

The Claiborne Clarion

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Priceless!!

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The purpose of this newsletter is to acquaint and inform Claiborne residents.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anna Kabler	February 13
Susan Cornish	February 14
Marie Deck	February 16
Dan Higgins	February 27
Curt Connolly	February 27

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Cancelled

“Claiborne Antic* Players”

* (Pronounced antique)

“Our Town”

The first meeting of the players was cancelled by our moderator, Linda Harper, due to oral surgery – OUCH! We look forward to the rescheduling of what promises to be a fun event.

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February is loaded with special days such as: “Valentine’s Day” on the fourteenth, “National Appreciation Day” on the eighteenth and we can’t forget “Groundhogs Day” AND “National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day” on the second.

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Here’s a new column by Sloan Dove:

Quotes of the Month!

Absence diminishes mediocre passions and increases great ones, as the wind extinguishes candles and fans fires.

- Francios de la Rochefoucauld

All you need is love, but a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt.

- Charles M. Schulz

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Submitted by Kirke Harper:

Congratulations to Claiborne!

We met Libby Moose’s Holiday Challenge to match her donation of \$10,000 by December 31 to the Village Hall roofing project. In addition we have now received a second challenge from Katie and Dick Snowdon. They have pledged \$5,000 toward re-roofing the entire building rather than just the sanctuary portion. Please consider helping to match Katie and Dick’s challenge.

We are starting the bidding process to choose a roofer for the project. We have identified 9 potential bidders. The Board will review the bids and make a selection based on best value. Work could start in a couple of months.

The men's group spent a Wednesday evening working in the hall. They removed the rest of the damaged ceiling in the fellowship hall and are planning to make additional repairs as the weather gets better.

Jim Richardson built an information kiosk for the hall. Please write or post your messages on the kiosk.

The parking area improvements seem to be working. In February we will add more crushed bluestone. Please be careful not to drive across Nancy Higgins' yard as you turn into the parking area.

Someone left a very nice kitchen implement in the hall at the holiday pot luck. If you are missing a valuable tool from your kitchen, leave a note on the kiosk or call Kirke or Martha.

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This from Martha Hamblyn:

If you find a piece of mail in your box that's not yours, please just drop it in the outgoing box. Our mail carrier, Kim, will check through that mail before she leaves so that she can redeliver it correctly and as quickly as possible.

Jake Flory is the winner of the model boat that Bob Todd made. Bob donated the boat to be auctioned off in order to raise money for the Claiborne Association's roofing project. Thanks Bob!

Sad news/Glad news regarding Tim and Abby: They might be sad that their home hasn't sold and they have taken down the "For Sale" sign, but we are glad that we will be keeping them and Koa a while longer.

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In recent weeks the Pines in Easton has played a role in the lives of Claiborne residents. George MacMillan has returned home after a short recuperative stay and Jean Higgins has recently been admitted. Her room number is 315 and Dan informs me that she would welcome both cards and visitors.

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Have you taken time to check out the homepage slide show? You can find it on our website: ClaiborneMd.org. If you have Claiborne photos that you've taken please send them to Pete Gregorio and he will see that they get online. Pete's address is: gregoriogallery@gmail.com. He will resize them (if necessary) and post them on the website.

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On Saturday, January 14, Christ Church in St Michaels was filled with friends and relatives of Rick Rhine. Rick passed away early in January and our sympathy goes to Penny and all six of their children. Rick's oldest daughter, Christie wrote and then read the most beautiful eulogy I think I have ever heard. Rick was always a gentle man, I will miss hearing him call out a friendly greeting to Hailey Mae and telling her that she was a beautiful girl. Farewell friend.

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Just think, in about fifty days it will be spring and those daffodils that have been shooting up out of the ground for the last several weeks will be in full bloom.

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If you didn't hear it on NPR, you can read my essay titled:

“Why I Live Where I Live”

It is on the kiosk at the Hall – please let me know what you think. Your feedback is important to me.

Thanks, Barbara

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