



The Claiborne Clarion

End of Winter Issue

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Save These Dates

Movie Nights Wednesday -
Cartoon at 6:30; Film at 7

April 17 Sunday Concert

April 23 Saturday Pot Luck
and General Meeting

March Birthdays

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| Elva Gerlach | 1 |
| Ted Jones | 9 |
| Suzanne Todd | 9 |
| Kevin Garber | 12 |
| Mike Kabler | 13 |
| Rebecca Cockey | |
| Parks | 14 |
| Penny Rhine | 14 |
| Bea Wharton | 21 |

Opening Words

In this 9th year of the Clarion, what a joy it was to read the Love issue. Barbara Reisert had the foresight to understand the long term need for a way to tell stories and spread village news. When she began the Clarion we got our daily news fix at the Post Office. The Post Office is long gone, but the Clarion lives on, telling stories and spreading news.

Our work in creating a "newsy" space at the Hall continues. This Spring and Summer you will see "uuge" progress. But, honestly, the Hall will never replace getting daily updates from Martha, Jim and Nancy Clark. We need to fill that void ourselves by continuing to participate and share and gossip.

From the March, 2007 Clarion: "Nancy Clark has predicted that on March 19 the osprey will return to the nest on the pilings. Let's see how close she is to the date."

Thanks again, Barbara



April Birthdays

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| Martha Hamlyn | April 10 |
| Linda Harper | April 23 |
| Terry Babb | April 30 |

Fun in the Sun

Shirley Cockey and Barbara Reisert recently visited Shirley's daughter, Kate, in Florida. Another daughter, Rebecca, said they enjoyed drinks on more than one moonlight cruise. Or was it more than one drink on a moonlight cruise?



Hall Progress Report

In an effort to maximize the value of a Resilience Center* at the Hall, we are asking Talbot County's Health Department and the Maryland Department of the Environment to allow a holding tank rather than a complete septic system. A septic system would cost around \$25,000 and would not meet our needs in an emergency such as an ice storm with extended power outages. The cost of a holding tank would be a fraction of a septic system.

Volunteer work crews continue to make needed repairs to the Hall. We are getting professional estimates for the need to upgrade the electrical service, for replacing the water service to the building, to foam insulate the building, and to enclose the old kitchen crawl space. A volunteer will clean out the swale between Carl Griebel's property and the Hall. We are also developing electrical and plumbing diagrams for the Annex.

*A paper explaining the Resilience concept and the need for a Claiborne Resilience Center is on the Claiborne Website.

The Dog Column

Tom Babb is managing to keep his golden lab, Blue, healthy and active. Penny Rhine's black lab, Penny's Pal, is making great progress in his training program. He no longer bowls over the smaller dogs while we all stand and laugh. Pal recently rescued Jessie, the Harper's beagle, when she got loose again. Maple Hall Lane is well guarded by Mandy, Steve Friedberg's papillon; Jake, Janet Friedberg's schnoodle; and Hazel, Adine Kelly's terrier. Ruffles, Libby Moose's giant Bermese mountain dog-pony mix, commands attention wherever he goes. The Todd's English Setter, Sadie, wins many votes as the sweetest of all.

And finally, RIP Haley May, Barbara Reisert's spaniel. What a lovely companion she was for Barbara.

Donated Vehicle for Sale

The Claiborne Association plans to sell a donated 1999 Mercedes ML430 SUV. The vehicle will be put through Maryland inspection this week to determine needed repairs. It has about 70,000 miles on a rebuilt engine. The Board plans to offer it for sale in the community first; then, if it doesn't sell, advertise it more widely.

If you are interested in making a bid on this vehicle please call Kirke Harper on 745-9348.