

The Roost 50 Yardline

August 2007

REMINDER

The August membership meeting of Ravens Roost 50 will be on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 at the Carney Rod and Gun Club.

This month's menu: Nachos with assorted toppings will be served at 6:15 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – DON MILLER

I'd like to start off by thanking Alan Whatley and everyone on his Committee, all the volunteers at the event, and everyone who attended this year's Shrimp Feast. It was a great time, and it was a financial success for our Foundation! I haven't heard any negative comments, and that's rare!

Ami and I went to the Virgin Festival this year. What a misnomer! Just a bunch of bands playing loud music. Not one virgin to be found! And it was hot! And I smelled a lot of cannabis! We had a great time, but we did miss the annual Family Picnic. I've been told it was a very nice event. Thanks to Maria Schenning and all the members on her Committee for their hard work. I know it was appreciated by all those who attended. Thanks also to Polly Einig for opening up her home to everyone.

Our team looked good against the Beagles, especially our first team offense and defense. I would like to see some defensive players work on their tackling. Ray should've had a sack, and Chris McAlister should've prevented a long run. The game did get my juices flowing, and I'm really looking forward to the beginning of the season. Maybe we should plan a special trip to Cincy ahead of our first game to see if we can get a few more Bungles in trouble with the law.

At the meeting we will be talking about the recent survey that some members participated in, and this will most likely be a lengthy, lively discussion. Therefore, in an effort to keep the meeting as short as possible, I need your cooperation. All Committee Chairpersons submitting a report need to have it in to Mrs. Balog or myself by Tuesday the 21st. If you haven't got it in by then, we'll say "no report" at the meeting. If a

Chairperson needs time on the microphone, you need to contact one of us by Tuesday so we can put you on the agenda. If a member needs time on the mike, contact me before the meeting so I can put you on the agenda. I'll be keeping the President's Comments and Council Report to a minimum, and I would like to keep Committee Reports and other issues short. This should allow plenty of time for members to speak their mind about the survey issue without having a meeting that ends after 9:00. I thank everyone ahead of time for working with me on this!

Finally, I would like to congratulate our VP, Mr. Steve Pearce. On August 11, he proposed to Miss Karen Mehl, and she happily accepted! Now they move on to planning the wedding and trying to start a family. They want lots of kids! Steve has talked about adopting an 18yr old Swedish girl right away, and Karen is looking at an 18yr old Cuban boy. I'm sure they'll make great parents! Congratulations Steve and Karen!

MEETING MINUTES

THE 98TH MEETING OF RAVENS ROOST 50

JULY 25, 2007

The meeting at the Club, with Donny Miller presiding, opened at 7 pm after a good meal. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Guests introduced themselves and the member who brought them to the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Pat

- After noting that Mary Foehrhold, not Mary Kistler, provided the Dundalk Heritage tickets, the Minutes of the June meeting as published in the July Newsletter were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ami

- A motion was passed to accept her report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Donny

- We distributed 86 surveys last month. 54 were returned by the end of that meeting. Please fill out your copy and turn it in tonight.
- A great time was had at the IronBirds Game. Thanks Steve.
- We are looking into getting a Safe Deposit Box for important papers.

COUNCIL REPORT – Donny

- Tickets to the Art Donovan tribute are \$100. See Donny if you want any.
- Training Camp schedules are on the table.
- Roost 84 is folding.
- The Council Bull Roast will be on February 23, 2008, at the Patapsco Arena. Tickets will cost \$38. Roost 50 reserved eight tables.

- Nominations are being accepted for Council Offices. Give them to Donny if you are interested.
- Roost 50 will buy five tickets for the Council Fund Raiser.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Donny (for Joan)

Shrimp Feast

- Alan W thanked every one who worked to make this a success.

Audit

- We will do an interim audit next month.

Charity

- Should we move our Bull Roast from November to late March?
- We discussed sponsoring a hole at the Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) golf tournament. One of our members, Steve Einig, has this disease. (See New Business.)
- There will be a motorcycle ride the Saturday for a boy named Payton burned by chemicals on playground equipment. Come out to Johnny Onorato's Renegade Classics on Route 40. (See New Business.)

Entertainment & Media

- This Committee needs a Chairperson.

Fellowship

- Robin reported that cards were sent to Mike Davis, Lee & Bobbie, Bill Burk, Mary Whatley, Anne Jakielski, Nancy Ward of RR 13, Rob Owens of RR 92, Ray Robin of RR 60, and Jim of RR 28.
- Donny read Thank You cards from Anne, Lee & Bobbie, and Rob Owens.

Historical

- Mary had pictures on the front table. Everyone was invited to look at them after the meeting.

Membership

- Linda presented Jason Davis, Mark Prietz, and Robert Sproesser for membership. **A motion was passed to accept them.**

Crab Feast

- It will be held on October 27th here at the Club. The cost is \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Family Picnic

- Sign up tonight. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Also chairs, towels, or anything else you might need.
- Jan W will oversee the music. Bring your favorite CDs.

Golf

- Thanks to those who are hole sponsors.

Lottery Raffle

- Tickets are available. They cost \$5 each.

Merchandise

- Window stickers are available for \$7 and Ed Block bracelets for \$3.

Season Ticket Raffle

- Thanks to all who sold tickets. We sold most of the 10,000 that were printed.
- Our gross profit was \$9,677 and the net profit was \$7,509, which went to the Social side of the Roost.

- The winners of the raffle were

Pat Rebbert	Two Season Tickets and a Parking Pass
Vern	\$500
	\$300

Food

- A volunteer is needed for September. Patti will be away.
- Our Christmas Party will be on December 26th at Parkville Heritage Gardens, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Do we want to have an open bar or a DJ? Think about it. We will discuss it again at a future meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- We discussed placing an ad in the program for the Art Donovan tribute in September. **A motion was then passed to take out a full-page ad for \$600.** The NFL may help the older players with medical and personal expenses.
- If you want to play in the Ed Block Mini-Golf Tournament in Westminster on August 18th, let Donny know. We may share a bus with Poe's Crows.

NEW BUSINESS

- We talked about the PKD Golf Tournament on September 26th. In August we will draw names of four people who can play on a Wednesday. **A motion was passed to donate \$500. This will sponsor a hole and also a team of four players.**
- Do we want to have a Member Directory listing occupations? It could come in handy if a member needs work done and would like to have another member do it.
- A motion was passed to donate \$500 to the Ride for Payton this Saturday. Two of our members will be riding. The Charity Jug was passed and an additional \$55 was raised for this event.
- Margarita is selling a ticket in Section 146 for \$80 each, or \$1,500 for all ten.
- Linda pointed out that the Ray Lewis event was not a Roost event. If you don't have e-mail, we will use the phone to contact you for Roost events.
- A plaque was given to Alan Lijewski for his years of work on the Board. He was absent last month when plaques were given to Patti and Alan W.
- Ellen Torres talked about the gallery and movie theater the Roost helped paint. She told us that several of the young men have done a mural of their experiences as sexual abuse victims. We were invited to tour the gallery and exhibit. It may help you understand what some of these children have gone through.
- There will be a cleanup detail at the Parking Lot this Saturday at 8 pm. A final cleanup will be in August.
- Turn in your survey tonight if you didn't do it last month.
- A member asked if other Roosts participate in our golf tournaments? The answer was "Yes."
- Huggy belatedly introduced a guest he had brought to the meeting.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- We were asked to remember Tony C's grandmom, Marge & John, our Troops, Mark, Anne, and Michelle's Aunt.

Our 50/50 raffle was won by Cal Holt.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Rebbert
Recording Secretary

PKD Foundation Golf Tournament

At our July membership meeting, we approved sending a team to play in the tournament at a cost of \$400. This tournament is on Wednesday morning, September 26 at Rocky Point Golf Course. Any Roost member that will be available and would like to play, but will not be at this month's meeting, needs to contact Don Miller (410-952-6723) to have their name put in the drawing. If you will be at the meeting, see him there. Assuming we have more than four interested members, we will draw the names at the meeting. Please do not put your name in for consideration if you are not going to be available on Sept. 26!

Roost 50 Golf Tournament

We are still looking for golfers, hole sponsors, and prizes to raffle off.

There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers at the meeting. We need people to work as observers on the par 3 holes, the putting contest, the beverage carts, some assistance at check-in and after the meal, and help putting up tee signs. We need about 18 people. The tournament is on Sat., Sept. 29 at Oakmont Green Golf Course in Hampstead, and begins at 7:30. Volunteers will need to be at the course by 6:45 for orientation. All volunteers will be fed the steak dinner with the golfers after the tournament.

In the past volunteers were given shirts for working the tournament. I cannot promise them this year, but I can promise that they will have access to the beverages on the beverage carts!

VOLUNTEER DAY AT THE MD STATE FAIR

by Terry Boram

Volunteers put countless hours of service in and ask for nothing in return. It's simply the joy of helping someone else. That's what RR 50 is all about. Governor Martin O'Malley would like to honor all Maryland Volunteers by offering them free passes to the Maryland State Fair on Sunday, August 26th

from 9:00am to 11:00pm. Each pass will admit 10 people. Also included are special discounts for rides and food; \$15.00 ride packages and \$4.00 buys \$5.00 in food coupons. Terry Boram has obtained 50 passes to the fair. To request your ticket in advance contact Terry at 2mdsailors@comcast.net or see her at the next general meeting. Tickets will be given out first come first serve so reserve yours early.

Make your plans now to spend the day seeing all the 4-H animals, crafts, riding the Tilt-a-Whirl and of course feeding your face with fried dough and homemade ice cream. It doesn't get any better than that!

COOK'S CORNER:

by Patti Champ

Will the person who made the banana pudding/cake dessert for the family picnic please call me at 410-661-5572. I would like the recipe. Yum!

For those who inquired about the baked beans recipe from the family picnic, open a can of Bush's Baked Beans Country Style and add -- the secret ingredient - - some hickory flavored bottled barbecue sauce to taste! Let it cook on low in the crock-pot for a few hours. The longer it cooks, the more homemade it tastes. You may also add some sautéed onion, although I don't.

Does anybody have any favorite recipes they'd like me to make for a meeting? Contact me.

From last month's meeting:

CHICKEN SALAD: Poach skinless, boneless chicken breasts just until the pink in the middle disappears. (Overcooking it will turn it to rubber.) Cool, dice, and mix with chopped celery, mayonnaise, pepper, and -- the secret ingredient -- McCormick's SeasonAll to taste. You may add salt to taste but go easy; the SeasonAll already has a lot of salt in it. Best when refrigerated overnight and served the next day.

LOTTERY RAFFLE

by Steve Pearce

We are in the middle of tickets sales for the Lottery Raffle in October. If you haven't already picked up some tickets to buy or sell, please see Steve or Karen at the general meeting on Wednesday. If you have a favorite three digit number, ask us if we still have it - if we do, it's yours.

Some of you are wondering how this Lottery Raffle works so I'll try to explain it you. You buy a ticket for \$5 from the Roost. Whatever number that is on the ticket is you number for the entire month of October. If your three digit number matches the MD three digit evening number exactly, you win \$50 - if it is a Sunday, you would win \$100. You can win as often as your number is drawn.

In order to guarantee that we break even, the Roost needs to sell about 375 tickets. The tickets are an easy sell - people like the entire of having an entire month to win something. If everyone sells 10 -20 tickets would have no problem selling all 1000 tickets and providing a nice little pot of funds to the treasury.

Results of Our 'Home' Survey

A copy of the results is included with this newsletter. We will be discussing this subject at the meeting. If you plan to attend, bring any ideas or insight that you may have. This subject will not be brought to the floor for *extensive* discussion after this month's meeting.

SURVEY RESULTS

Results of Our "Home" Survey

71 Members Participated in this Survey - 39.2% of our Membership

1st Figure - No. of members who picked an answer

2nd Figure - Percentage of participants who picked an answer

Comments - A compilation of expressed opinions

Section 1 - The Barn

1. How often do you go to The Barn?

D - Almost never	50	70.4%
C - Every couple of months	15	21.1%
B - Twice a month	4	5.6%
A - Once a week	0	
No Answer	2	2.8%

2. Do you like The Barn's menu?

Yes	31	43.7%
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No	24	33.8%
No answer	16	22.5%
3. <u>Do you like The Barn's atmosphere?</u>		
No	30	42.3%
Yes	28	39.4%
No answer	13	18.3%

4. Comments explaining why you did not answer A to question #1, or if you answered No to either question #2 or #3.

- Not enough seats/too crowded
- Large TV is poor quality
- Can't hear the announcers giving game info
- Don't like the food choices
- Crabs, mussels, and burgers are good. Rest is so-so
- Prices too much
- Atmosphere not "very" friendly
- I watch it at home. Being a new member I'm not aware if anything at The Barn
- Clientele too young
- Too loud, too smoky, poor TV can't reserve table
- Don't like the place
- Staff & management show no interest in accommodating us
- No appreciation
- The good old days of Roost 50 and The Barn are gone
- Parking sucks
- I have a four-month-old baby
- Too small
- They give us no incentive to go there
- Poor service
- They always charge a cover for good bands
- Never been to The Barn
- Just not a regular place for me but I've enjoyed it when I've been there
- Don't go anywhere once a week

Section 2 - Ravens Games

1. If you do not go to the stadium for home games, do you go to The Barn to watch them?

No	40	56.3%
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Yes	9	12.7%
No answer	22	31%
2. <u>If you answered No to question #1, do you</u>		
C - Stay Home?	13	18.3%
A - Go to another bar?	7	9.9%
B - Go to a friend's or relative's house?	4	5.6%
D - Do something else?	1	1.4%
No answer	28	39.4%
Combination of two or more answers	18	25.4%

3. If you do something else, what do you do?

- Depends what is going on for that game.
- See what other members and friends are up to.
- Go to the Elks Lodge

4. If you go to another bar, which one?

- Bay Café
- Bateman's
- Sports bars
- CRGC
- Loonies
- Torinos
- Any one that acts like they're glad you came
- BJ's
- Carson's Creekside
- Piv's
- Cross Street
- Firehouse
- Don't go to bars
- Damon's
- Schooner's

5. Why do you choose to go to this bar instead of The Barn?

- We follow friends
- Hang out with friends and people we know.
- Closer to home
- Won't support an establishment that doesn't care about us.
- Not as crowded
- Cheap

- No smoking

6. Do you go to The Barn to watch away games?

No	55	77.5%
Yes	16	22.5%

7. If you answered N to question #6, do you

C - Stay home?	14	19.7%
A - Go to another bar?	9	12.7%
B - Go to a friend's or relative's house?	5	7%
D - Do something else?	2	2.8%
No answer	20	28.2%
Combination of two or more answers	21	29.6%

8. If you do something else, what do you do?

- Go to the CRGC or stay home.
- Work
- See what other members and friends are up to.
- Go to the Elks Lodge
- Stay closer to home (Belair)

9. If you go to another bar, which one?

- Firehouse
- CRGC
- Loonies
- Torinos
- Any one that acts like they're glad we came
- Dead Freddie's
- Tully's
- Carson's Creekside
- Any one

10. Why do you choose to go to this bar instead of The Barn?

- Firehouse - free food at halftime
- Hang out with friends and people we know
- Won't support an establishment that doesn't care about us
- Closer to home

- Free oysters, buckets of beer, great wings, hot waitresses (but Vickie @ The Barn isn't bad on the eyes)
- The Barn sucks

Section 3 – What You Want From Your “Home”

1. How often do you want specials for Roost 50 members?

B – Only during football season	29	40.8%
A – All the time	26	36.6%
C – Not at all	5	7%
No answer	9	12.7%
Combination of two or more answers	2	2.8%

2. If you want Roost specials all the time, please explain what you'd like to get from our “home.”

- One special drink at a discount for Roost members
- Discount on food
- Discount on drinks
- Specials during games would be nice
- 10% discount on total bill
- Sitting with other Roost members
- Specials on crabs
- “Special treatment.” Build a relationship with us
- 1/2 price specials all day on game days including drinks
- Happy hour anytime

3. If you want Roost 50 specials during football season only, what do you want?

- Drink & food specials
- Wings & onion rings
- Reduced price wings & burgers
- ID card for reduced domestic beer
- Ability to reserve tables
- Raffles, swear box themes or party dress up events
- Anything is better than nothing
- 1/2 price specials all day on game days including drinks
- Potluck dinners. Charge for caterers sometimes
- Pit beef
- Varied buffets at half time
- 10-20% off other food & drink on game days

4. How many seats should be reserved for Roost 50 members during

Home Games - 0, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 50, 60-75, 100, 10% of membership
 Away Games - 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40-50, 60, 75, 100,
 25% of membership

5. Should Roost 50 members have their own section for Ravens games?

Yes	50	70.4%
No	10	14.1%
No answer	11	15.5%

Section 4

1. If the owners of The Barn were to accommodate some of our wishes, how often would you go there?

C - Every couple of months	25	35.2%
B - Twice a month	22	31%
D - Almost never	14	19.7%
A - Once a week	5	7%
No answer	4	5.6%
Combination of two or more answers	1	1.4%

2. If they accommodate some of our wishes, would you go there for away games?

Yes	45	63.4%
No	19	26.8%
No answer	7	9.9%

3. If No, why not?

- Not enough seats/too crowded
- If the entrees were better I'd go more
- Prefer CRGC
- Too far
- Cheaper at home
- I gave them three years. I'm done.

4. If the Board of Directors were to find another establishment to call our "home," and if this new "home" were to satisfy some of our wishes, how often would you go there?

B - Twice a month	25	35.2%
C - Every couple of months	24	33.8%
A - Once a week	6	8.5%
D -Almost never	4	5.6%
No answer	10	14.1%
Combination of two or more answers	2	2.8%

5. If we were to find a new "home," would you go there for away games?

Yes	48	67.6%
No	11	15.5%
No answer	12	16.9%

6. If No, why not?

- I'd go to test it out. If I didn't like it I'd stay home or go to a family member's house.

- I like The Barn. Been going there for 10 yrs and don't see a reason to stop.

- It would depend on accommodations and food and libations.

- Depends on my schedule

- Cheaper at home

- Depends on where it is.

- I like The Barn (Colt 45!)

- The Barn is home.

7. Additional comments.

- I would most likely not go to the Gun Club for games. I like a more public place where people join from all over.

- I'd go to The Barn more often or another "home" only if I really like the food and it's reasonably priced.

- Specials for Roost members are nice but would not be a factor in my going there.

- The Barn's good for crabs and "bar food," but the entrees are lacking and need improving.

- I don't think any establishment should feel obligated to offer drink or food specials to Roost members. For Ravens games a halftime buffet for everyone is nice, along with beer specials.

- Thank you for your consideration and hard work.

- Make CRGC our home and set it up with big screen TVs.

- Used to go to The Barn because that's where everyone from RR 50 went. Wait staff knew us, and we could reserve tables. Since the management chance,

they don't seem to care about us. I won't go to a place that doesn't care about RR 50 members.

- I get a better picture on my TV than the one at The Barn.

- I am adaptable and can go anywhere as long as I have people to party with.

- Discount to Roost members for tailgate lot. With \$57,000 maybe we should buy a yacht.

- The Barn is like an old girlfriend. She's gone. Time to move on. CRGC is where our sign should be.

- I use my "chips" for home games, so I can only go out to watch a few away games.

- Any place RR 50 calls "home" should be conveniently located for "most" members. The relationship should be friendly and warm and the climate inviting.

- I stay hoe with friends & family for football games. I wouldn't go to a bar no matter which one it is.

- It doesn't matter. I go with the flow as long as I'm with my fellow "Roosters!"

- Our banner should be at the bar for both home and away games

- We should be able to display our banner and trophies no matter where our home is.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

By Steve Pearce - Plan B Publishing

OK OK we know this is the second month of a simply typed newsletter with no photos and fancy graphics and all that other stuff you've come to expect. Well, summer will do that to you. Vacations, pre-season games, the parking lot and the fact the meeting isn't on the last Wednesday of the month but the fourth Wednesday got things fouled up. I am promising, on behalf of our usual publishing crew, that we will get back to the usual newsletter in September when things get back to a more normal pace. We hope that everyone had a great summer and look forward to a winning season with our Baltimore Ravens.