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## Calendar of Events

### ◆ April 7, 2007, Cherry Blossom Trip

Reaching Hearts International Singles invite everyone to go with them to see the cherry blossoms in DC. They will leave some time after potluck, caravan over to the Glenmont Metro station, and Metro down. This will be our third annual cherry blossom trip. If you are interested, please meet us at church or at the Glenmont Metro station. Call Pat if you have any questions: 240-416-5122.

### ◆ April 21, 2007 Singles Day

#### Berkeley Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church

3606 Valley Road  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
Tel. (304) 258-6620



Berkeley Springs Seventh-day  
Adventist Church is hosting a

Singles Day at their church on Sabbath, April 21, 2007. ASAM will be participating in both the Sabbath School and Divine Worship Service by sharing special music and speaking about the ASAM Mission. Sabbath School starts at 9:20 AM and Church starts at 11 AM. There will be a Fellowship Dinner on the lower level following the Divine Worship Service. Please bring a dish to share. Weather permitting, the group is looking forward to an after dinner nature hike at Cacapon Resort State Park. Everyone is welcome to participate in this activity. (By the way, this is the church home of our webmaster, Ron).



### ◆ May 5 Cinco de Mayo Evening Social, 6:30 PM

Chesapeake Conference, lower level  
6600 Martin Road  
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At vespers we will be learning Spanish songs. Our potluck menu is haystacks (chips, chili and drink will be provided). Please bring cut veggies, a favorite Mexican dish or desert. A social will follow the meal. Contact: Janet, Tel. 301-325-3924, [dwellerinthelane@hotmail.com](mailto:dwellerinthelane@hotmail.com)

### ◆ June 16, Potluck at Mt. Aetna Lodge 21905 Mount Aetna Rd, Hagerstown, MD 21742 (301) 824-6045

The potluck will be after the camp meeting church service. We have use of part of the dining room at the cafeteria at Mt. Aetna Lodge; there is a warming oven and a microwave, so please bring your food ready in dishes with serving spoons. Sabbath School and Church will be held at the camp meeting location: Highland View Academy, 10100 Academy Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Tel. 301-739-8480). Directions will be given later.

### ◆ June 23, Potomac Camp Meeting Potluck Shenandoah Valley Academy, 234 West Lee Highway New Market, Virginia 22844

Cynthia Malcolm invites us to her home for potluck after church. Please bring food to share. Directions will be given later. Contact: [ccarter@shentel.net](mailto:ccarter@shentel.net)

### ◆ July 5-7, 2007, Singles Convention, Orlando, Florida The theme is Pursue Your Passion. For registration, logon: [www.pursueyourpassion2007.com](http://www.pursueyourpassion2007.com) or call 1-800-732-7587.

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**Barbara Babcock's goodbye:** It has been most gratifying to work with Adventist Single Adult Ministries (ASAM). I will miss working with you. Continue to nurture your relationship on a daily basis with Jesus Christ, the greatest single who ever lived!

**Andrea Hicks** is the newly appointed Adventist Single Adult Ministries Coordinator for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She is a native of New Jersey. Andrea is a member of the Northeastern Conference where she was recently appointed associate director of Single Adult Ministries. She serves as a quality assurance software tester for a technology firm in New York City. Andrea is passionate about ministry and especially Adventist Single Adult Ministries.

For more information on our events, please visit <http://www.asamchesapeake.com/>

## Reports on Events

The **January Cruise** brought out 46 people from different areas and ages. We visited Jamaica (Ocho Rios), Cayman Islands and Mexico. Every day we had a special spiritual meeting from 8:00 to 9:00 AM, with Pastor Miro Reis. On Sabbath we had other two meetings, so we had extra time to share experiences and blessings! –Dirci Marquart

The **Snow Tubing** day, March 11 dawned bright and sunny. It felt thrilling to zoom down the mountain at Whitetail Resort in Pennsylvania. A plastic covering over the inner tubes kept us from getting wet. Once down the slope, we took the ride up the mountain on a slow-moving belt. After tubing, we went to the Golden Corral for lunch. –Lavern Binder

The **RHI Singles Potluck on March 31** was a resounding success. The posting of the event on the website, mailings to sister churches, and individuals passing along emails, accounted for large numbers of new friends in attendance. We estimated the turnout to be 50 individuals. We felt blessed and encouraged when we met a couple friends who came all the way from Seabrook, Delaware and from Culpepper, Virginia. Our Sabbath started with a great message from Pastor Micah Davis, wonderful weather that allowed the overflow of friends to eat on the deck, a bounty of wonderful food and desserts, and celebrations of Birthdays and an Anniversary. A large group participated in the Briggs-Meyers Test on Temperament given by Diana Oxentenko."

–Kerry Gordon

### **From Janet's Perspective--Paddy's Day**

Forest Randall spoke to us about St. Patrick: he was a Sabbath keeper; he was not originally from Ireland, but England; the reason he ended up living in Ireland was because he was captured, and enslaved for many years. His biggest, and most important mission was going back to Ireland to convert nonbelievers to Christianity, which he dedicated the rest of his life doing. After vespers, we had a potluck. We asked that everyone bring something green to eat to go with the theme of our event. After supper Paul Hutchins, Carl Cleave, Frank Hardy, and Zeph Edwards from Westminster Seventh-day Adventist Church shared their musical talents with us. What a special blessing we received from that. We also played games: did you ever play musical clovers? It was so much fun!" We hope you will join us for another event in the near future.

## Tax Time Can Be Painless

It is that time of year again when we agonize over filing tax returns. But with a bit of planning and information, we can alleviate the frustration of it all, particularly with regard to charitable donations. Tax returns should be kept for a minimum of three years in case of audit. Bills, bank statements, receipts, etc. should be kept on hand for three years as well, and then shredded to avoid fraud or misuse of that information. If the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) questions you about a tax return in a given year, you must keep that information for three years from the date of its request. Similarly, property records related to parcels no longer owned should be kept on file for three years, and then destroyed. Time sheets and pay stubs can be retained as long as you choose, even when you are no longer employed by a certain company. These records may be particularly beneficial years later when trying to confirm or contest retirement benefits with a former employer company.

Charitable contributions are deductible only if you itemize deductions on Form 1040, Schedule A. To be deductible, charitable contributions must be made to qualified organizations such as federal, state, and local governments or entities organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Organizations can tell you if they are qualified and if donations to them are deductible. The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a qualifying organization for deducting charitable donations in cash or property.

To claim a deduction for a charitable donation, you will need a canceled check, bank record or a receipt with the organization's name and the donation amount for audit purposes – you will not file these with your tax return, however. A personal log of such donations simply is not sufficient documentation. These documents are simply kept on file in case of questions from the IRS. Moreover, for a contribution of \$250 or more, you can claim a deduction only if you obtain a written acknowledgement from the qualified organization. A form letter on their letterhead stating the amount you contributed usually will suffice. Typically you can deduct your cash contributions as well as the fair market value of any property you donate to qualified organizations.