

LINN VALLEY LAKES NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2008

 **GROUND HOG
DAY HISTORY**

In 1723, the Delaware Indians settled Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania as a campsite halfway between the Allegheny and the Susquehanna Rivers. The Delawares considered groundhogs honorable ancestors. According to the original creation beliefs of the Delaware Indians, their forebears began life as animals in "Mother Earth" and emerged centuries later to hunt and live as men.

The name Punxsutawney comes from the Indian name for the location "ponksad-uteney" which means "the town of the sandflies." The name woodchuck comes from the Indian legend of "Wojak, the groundhog" considered by them to be their ancestral grandfather.

When German settlers arrived in the 1700s, they brought a tradition known as *Candlemas Day*, which has an early origin in the pagan celebration of Imbolc. It came at the mid-point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox. Superstition held that if the weather was fair, the second half of Winter would be stormy and cold. For the early Christians in Europe, it was the custom on Candlemas Day for clergy to bless candles and distribute them to the people in the dark of Winter. A lighted candle was placed in each window of the home. The day's weather continued to be important. If the sun came out February 2, halfway between Winter and Spring, it meant six more weeks of wintry weather.

The earliest American reference to Groundhog Day can be found at the Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center at Franklin and Marshall College:

February 4, 1841 - from Morgantown, Berks County (Pennsylvania) storekeeper James Morris' diary..."Last Tuesday, the 2nd, was Candlemas day, the day on which, according to the Germans, the Groundhog peeps out of his winter quarters and if he sees his shadow he pops back for another six weeks nap, but if the day be cloudy he remains out, as the weather is to be moderate."

2008 POA ANNUAL MEETING

February 23, 2008

10:00 am

(voting will cease at 10:30 am)

Clubhouse (lower level)

**See related article inside this newsletter
for more details.**

FREE FOOD SERVICES

EVERY TUESDAY -- 1:30 PM

at Community Center

HARVESTERS - 2:00 PM

at Community Center

4th Thursday each month

NOTE: Leon & Angie Dennis have taken on the task to provide this service along with several volunteers. This service is open to all of us regardless of financial status. If we don't support these efforts, the service may have to be suspended. There is no charge for any of the food provided - we just need to take advantage of this opportunity.



BRAIN TEASER

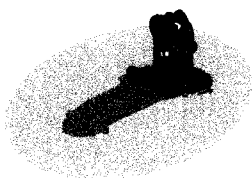
Courtesy of Chuck Hennen

PING PONG PUZZLE

Alice was within one point of defeating Barbara for the Women's Table Tennis Championship. The last unbroken ball dropped into a long pipe that imbedded upright in the cement floor. The diameter of the pipe was only slightly greater than that of the ball. The pipe could not be moved and no tools were available to cut it.

If the game could not be completed, Barbara, as former champion, would retain her title. How can Alice get the ball so that the game may be concluded?

answer on page 4



**COME & EAT
"GROUND HOG"
WITH US**

LINN VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2, 2008

4:00 - 7:00 PM

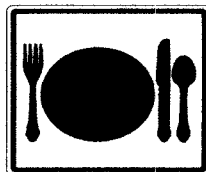
\$4.00 ADULTS

\$2.00 - 10 & UNDER

MENU

"ALL YOU CAN EAT"

**SAUSAGE, PANCAKES,
JUICE & COFFEE**



LADIES LUNCH BUNCH

The "Lunch Bunch" will be leaving the Community Center at 10:00 am on February 14, 2008 to have lunch at Jose Peppers at 143rd and Metcalf. This is a fun outing and open to any lady that would like to join in and enjoy good food and fellowship.

RSVP to: Mary Lou Weber @ 757-3011

Happy Birthday to:

Joyce Obermeier
Barbara Riley

2008 Valentine Banquet
February 9, 2008 @ 6:00 PM

\$9.00 per person
(Age 18 & over, please)

Entertainment:
Vocal Concert by Robin Z.

For Reservations, contact:
Kathy Beeson @ 757-2221
Claudette Purle @ 757-3039
Judy Vanek @ 757-3671

Reservation & Payment
Deadline:
February 3rd

MENU
Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Salad - Vegetable - Roll
Dessert
Punch - Tea - Coffee

The Annual Meeting of Linn Valley Lakes Property Owners Association

10:00 am on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Linn Valley Lakes Clubhouse

The election of two Board members for three-year terms, is on the Ballot for the 2008 Annual Meeting. Mr. Randy Bowden and Mr. David Freer have been serving in these positions and are seeking re-election. The Nominations Committee received only two (2) resumes - those of Mr. Bowden and Mr. Freer.

Ballots have been mailed (along with a message from each candidate) and can be returned via mail or brought by the POA Office. Please vote for (2) candidates. The top two (2) vote receivers will be placed in the positions. Ballots with votes for more than two (2) candidates, including the write-in, will be invalid.

It is extremely important that you either be present at the Annual Meeting, or provide a signed Ballot so that the Board of Director's election can be held. Ten (10) percent of our total eligible membership constitutes a quorum.

If you plan to attend the meeting and cast your vote in person, voting will cease at 10:30 AM the morning of the 2008 Annual Meeting.

AUXILIARY SPAGHETTI DINNER

February 23, 2008

11:00 - 2:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner during the Annual Membership Meeting.

MENU
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Garlic Bread
Salad
Dessert
Drink
\$5.50 Per Person

The Auxiliary will have free delivery service available within the community. This is available by calling 757-4580 between 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

RECREATION COMMITTEE SPRING ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

MARCH 22

11:00 am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

MAY 10 Bring Mom to the Movie Night

MEMORIAL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, May 24

5:30 - 9:00 am Adult Fishing Tourn.

8:00 am - 2:30 pm Craft Fair & Sale

9:00 am Kid's Fishing Contest

3:00 - 4:30 pm Kid's Crafts

5:00 pm Bingo

Sunday, May 25

9:00 am Horseshoe Tourn.

3:00 pm Bingo

NOTE OF CLARIFICATION

Below is an exact reprint of the 4-Wheeler article as printed in the January Newsletter and the POA Spring Newsletter. The article was addressed to all property owners, not just 'weekenders'.

There are several roads and ditches that have been ridden on and torn up by 4-wheelers. Linn Valley Lakes is on a limited budget for rock and road repair. It would be greatly appreciated by all property owners if you would stop this action!

There are also many tracks on lots. These lots are owned by individuals and are private property. When you are on these lots, you are trespassing and subject to being ticketed and fined.

Please be considerate
Pam McCoy, General Manager