May 2012  Please forward this newsletter and/or print out copies for your local church bulletin board and for distribution.

The Chesapeake Conference Third Quinquennial Constituency Session is planned for Sunday, May 20, at the Spencerville church, 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland.

~ The Nominating Committee will meet on Sunday, May 6.

~ Town Hall meetings are ongoing in the various regions of the Conference. All delegates are requested to attend one of the Town Hall meetings. The meetings are open to everyone. Attendees can expect to hear detailed reports on the various ministries of the Conference, and participate in a question and answer session at the close of the meeting. For more information, call (410) 995-1910, or email jstefan@ccosda.org. The locations and meeting dates are follows: Saturday, May 5, 7:00 p.m., at the Park church, 31525 John Deere Drive, Salisbury, Maryland; Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m., at the West Wilmington church, 3003 Millcreek Road, Wilmington, Delaware; and Saturday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hagerstown church located at 11507 Robinwood Drive in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Highland View Academy (HVA) News and Events

~ Principal Deborah Trevino has resigned her position effective June 29. “We wish her much success as she continues her work for God,” says Conference president Rick Remmers. The academy Board of Trustees is in the process of interviewing candidates for the position. Everyone is invited to participate in a farewell potluck dinner for Trevino, Sunday, May 6, at 4:00 p.m., in the Lodge at Mount Aetna Retreat Center. The Center is located at 21905 Mount Aetna Road in Hagerstown.

~ Science teacher Ophelia Barizo was recently awarded the 2012 PASCO STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Educator Award at the National Teachers Association (NTSA) national conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Barizo also won the regional Shell Science Lab Challenge. The awards recognize excellence and innovation.

~ Alumni Weekend is May 4-6 on campus at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown. Plans include a golf tournament on Friday, followed by a 7:00 p.m. vespers drama program. A special Sabbath school and worship service take place on Sabbath, as well as a luncheon and afternoon concert. Varsity basketball games occur Saturday evening and soccer and volleyball games happen on Sunday. For more details, visit hva-edu.com.

~ Graduation events take place May 25-27. A Parent Tribute is planned for 7:00 p.m. on Friday. The Baccalaureate is at 11:00 a.m. on Sabbath. Class Night is at 8:00 p.m. The Commencement is Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

~ HVA Tartan Basketball Camp for boys age 12-17 occurs June 24-July 1. For information, call (301) 739-8480, or visit hva-edu.com.

Spencerville Adventist Academy (SAA) Upcoming Events

~ Spencerville Adventist (Junior) Academy invites all former students, graduates, or attendees to Alumni Homecoming on Saturday, May 19. A special worship service at Spencerville church will include an alumni choir and a bell choir. Saturday evening an alumni “musical review” of all 12 dramas takes place on the new academy stage. If you want to participate in the choirs or the drama, please contact Jane Lanning by phone at (240) 883-3538, or email jlanning@spencerville.org. The Spencerville church is located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring. Spencerville Adventist Academy is located at 2502 Spencerville Road, Spencerville, Maryland.

~ Graduation events are planned for May 25-27. All events except class night take place at the Spencerville church. The Consecration service is at 7:00 p.m. on Friday; Baccalaureate is Sabbath at 11:15 a.m.; Class Night is at 8:00 p.m. in the SAA Auditorium; and Commencement is Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Baltimore White Marsh School invites prospective students (PK-Grade 8) and their parents to an Open House, Sunday, May 6, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Tour the facility, meet the teachers and school board members, and stay for the Spring Program from 4:00-5:00 p.m. The school is located at 7427 Rossville Blvd in Baltimore, Maryland. Questions? Call the school at (410) 663-1819, or email Heather Hastick at heaster.hastick@gmail.com.

The Willow Brook church sponsors two health events this month. On Monday, May 7, Life Line Screening will conduct five non-invasive health screenings not typically part of a routine physical. Learn your risk for stroke or vascular disease. Prices range from $129-$159. To register, call (888) 653-6441. A Natural Health Remedies series runs nightly at 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 14, through Sunday, May 20, at the church located at 8916 Mapleville Road in Boonsboro, Maryland. John Glenn Clark, MD, will discuss how to prevent, reduce, reverse and/or eliminate disease by making positive lifestyle choices. There is no charge to attend this series. Call (301) 797-8808, or email wb2@myactv.net for additional details.

Adventist Community Services (ACS) is collecting new, unopened travel size toiletries and Band-Aids for Comfort Kits that will be distributed to disaster victims. Bring items to your church or to the Conference office. Your help is greatly appreciated.
Learn a biblical approach to conflict resolution at a Conflict Coaching and Mediation training offered at the Triadelphia church, May 20-22. The curriculum is designed to help with personal conflict and conflict within the congregation. The Conflict Coaching seminar is a one-day training on May 20. The Mediation seminar spans Monday, May 21, and Tuesday, May 22. The church is located at 12950 Brighton Dam Road in Clarksville, Maryland. To register, call the church at (301) 854-3678, or email Triadelphia@gmail.com.

Camp Meeting preparations are underway. You can help clean up the Terrace Campground (formerly Trailerville) at a work bee planned for Sunday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Highland View Academy campus located at 10100 Academy Drive in Hagerstown. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Diana Fishell at (301) 824-6045. “Walk With God! Share His Grace!” is the theme for the 2012 Chesapeake Conference Camp Meeting, June 12-16. John Nixon, professor of Pastoral Ministry at Southern Adventist University, is the keynote speaker on Friday evening and Sabbath. Weeknights, hear popular speaker John McVay, president of Walla Walla University. Programming for young adults, youth and children runs all five days. Daytime seminar presenters include Charles Tapp, John and Sally Appel, Carla Baker, Jeffrey Wilson, Inskip Allsop, E. Albert Reece, MD, Bogdan Scur, John McVay, Sergio Manente, and Dick and Ardis Stenbakken. See the full schedule in the May issue of Visitor magazine, and reserve lodging online at ccosda.org.

Registration for the 2012 Women’s Retreat “Mind, Body, Soul” opens online at ccosda.org on May 11. The retreat takes place at Rocky Gap Resort (rockygapresort.com) in western Maryland, November 2-4. Featured speakers are Heather Quintana, Vibrant Life editor, (in English) and Susana Shultz, former Women’s Ministries director for the South American Division (in Spanish). Register early and receive a free tote bag. For more information, visit ccosda.org, call (410) 995-1910, or email jstefan@ccosda.org.

A Hispanic Evangelistic Campaign, featuring well-known evangelist Pastor Alejandro Bullón, runs May 17-19. Felipe Garibo is the guest musician. The meetings will be held at the Spencerville church located at 16325 New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring, Maryland, at 6:30 p.m., on May 17 and 18. On Sabbath, May 19, the meeting moves to Long Reach High School, 6101 Old Dobbin Lane in Columbia, Maryland, and begins at 8:30 a.m. Come and be blessed. For more details, call (410) 995-1910.

June 1-3 is Adventurer Family Weekend at Mount Aetna Retreat Center. Themed “Eager to Know Him,” the weekend features speaker Steven Hernandez, worship leaders Frederick Spirit, awards, Monster Soccer, archery, wagon rides, and more. Contact your Adventurer leader, or Ann Reynolds at areynolds@ccosda.org or (410) 995-1910, for more information.

Discover which wild plants are edible by participating in a one-day class, Sunday, June 10, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Mount Aetna Retreat Center. The $48 fee includes two meals, classes, a devotional talk, a guided hike, and a plant identification booklet. Must register to participate. Learn more and register to attend by calling (301) 824-6045, or email maetnacamp@myactv.net.

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Two Conference workers have recently suffered the loss of a loved one. Please remember these families in prayer during this time of great sadness.
~ Dick Thomas, pastor of the Middletown Valley church in western Maryland, recently traveled to Tennessee for the funeral of his sister who died of cancer.
~ Superintendent of education, Carole Smith, and her family are mourning the April 30 death of Carole’s mother, Elsie Bowen, 87. Bowen, who died unexpectedly following a brief illness, was a vibrant, long-time member of the Westminster, Maryland, church. A memorial service is planned for Sabbath, May 12, at 2:00 p.m., at the church located at 320 Crest Lane in Westminster.

May Sunset Calendar and Offering Schedule:

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