BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
by Dwight Resh, chairman

On Saturday, December 12, 2016, the Breakfast with Santa event was held at the Conway-Runkle Annex Building of Dubs Church. Pancakes, sausage, donuts, coffee, hot chocolate, and juice was served to the large group that attended by our crew of volunteers. There were 5 tables of crafts for the kids to work on under the direction of some of our other volunteers. All the children had the chance to sit on Santa’s lap and tell him their Christmas wishes. Each child received an orange, a candy cane, and several books that had been donated to FOCSP by “Passion for Print”. It looked like everyone had a good time, and left with their tummies full. Thanks to all the volunteer helpers. Also, a special thanks goes to Tony from Hanover Photo Booth for taking the children’s pictures.

WINTER FESTIVAL
by Larry Albright

On Saturday, January 21, 2017, we had our second annual Codorus State Park Winter Festival. I want to take this time to say thank you to everyone who was involved in this event. We couldn’t do this event without the support of the Friends group, park staff, our sponsors and all of the community support. A special thank you to the Winter Festival committee, park maintenance crew, and the fire companies who were involved. We had 70 people take the Eagle Plunge into the lake. The children had a lot of fun at the craft tent, frozen bologna toss and at the Hanover Rhino’s obstacle course. The ice and wood carvers were a big hit with our visitors. We had two special mascots at our Winter Festival: Downtown from the York Revolution Baseball Team and Digger Dog from Columbia Gas. Also, a special thank you to Shaver Creek Environmental Center for bringing their displays. Overall, it was a great event.

MORE PICTURES FROM BOTH EVENTS ON PAGE 6
Hello from Earl and Deanna!

2017 is off to a fairly quiet start, which is much appreciated as myself and Deanna are trying to catch up from the end of last season, and hopefully get a jumpstart on the next one. As you’ll see below, while visitation is down (along with the lake) we have a lot to accomplish and get ready before things begin to green up again. At this time of year, we are at minimum staff. We only have 5 of our maintenance crew, two rangers, and two office staff along with ourselves. It can make for some feverish days when a lot of people come in.

We have a lot of planning to do, hiring to start, projects to figure out (and hopefully finish), and a lot of meetings and trainings that take us out of the park. Most of our upper management find this is the critical time to lay the ground work for the next season and even the next couple of years! They of course always want the input from those of us with our boots on the ground. So believe me when I say the park may be slow, but we are pushing papers like mad! Now that all of that has been said, and you have a little insight to our days, here’s what is happening in the park.

**Hiring** – Even though it is the middle of winter as I write this, this is the time when we do most of our interviewing and hiring (or at least get ready to). Right now we have several openings in our Lifeguard complement, one Clerk typist position to fill, several Semi-Skilled Laborer positions, and we have already hired two brand new Rangers.

**Projects** – The Main Launch Restroom has been completed! The amphitheater is in its final stages. Once the electricity has been run, we will just need to place the benches. The Mill House is having some new life breathed into it, as an architect is scheduled to come out and do some drawings for the renovations (kindly paid for by the Friends). The kiosk outside of the Gift Shop has been looked at by an Eagle Scout who is ready to get his hands on rebuilding it in the spring and placing the dedication bench purchased for the past presidents of the Friends. And we are clearing dead and dying trees throughout the campground for visitor safety in the coming season.

**Lake Marburg** – The biggest question we are getting right now is “Why is the lake so low?” and “Will it come back up?”. The water level has been falling for two reasons. The end of the summer season and the beginning of fall were fairly dry. On top of that, Glatfelter Paper Company still needs to pull water to continue producing paper. They can pull several hundred million gallons of water per month. Right now we have leveled off at about 11.5 feet below normal pool. We are hoping for a very wet winter and spring to bring everything back up to normal, but you can feel better in knowing this isn't the lowest it has ever been. In the early 2000's it had dropped nearly 25 feet! PennDOT was actually able to drive out to Long Island to put up our osprey pole. We aren't worried quite yet, but come spring if it is still low, we may be out trying some rain dances!

While things are quiet now, and getting a break in the crazy is nice, there is always a small yearning for the park to be busy once again. To have visitors coming and going, meeting new people, and hearing stories from those that have grown up using either Codorus or another park as a getaway. While our jobs may be strenuous, and at times nerve-wracking, during the summer, hearing the stories that our visitors have and the experiences we provide for people to get back to what really matters, family, friends, and nature, is really the best thing about this job. And it is always something to look forward to.

So, until next time, we'll see you in the park!

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We will be holding a Lake Management public meeting on March 7, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Conway-Runkle Annex of Dubs Church to discuss our fishery and aquatic plant management plans.

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Websites of interest:

www.friendsofcodorus.org

Friends of Codorus State Park (FOCSP)

Mission Statement

A non-profit, all volunteer operated and staffed group, dedicated to restore, preserve and improve the Codorus State Park and its surroundings. Assist in providing recreational and educational opportunities for current and future generations

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President’s Message from Don Eichelberger

Hello everyone! My name is Donald Eichelberger.

At our December 2016 board meeting, I was elected to serve as president of our friend’s group. For the past two years, I have served as our groups volunteer coordinator. Yes I am the same person that has been asking you to give up some of your precious time for the betterment of the park.

First of all, I would like to thank Dwight Resh for serving as president of our group. Under Dwight’s dedicated leadership, our friend’s group has thrived. In 2015 and 2016, when Dwight served as president, he gave over sixteen hundred hours of devoted service to our group. To better understand those kind of numbers, let’s translate that into forty hour work weeks. That’s forty weeks folks in those two years. Let’s just say that is a tough act to follow.

In those two years many great things were accomplished. Too numerous to list here, but one that needs to be mentioned is the creation of our strategic planning committee. At the urging of Brad Bealing, this committee was set up to research and give recommendations to our board of directors, to better fulfill our mission statement. One of the first recommendations given to the board was more and better use of technology. Our board embraced and implemented this recommendation.

It is with deep regret, the board has accepted the resignation of Brad Bealing as web master. The website was the brain child of Brad and he has been our web master from the beginning. He can no longer fill this position due to time limitations. His successor is Chris Enck.

Chris is a former elementary teacher and current IT program director at a local school district.

The position of the Easter egg hunt chairman has been filled by Terry Alwine, a very active and long-time member.

Our board is developing a list of members who are willing to accept more responsibility within our friends group. If you would like to have your name on this list please, contact me or any other board member.

In closing, I would like to point out, that when I was reviewing this article, I was struck by the number of times the word OUR was used. Just remember this is OUR friend’s group. Please help us help the parks.

Thanks,

Don Eichelberger
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2017 Board of Directors

Sitting l. to r.: Stacy Folks, Bob Maher; Standing l. to r.: Larry Albright, Suzanne Gamber, Meredith Wilterdink, Don Eichelberger, Ray Weleski, Sandy Rushton, Deanna Schall, Dwight Resh

Missing from photo: Gene Meashey

Chris Enck, new FOCSP webmaster
Member Spotlight: Bob and Janet Maher

Want more volunteers? Just ask a friend to help! That’s how Bob and Janet Maher became involved in the Friends of Codorus State Park. They were asked, by Dwight Resh, to help at Halloween in the Park. They helped and have been helping ever since, for over six years. They have even gotten their son, Jeff, to help when he can.

Bob first started by working at the Outpost and in the Gift Shop, along with Janet. Bob went on to manage the Outpost for almost two years. Bob has also been a member of the Board of Directors since January of 2013. He currently is the Accounts Receivable Treasurer, and Recorder of Volunteer Hours, which he has done for five years.

Thankfully, Bob has retired from his full-time job with Southwestern School District, so he can devote even more time to the park. Together, Bob and Janet have participated in many other FOCSP events over the years: organized Easter Egg Hunt and Blast, built float for Halloween Parade and walked in the parade, and organized the Member Picnic in June, a job that Bob continues to do.

This busy couple also help with spring and fall clean-up days, preparing newsletter for mailing, Halloween in the Park, Winterfest (Janet has been invaluable in the Children’s Craft Tent), Car Show, Chili Cook-off, Trade Shows, and Ice Cream Social for Campers.

Bob has also taken on the responsibility of making coffee for FOCSP meetings (for which we are eternally grateful!!!), and helping set up tents for events. He is also working on creating a map for the Veterans’ Memorial.

Bob and Janet have been vital members of the Friends for many years and in many ways. So, if you want more volunteers to join the Friends, just ask a friend!

NEW EMAIL SYSTEM

If you are sending an email to the Friends of Codorus, please use these new email addresses:

General correspondence  contact@friendsofcodorus.org
Blast  blast@friendsofcodorus.org
Halloween in the Park  hitp@friendsofcodorus.org
Any Board member  firstname@friendsofcodorus.org

for example, to email to Don Eichelberger, send to donald@friendsofcodorus.org

Remember to update your address book also!
FOCSP EVENTS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(SEE INSERT FOR COMPLETE LIST OF 2017 EVENTS)

CAMPING WORLD RV SHOW
MARCH 2-5
CAMPING WORLD
BALTIMORE PIKE
We will be handing out FOCSP information and trying to recruit new members.
We need members to help.
Contact Donald Eichelberger at 451-3635

HANOVER EXCHANGE CLUB BUILDERS’ SHOW
MARCH 9-11
HANOVER MALL
CARLISLE STREET
We will be handing out FOCSP information and trying to recruit new members.
We need members to help.
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OUTPOST & GIFT SHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 10 AM
BOARD ROOM (BASEMENT OF GIFT SHOP)
If you are interested in helping in the Gift Shop or the Outpost, please come to the meeting.
• CHOOSE YOUR FAVE TIME TO HELP
• SEE THE NEW MERCHANDISE
• MEET THE NEW GIFT SHOP MANAGER

SPRING FLING DINNER
SATURDAY, March 18
DUTCH COUNTRY RESTAURANT
946 BALTIMORE ST. HANOVER
SECOND FLOOR
Stair chair lift available if needed
Open to all members and guests
Cost paid by FOCSP
Call 451-3635 or email contact@friendsofcodorus.org by March 4
See insert for more info, including reservation info.

EASTER EGG HUNT
FRIDAY, APRIL 14
CLASSROOM BUILDING, CODORUS STATE PARK
4:00 PM
Contact Don Eichelberger at 578-6579 or 451-3635 or email to donald@friendsofcodorus.org
WE WILL ALSO NEED HELP STUFFING EGGS ON TUES APRIL 11 AT 10 AM AT VISITOR CENTER

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY IN THE PARK
SATURDAY, APRIL 22
MEET AT PAVILION 1 NEAR SWIMMING POOL
8:30 AM
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
TOOLS & GLOVES WILL BE PROVIDED
SEE INSERT FOR MORE DETAILS

MEMBERS’ PICNIC
Thursday, June 8
Classroom Building (Marina Road)
6:00 pm.
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, with toppings of sauerkraut and chili will be provided
Please bring a covered dish.
RSVP Robert Maher by text 717-968-2140 or email to robert@friendsofcodorus.org by June 7, 2017.

“Volunteers are love in motion.”
Anonymous
PICTURES FROM
PAST EVENTS

December 12, 2016

Photographer Tony from Hanover Photo Booth

A huge turnout!

Behind the scenes

Dishing up the good food!

JANUARY 21, 2017

Spectators and helpers

Downtown and Digger

Waiting their turn

Hurry up! I’m cold

Children’s crafts

PICs FROM
PAST EVENTS

Breakfast with Santa

WINTERFEST AND
EAGLE PLUNGE
The following businesses and organizations are fully paid life members of FOCSP. Please thank them for their contributions.

**B&B Lures and Tackle Shop**  
232 Factory St. Hanover

**F&S Yamaha and Marine**  
1800 Smith Station Road  
Spring Grove

**Hanover Garden Club**  
c/o Karen Huston

**Hanover YMCA**  
500 George St. Hanover

**Radio Hanover**  
275 Radio Road Hanover

**Remarkably Created**  
janet@remarkablycreated.com

**St. Matthew’s Boy Scout Troop 105**  
Hanover

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Date______________________________

Name______________________________

Address______________________________

Phone No.______________________________

Email______________________________

Please check one Membership Level (annual dues per person):

- Sapling (youth) - $1
- Pine (regular membership) - $10
- Hickory - $25
- Individual Life -$250**
- Business/Organization -$50
- Business/Organization Life -$500**

(** Life memberships can be paid in five annual installments)

Please check your volunteer interests from the activities and events lists below:

Volunteer Activities
- Gift Shop and Camp Store Sales
- Marketing and Sponsors
- Nature Preservation
- Newsletter Preparation
- Park Clean-Up Days
- Program and Event Volunteer
- Wood Splitting and Stacking

Volunteer Events
- Winterfest
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Codorus Blast Festival
- Chili Cook-Off Clean-Up
- Halloween in the Park
- Breakfast with Santa

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**IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL, PLEASE CONTACT US BY SENDING A MESSAGE TO contact@friendsofcodorus.org.**

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Thanks to the hard work of our members, the Friends of Codorus State Park can fulfill our mission to “restore, preserve, and improve Codorus State Park”. As part of this mission, we have provided the funds for the following projects:

- Paving at the Veterans’ Memorial
- Paving at the Bandshell
- Placing roof and sides on the utility sinks in the campground
- Purchasing benches to use in the park
- Redoing the wall outside the Gift Shop building
- Excavation and landscaping behind the Gift Shop building
- Purchasing tools for us to use on cleanup days

These projects improve the access to these areas for people using wheelchairs and walkers, and improve the safety and comfort for everyone.

The Friends of Codorus State Park also contributes to many other park projects. You can help us help the park by recruiting new members, volunteering for Friends’ activities (see page 5), attending the activities (see the insert), and by making monetary donations to the Friends of Codorus State Park.

Thank you for your support!