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## Calendar of Events



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

Chesapeake Conference, lower level  
6600 Martin Road  
Columbia, MD 21044-9988

Our guest speaker is Osmin Alvarado, from the Hyattsville Spanish Church.

Laurie Wilson, Joao Santos, and Dirci Marquart will be teaching us some traditional songs in Spanish. Please dress in bright colors or wear a Mexican outfit.

Our potluck menu is haystacks (chips, chili and drink will be provided). Please bring cut veggies, a favorite Mexican dish or dessert. A social event will follow the meal. There are a number of items needed for the meal, so please contact our coordinator, Janet Lane, Tel. 301-325-3924, [dwellerinthelane@hotmail.com](mailto:dwellerinthelane@hotmail.com) to RSVP.

### ◆ **June 16, Potluck at Mt. Aetna Lodge**

21905 Mount Aetna Rd, Hagerstown, MD 21742  
(301) 824-6045

The potluck will be held 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.

### ◆ **June 23, Potomac Camp Meeting & Potluck**

Shenandoah Valley Academy  
234 West Lee Highway  
New Market, Virginia 22844

Meet for Sabbath School & Church at the Academy.

Potluck is after church. Please bring food to share. Directions for lunch: Go past the academy away from I-81, then turn right on Plains Mill Rd (just after the admin building at SVA--towards the airport) and turn right immediately past the bridge onto River Rd. Stay right at the fork in the road. The road winds around some; stay ahead with it. Turn right on Jiggady Rd. Again, turn right on Battlefield Bluff Dr. Right into at driveway about 3/4 miles on BB drive: a light gray vinyl siding house with 2-car garage set back from the road. Contact: Cynthia: [ccarter@shentel.net](mailto:ccarter@shentel.net)

### ◆ **August, 2007, Corn Roast**

This event will be held in Hagerstown, Maryland. More details to come later.

### ◆ **September 9, Brazil Day**

This will be held in Frederick, Maryland. More details to come later.

### ◆ **October 12-14, 2007, Adult Singles Retreat**

Mt. Aetna Retreat Center  
21905 Mt. Aetna Road  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21742

Guest speakers: Dr. Roger Coon, Dr. James Dotson & Pastor Bill Fagal.

More details to come later.

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

### From Janet's Perspective

Singles' Day at Berkeley Springs Church: The church members were very warm and friendly and made us feel welcome. Annabelle and Forest talked about the mission of ASAM, and Barbara Reis gave a report on the mission project in Brazil. The potluck meal was outstanding. We enjoyed gorgeous spring weather while touring Berkeley Springs, which is a scenic quaint 19th century resort town. We enjoyed a breathtaking view of the Potomac from a scenic overlook on the mountain before hiking in Cacapon State Park.

### Reports on Events

#### On a Mission to Serve... with Love!

What makes someone fly 12+ hours to hammer nails and lug bricks in a remote area overseas? It must be love. Love for others. Love for God! Love in action!

Between February 22nd and March 23rd, 2007, 48 volunteers participated in humanitarian "vacations with a mission" in the coastal city of Aquiraz, State of Ceara, in the tropical NorthEast region of Brazil. Besides leaving behind a church building nearly completed, the volunteers helped with several other projects such as community outreach thru Vacation Bible School, dental and medical treatment for the poor and needy, environmental protection efforts, tree planting and English teaching. All of these occurred while immersing ourselves in cultural exchanges with the local residents (visiting an Indian village, as an example), through music, nature admiration, long walks on the beach on dunes climbing, and spiritual refreshing, and inspirational meetings!

What have these people brought back besides souvenirs? Hearts full of joy! The extravagant joy of service and an incredible desire to go back and do it all again! For the glory of God! As one of the volunteers stated: "the last mission trip was one of the most fulfilling times I've ever had in my life..." You could also have such an experience... If you want to participate in such an adventure for betterment of mankind, contact Dirci for information on future mission trips. A group is being formed right now to go back in mid June 2007 to finish and inaugurate the SDA church of Aquiraz, Brazil. Be, you too... part of a mission to serve... with love!

--Dirci Borelli Marquart

#### April 7, Cherry Blossom Trip

We did go to DC after all!! It was so cold and there were no cherry blossoms but it was an adventure anyway. We had a ball. There were only 7 of us, not like our big crowds we have had the last two years, but fun anyway.

--Pat Klosky

#### Reflections on the Church Day

Hello, all you good-hearted singles out there. Just a few Sabbaths ago (April 21), we enjoyed yet another gathering of singles in the beautiful mountains of Berkeley Springs, WV. Walda and I (singles alumni) were blessed by the large number of friends and new acquaintances visiting the Berkeley Springs SDA Church. The guest pastor, also a singles alumnus, spoke passionately from the heart and it was clear his love for our Saviour is impressed deep in his heart. That is easy to do especially when you look at the peaceful country setting we found ourselves in.

The Lord has a special love for singles, as can be seen almost two thousand years ago in his servant Paul. Being single is a gift and a high calling and of course is ever challenging. That is why I feel it to be so important we meet and support each other as often as we can.

Being blessed by the sermon, Annabelle's and Forest's loving efforts in putting together the event, the Spiritual company, enjoying healthy food and even having an opportunity to walk some of it off in God's Nature is hard to compare. Hope you will make the next gathering and share your insights, too. Stay Blessed!

--Steve & Walda Dragoo

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#### Correction on Tax article

The rules for charitable tax deductions have changed for 2007. Now, any size gift must have a receipt, not just those over \$250. --Thank you to Laurie Wilson for pointing this out to us.