

Ravens Roost 50 Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 2008



President Don Miller

70,000 people chanting your name, signs with your name everywhere in the stadium. It's your first official game in the NFL. Do you get all worked up? No. You simply keep an even keel and play a mistake free game. Wacko-4-Flacco! Let's Go Flacco. Let's also hope that he stays steady against the Clowns on the 21st.

I don't know about anyone else, but the Ravens fans out there who have been expressing their utter dismay at the Texans game being re-scheduled, forcing our team to play fifteen weeks straight, really get under my skin. I wonder if they'd feel the same way if a storm came up the Chesapeake and damaged our stadium. I'm sure the fans in Houston would be more than a little upset if they moved the game to a neutral site (Atlanta or New Orleans) while they were stuck at home picking up the pieces of their lives. Some people clearly have to learn to think before they speak, and they sometimes have to choose not to open their mouths. As far as playing

fifteen in a row, this team so far seems to be able to handle adversity. They'll be OK.

Mark Prietz, Jack Garmer, Steve Pearce, and I had a great time playing in Roost 13's annual golf tournament. Ami had a great time helping out. They have a great group of people up there in Freeland, and they always have a great time. They will be playing in our tournament, along with groups from Roosts 4 and 7.

Mark Prietz, Dave Lewis, Steve Pearce, and I had a wonderful day representing Roost 50 in the PKD golf tournament on September 10. The weather was incredible. Although we didn't win, we did put a dent in their supply of food and beverage. This is a worthwhile organization to support and this tournament is a major local fundraiser. Steve Einig's sister Debbie and her husband Gary own Carson's Creekside and they put on a wonderful lunch after the golf. They are a wonderful couple who own a great establishment. Thanks also to Terry Boram for volunteering her time to work at the event.

We have sixteen members participating in the Ed Block mini golf tournament September 20. It should be another nice event benefiting a great cause.

We recently put some of our Foundation's hard earned money to work for St. Vincent's. Ami recently delivered to Ellen Torres 100 brand new book bags for the kids. Ellen said that the hardest thing to come by as far as school supplies was quality book bags, so I went to Dick's Sporting Goods in White Marsh and talked to the general manager. They gave us 10% off the prices, which was already reduced 50% in some cases. Hopefully the kids will get some good use out of these bags.

For those of you who say your prayers please say an extra one for Roost 5. Their President, Dave Kryglik, recently passed away after a bout with cancer. Dave had been with Roost 5 for a long time, and he also served as Vice President of the Council. Dave was a good guy who was very passionate about the Ravens and kept his Roost involved with the Ray Lewis Foundation. I last saw Dave at Ray's bowling tournament in July, and he seemed the same as always. Dave, we'll miss you.

That's it for this month. Hopefully my co-workers will cooperate and I'll see you at the meeting.

ROOST 50'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Golf Tournament

The Roost 50 Golf Tournament is fast approaching and the foursomes are filling up fast. By the time you read this, chances are the foursomes will be set and everyone will be waiting on the big day on Saturday, September 27th. At this point in time, I'm not sure if we can get any additional golfers into the Tournament after Friday September 19th at 11:30 AM, but if you still want to play, please contact me and we will see what we can do.

We will be offering Roost members one final chance to purchase the cooler of cheer raffle tickets at the meeting on Wednesday. The tickets are being sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. As of the moment, we have close to 30 bottles of assorted liquor and wines in the cooler plus some beer. Don't forget, these bottles will make great emergency Christmas gifts when that long, lost cousin of yours show up at the house bearing gifts and you have nothing for him. If nothing else, you can get him drunk, put him in a cab and send him on his merry way.

For those of you who are volunteering to work the tournament, we will be having a short 10 – 15 minute after the our membership meeting on Wednesday to go over some tournament information. If you can not make it to the meeting on Wednesday, please try to let me know in advance.

ROOST CRAB FEAST

All money/tickets must be handed in at this month's membership meeting. If you will not be attending the meeting, please make arrangements to get this to us before the meeting. Please have money or returned tickets in a sealed envelope with your name, payment amount and (if applicable) number of tickets returned written on the front. If you have any questions or are in need of additional tickets, please contact Maria at mschenning@sha.state.md.us or Alan at alan.whatley@ssa.gov. Thanks in advance for your cooperation! We are also still looking for appetizer and dessert donations and volunteers to work the wheels please sign up at the meeting if you are interested.

TAILGATE LOT HELP

If any members are interested in volunteering on our tailgate lot please contact Maria at mschenning@sha.state.md.us. Please remember that you can not be attending the Raven game if you would like to volunteer. The Board will review all applicants and explain what these positions entail before making any decisions.

MINUTES

After our meal, the meeting opened at 7 pm at the Club with the Pledge of Allegiance with Steve presiding. Donny was absent. Thanks to Mark Balog who started taking the Minutes until Pat arrived.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Pat

- After noting the correction of the date of the PKD Golf Tournament, the July Minutes were then approved as they appeared in the August Newsletter.
- After checking the July Minutes the next day, Pat determined that the incorrect date was in an article in the August Newsletter, and not in the July Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ami

- After Ami read the report, a motion was passed to accept it.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Steve

- In Donny's absence, Steve told us of the good time they had at Roost 13's golf tournament.
- Steve Einig was congratulated on the good job done on the Family Picnic.
- Instead of bring in school supplies, we will be passing the Charity Jug tonight.
- Stock up on headache tablets for the Ravens season.

COUNCIL REPORT – Steve

- \$1,000 was given to "Ribbons of Comfort" to help cancer patients at St Agnes Hospital.
- There will be a benefit for the Humane Society of Baltimore, Dogfest 2008, on October 4th. Check the Council's webpage.
- Join Channel 13 in Fell's Point at 6 am on Labor Day to participate in the first Manic Monday of the season.
- Ed Young thanked those who helped at Training Camp, and he specifically mentioned Roost 50's Colin Wright.
- Nominations for Council Officers were announced. Donny Miller is running for President.
- Get your tickets for the Council Bull Roast.
- The Convention had a surplus of about \$7,000. The Council voted to give \$2,500 each to the OC Volunteer Fire Department and the OC Volunteer Paramedics.
- The 2009 Convention will be the weekend after Memorial Day, June 3rd to June 6th, 2009.

BOARD OF DIRECTORY – Jack

- At the last Board meeting, we voted to give \$100 to Roost 13's golf tournament.
- Check the Membership List to make sure your information is correct.
- Use the proper forms for refunds and be sure to fill them out correctly.
- Thanks to the Food Committee for tonight's meal.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Jack

Charity – Glen

- The Thanksgiving Food Drive will be here at the Club on Saturday, November 22nd. We will have gas coupons available again this year for those who deliver the food. The Bull Roast was planned for that day but will be moved, possibly to January.
- St Vincent's Bowl-A-Thon has been rescheduled for next March or April, 2009.
- At the July meeting, Hank requested a \$200 donation for the Family Crisis Center. The Committee approved the request. The Membership voted on it tonight and it was passed.
- The Roost will be purchasing school bags for St. Vincent's. Instead of bring items to the meeting, contribute to the Charity Jug tonight for their school supplies.
- We may change the format for the Kids Christmas Party this year. "Believe in Tomorrow" is one of the outlets we are considering.

Entertainment and Media

- We have had trouble contacting Matt Sachse about the web site.

Fellowship – Robin

- Cards were sent to Vickie Weber, Carolyn Lacher, Joyce Burk, Wayne Ciampaglia, Polly Einig, Alan, Robin, Jan, & Mary Whatley, and Bryan & Rosalind Mattec.

Historical – Ami

- We will have a meeting here at the Club on September 10th at 7 pm.

Membership – Linda

- There were no new members to be voted on tonight.

- If you are not going to the game, you can join fellow Roost members at Cheers in Perring Plaza Shopping Center.

- I encourage new members to come to activities such as the Thanksgiving Food Drive. They are fun and leave you with a good feeling that comes from helping others.

Travel

- A hand count was taken to see who would want to go the Atlantic City, possibly in March.

- Pat said she knew of a trip being planned to the Ravens game in Miami.

Crab Feast – Carolyn

- Please return any tickets you cannot sell. All money and tickets are due at the September meeting.

Family Picnic – Steve E.

- Thanks to my Committee, to the stores who donated items, and to all who came to the Picnic. On the table in the back here are some things that were left behind.

Golf – Steve P.

- We need volunteers and players for the September 27th tournament. We could use donations for the Cooler of Cheer and for Door Prizes.

Lottery Raffle – Mary K.

- Tickets are now available for the December lottery raffle.

Shrimp Feast – Alan W.

- We had a good turnout of about 350 people. That gave us a profit of about \$4,500 and \$780 on the Season Ticket raffle. More at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

- Lee has two tickets for sale for the Browns game.

- Jack G is looking for two tickets for the Raiders game.

- Seven signed up to play in the PKD Golf Tournament. We will draw four names to participate.

- We will need a volunteer to take the Minutes at the September Membership meeting. Pat is having surgery.

- Steve P. explained how the Volunteer of the Year would be chosen this year. A discussion followed. A committee will be needed to oversee this selection. We will need at least six, and no more than one-third can be Board members. More members than six would be good. A copy of the outline is attached to the Minutes.

- Mary F. knows someone who has two tickets for sale.

- Patti C. asked that we not throw away the snack bowls on the tables.

- Roost 4's Cosmic Bowling Tournament will be held on November 30th at 8 am in Ellicott City. The cost is \$25.

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

- We have a lot tonight. They are Alan and Jan Whatley & families, Carolyn Lacher, the men and women in uniform, our Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel, Mary Whatley, Aurelia Dillon, Derek Rubino's Mom, Mary Foehrhold's Dad, Pat Rebbert, and Linda Smith's son who is on his last deployment.

The Charity Jug contained \$260.04 for St Vincent's school supplies.

The 50/50 was won by David Beverage.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted - Pat Rebbert - Recording Secretary

ROOST NOTES

September menu:

Lasagna, salad and dessert served at 6:30 p.m.

Kami's Jammies Challenge

Ravens Roost 50 has accepted a challenge from Roost 65 to collect new 2-piece pajama sets for children that are undergoing cancer treatment in area hospitals. Casey Cares Foundation is sponsoring this fundraiser called Kami's Jammies, which was inspired in memory of Kamryn who bravely battled leukemia and hated to wear scratchy hospital gowns. This program helps children feel more at home while they're in the hospital. If you would like to donate, please bring "new" 2-piece pajama sets to this month's membership meeting. We are collecting for both boys and girls and the sizes can be from infant to teen. A box will be set up at the meeting for your donation. If you cannot donate, please spread the word that we will be collecting at our tailgating lot on October 5 – the game against the Titans. Let's show Roost 65 and the rest of our fellow Roosts what Ravens Roost 50 is made of and make this endeavor a complete success!

Christmas Party/10th Anniversary Gala

Please remember to mark your calendar for Friday, December 26, the date of our annual membership Christmas party which will also be our 10th Anniversary Gala. This event will be held at Parkville Heritage Gardens from 7:00pm until 11:00pm and is sure to be a fun-filled event. This year you will be able to bring a guest for a fee. As always, there is no cost to members. Details will be available at the September meeting. Please see Patti Champ at the meeting to sign up or e-mail at patticc@aol.com.

For our anniversary celebration, the Historical Committee is in need of pictures of members, events, and anything else you may have from the last 10 years of Ravens Roost 50. Any item you provide will be returned to you by making sure your name is attached. If you have any of these items, please bring them to the September membership meeting or to the board meeting on October 1st. If you have any questions, contact Ami Miller at Ami.miller@phh.com for more information.

Roost 4's Cosmic Bowling Tournament

Ravens Roost 4 from Ellicott City will be holding their annual Cosmic Bowling Tournament on Sunday, November 30 at Brunswick Normandy Lanes in Ellicott City. It runs from 8:00am to 11:00am. The proceeds from this event go to SOMD via the Polar Bear Plunge and the Deep Creek Dunk. The cost is \$25 per player, which includes three games, shoe rental, continental breakfast, prizes, and donation. The bar will be open in case anyone would like to purchase a low or high octane beverage at 8:00 in the morning.

Roost 4 is an active supporter of our endeavors and we'd like to return the favor by participating in this fun event. Last year we entered two four-person teams. This year we'd like to enter four teams. What we've decided to do is split the cost with each player. If you sign up, your cost will be \$12.50. The Roost will pick up the other \$12.50. Thus the total cost to the Roost would be the same as last year.

This event will be open to all active members of Roost 50. The first sixteen people to add their names on the list are guaranteed to play. (Remember to check your calendars first; this is the Sunday after Thanksgiving! The Ravens play @ Cincinnati @ 1:00) If you are interested you can sign up at any of the next three Roost meetings. If you will not be able to make it to the meeting, contact Don @ 410-952-6723 or iceman_689@hotmail.com and he'll add your name to the list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



SEPTEMBER MEETING -9/24/2008