in the past year. With the money that we collect from memberships, CVCA is able to sponsor or help with community events.

Each year, CVCA sponsors a scholarship for a graduating senior who is a resident of Carroll Valley, CVCA has been able to sponsor the Easter Egg Hunt, children's games and prizes at the July 4th Celebration & at the National Night Out, and provide crafts at the Breakfast With Santa. The Board also decided to pay for the small pavilion at the new park in Ranch Section of Carroll Valley. With your support, CVCA looks forward to continuing with these projects.

Karen Golden, Treasurer *Emerita*

Charnita Artifacts Wanted

When Carroll Valley celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1999, the CVCA felt it would be important to display the history of the creation of Carroll Valley Borough. Many items were sent for display in about 15 large poster size frames. The items are catalogued in chronological order and put on display at some CVCA functions even now. Carroll Valley Resort borrowed the one featuring Ronnie Dove (singer) and Charlie Rist (founder of Charnita) for display when Ronnie Dove recently returned for a performance. Charles asks that anyone who may still have some of the artifacts in their attics to please send them to him for archiving. It may be an old newspaper ad, picture, postcard, letter or anything of interest. The items will be added to the collection with your name as donor so that they can be enjoyed in the years to come.

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MAPLE SUGARING!!

Have you ever wondered how maple sugar is made? If so, come visit Strawberry Hill Nature Center and Preserve this winter and join one of our Maple Sugaring programs.

Learn how maple syrup is produced in this hands-on program suitable for the whole family. The history of maple sugaring will be discussed. Participants will engage in a syrup "taste test" using silver dollar pancakes. Then we'll work off some of those calories by taking a walk through the "sugar bush" at Strawberry Hill. We'll tap a maple tree, collect maple sap and watch some sap being boiled down the old-fashioned way.

Organized groups (such as scouts and community groups) are welcome to schedule programs on Saturday, February 16 and 23 at 10 am, 12 noon, 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm. In March, group programs are scheduled for Saturday, March 8 and 15 at 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm.

Individuals and families are welcome to reserve a space at our 10 am or 12 noon programs on Saturday, March 8 and 15.

The cost for the program is \$3.75 per person. Strawberry Hill members are free during the general public programs. To make a reservation, please call Strawberry Hill at 642-5840. This program has limited space and is often sold out in advance. Please call at least 2 weeks before the date you'd like to attend to reserve your spot.

For more than 20 years, Strawberry Hill has interpreted our 609 acres of open space as a living classroom for our region. Our extensive forests, pristine mountain streams and ponds provide us with an incredible outdoor lab, perfect for teaching about the natural world. As the only environmental education center in Adams County, Strawberry Hill bustles with people learning about and exploring the outdoors. For more information, please visit www.strawberryhill.org.

On these same dates from 8:30 to 11:30 am, Strawberry Hill will sponsor Pancake Breakfasts at the Mount Hope United Methodist Church, just one mile down the road past the Nature Center. Adults \$6, children 6-12 \$3, children 5 and under free. Join us!

Susan Crosby, Executive Director





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**Articles for
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due by
March 10, 2008**

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Help Wanted

The CVCA Board is still looking for computer help with the upcoming Carroll Valley Phone Directory. If you are able to volunteer your computer skills or know of someone who may be interested, please contact any of the CVCA Board. Your help would be appreciated.

Remember!!!

If you hosted a yard sale, please remember to retrieve the signs you posted before they become litter or eyesores. THANKS!!

Many folks enjoy walking around the Borough. Be sure to wear light colored clothing so as to be visible to the drivers who share the road! Reflective clothing is even better.