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Vacation Time



The Trumpet is abbreviated for July as many of the volunteers, who are needed to produce the Trumpet, will be taking some much needed vacations. Volunteers do a great job of producing the Trumpet. There are writers, photographers, proof readers, people who fold, distributors and our own resident graphic design person, Dot Selstad, who puts it all together for printing.

The May-June edition of the Trumpet was a superb production showing what our volunteers can do. A new printer in the Village office allowed us to add color to the Trumpet, which gives a nice, new dimension to its looks. A normal production of the Trumpet is around 300 copies, with another 60 or more copies going out by e-mail.

New ideas and suggestions for subjects to be covered in the Trumpet are always welcome.

The May-June edition of the Trumpet will be the featured article on the display table for Maranatha Village during the **GARBC Annual Conference, Baptist Mid-Missions Annual Conference** and the **ABWE Annual Conference**.

A report on these conferences will be given in the upcoming

August-September Trumpet. An extra 150 copies of the May-June Trumpet were produced for use at the conferences.

Trumpet readers always appreciate and enjoy the diligent, accurate work of Marie Moore keeping events, birthdays and anniversary dates organized and before us. July would not be complete without that part of the Trumpet in our hands.

July is not a vacation month for grass cutting. July is a busy grass cutting month. The mowers are going somewhere in the Village almost every work day. A good way to show our appreciation and to help keep our workers healthy is to place a bottle of cold water in their hands when you catch them cutting near your place. A cold bottle of water is a blessing and can be taken with the workers on their mowers.

Enjoy and have a great July whether you are on vacation or staying at home.

Carl Barton, Editor

JULY

Treasurer's Trivia

Earle C. Harriman

What is Trivia?

It can mean "unimportant," but instead, I am taking "commonplace" as the meaning. What I will be relating is important to the Village operation, but not often regarded. Actually it is very often taken for granted.

Meet the Office Staff



First, meet **Jeanne Mullineaux**, the Receptionist who greets you, listens to the reason for your coming to the office, and either makes a work

order to solve your problem or directs you to the one with whom you need to confer. She schedules the Guest House and Promo reservations, and also does much secretarial work and computer data entry. (Jeanne receives the money and prepares it for others to handle.) The list is really much longer.



Next is **Jeanette Howard**, Financial Administrator. She works directly with the finances on the computer, personally dealing with the Holding Company where

our records are hosted for security, prepares bank deposits and issues the checks. She is in the office only mornings and is very efficient in her work.



Then to the left is **David Waite**, a "Jack of All Trades." He readily adjusts to where he is needed. When in the office, he records invoices in

the computer and supervises Ad Valorem Tax Affidavits in February each year. He works with the "Promos" throughout the year both in preparing them and in moving furniture from place to place. The Grounds Staff uses him in lawn mowing when needed, which is often during the growing season. He has proven to be a "handy man to have around." Village residents appreciate David, as he also assists in the church ministry when requested.



The newest member is in the last office. **Carl Barton** began this year as Project Administrator. He works with Promo and other Village

guests encouraging them to become residents of the Village. He was quite successful, leasing eight apartments thus far. He has advertised the Village in several magazines. This summer, to contact potential residents, Carl is taking a professionally-prepared color display about Maranatha Village to the GARBC Conference in June and the BMM and ABWE Conferences in July.



In the center office, you will find Village Manager, **Wes Halstead**, KEY to the smooth operation of the Staff and the whole Village. How

thankful we are for his leadership and expertise. No room to list all of his areas of responsibilities.

• **You know Staff!** • **Pray for them!** • **Encourage them!** • **Compliment them!**

Maranatha Moosings

“For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.”
MARK 9:41

Whew...summer has arrived and we all need to heed the reminder to drink plenty of liquids. (Sure am glad my watering hole has not dried up!!) Another reminder: conserve as much as possible with water usage...don't waste it!

Not much activity, I've noticed in my 'moosying' around the Village these days. (Of course I haven't been 'moosying' around very fast – maybe that's why I've been missing the activities – by the time I get there, all the activity is over!) There was good food and a special program at the Memorial Day picnic.

The maintenance men are busy mowing the lawns. The make-over is going well at Hamman Hall. (Make-over? Wonder where I can get a make-over... my hooves are in need of being trimmed. Does Steve Dubois and his crew do make-overs for Moose?)

The construction/paint crews are continuing to work at 42

and 70 Daniel, 24 Mark and 56 Maranatha.

Carl Barton has packed his suitcase(s) and will be representing Maranatha Village at three conferences. Pray for him as he meets and speaks with people who may be interested in becoming a part of the Maranatha Village family.

God is so good, isn't He? He hears us when we pray, He answers our prayers, He meets all of our needs and many of our wants. He is a wonderful, kind, caring and loving God. Have you thanked Him today for the wonderful care that He gives to you?

Speaking of caring, are you thankful for the caregivers that God has put in your life? Many of our Village residents are caregivers – some consistently check on those who are sick, some bring meals, some show their care by calling on the phone, some pray faithfully for our residents and others send cards and monetary gifts.

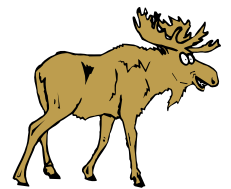
Let's think for a moment of the caregivers who do not live in our Village, but arrive here daily and faithfully take care of Village residents who are in need of extra assistance.

Those caregivers are helping our residents live safely in their own homes. (I like to call them our 'human' caring angels.) Praise the Lord for each of them! We all have a Christian responsibility to show kindness to them. They care for our Maranatha family ... let us care for them by not being demanding or discriminating. After all, God loves each one of us no matter our skin color or nationality! Let's give them a smile, a word of encouragement and a friendly wave. Invite them to church and Village activities – then be friendly and greet them when they do come. Remember, a cup of water given in Jesus' name goes a long way to satisfy the thirst!

Well, it's time to get 'hoofin' back to the woods.

S'long for now!

***Keep lookin' for His return
and workin' 'til HE does,***



The Ramblin Moose

QUOTES TO REMEMBER

When you make two people happy, one of them is apt to be you.

**If success turns your head,
you are facing in the wrong
direction.**

The man who has a right to boast, doesn't have to.

You are not likely to do better tomorrow unless you do your best today.

The best place to talk about your neighbors is to God in prayer.

Good character, like good soup, is usually homemade.

Even if you are on the right track you will get run over if you just sit there.

Pray for a good harvest but continue to hoe.

Happy Fourth of July!



As we celebrate America's birthday 2012, it is easy to get caught up in the greatness of our nation and forget the One Who made it great. We are blessed to live in what many say is the greatest country, which means we should be overwhelmingly thankful for God's grace and mercy and for those men and women who have sacrificed so much to keep our country free.

In this day of "political correctness" and an increasing push to remove God from our culture, the words of a few of our great leaders are an excellent reminder that God has done far more than our founding Fathers ever imagined.

"It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible."

- **George Washington**

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here."

- **Patrick Henry, Patriot 1776**

"We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in Heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His kingdom come."

- **Samuel Adams, 1776
(at the signing of the
Declaration of Independence)**

"Intelligence, patriotism, Christianity, and a firm reliance on Him, Who has never yet forsaken this favored land, are still competent to adjust, in the best way, all our present difficulty."

- **Abraham Lincoln**

"The secret of my success? It is simple. It is found in the Bible: 'In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.'"

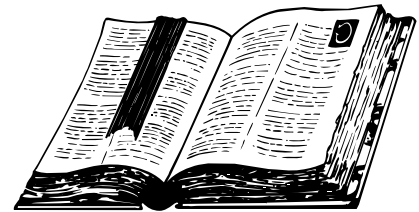
- **George Washington Carver,
Inventor 1939**

"The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God."

- **John F. Kennedy**

Justice, mercy, and humility seem to be characteristics of many of the leaders that God has placed in leadership, not just in our country, but around the world.

Because no matter where you live or what your circumstances, God has called us to be people who pursue justice, who are merciful and who remain humble knowing that all we have is only because of God's goodness.



It is a perfect day to thank those around you who have sacrificed for our freedom, and it is an even better day to remember the sacrifice Jesus made so that we could have freedom in Christ.

Reflect on God's faithfulness to you and thank Him. Then thank Him for the blessings He has bestowed on our nation.

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***"Behold how good and how pleasant it is
for brethren to dwell together in unity."
Psalm 133:1***



***Believe on the Lord
Jesus Christ and you
will be saved.***

THIRTY BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

There are thirty books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much, he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving his puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund-raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha (Delta Phi) lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, the Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right here in plain view, hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One Revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for mad exodus. There really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph, waiting to be found. Blessings.

Submitted by Jeanette Howard