

# READY...SET...RETIRE!

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## MEET US AT THE RIVER

Our next membership meeting for June will be held at the Hiawatha docks along the Susquehanna River near Williamsport. The Hiawatha Pavilion has been reserved for a pot-luck lunch, beginning at **11:30 a.m. on TUESDAY, June 7, 2011**. (The pavilion was not available on Thursday, June 9th, as previously scheduled.)

Please bring:

- a covered dish to pass
- your table service
- your beverage

Following the meal, we will have our meeting and then, at 1:00 p.m., you may choose to join us for a ride on the Hiawatha for a one-hour cruise. The cost of the cruise will be **\$6.00** per person.



## MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 12, 2011

The Lycoming County Retirees met at 11:30 a.m. at Hoss's Restaurant on the Golden Strip on April 12, 2011. There were 41 members and guests present.

Officers present: Alice Bair - Chairman  
Barb Thomas - Co-Chair  
Esther Crawford-Cohick - Secretary

Motion was made by Ralph Lukens and seconded by Connie Dewald to accept and approve the secretary's report of February 10, 2011, Motion carried.

No Treasurer's Report today as Ann Kilburn, treasurer, was absent.

Several items were brought up for discussion:

1. Alice Bair has obtained information on a trip on the Hiawatha Paddlewheel and picnic at the pavilion. The charge is \$6.00 per person for the public cruise is you are taking a ride. If we would do a private cruise, it would be \$295/Monday. Barb Hall made a motion and Lynn Hartley seconded that we make plans to go on a public cruise and picnic beforehand. The date decided on was Thursday, June 9, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. (our next meeting date) **[NOTE: THIS DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED. PLEASE SEE PAGE 1]** Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and drink. Newsletter or postcard will probably be out as a reminder before the next meeting.
2. Barb and Phil Thomas have obtained information on a dinner theatre (The Rainbow Room in Lancaster). We agreed for Alice Bair to make reservations for Wednesday, May 25th. The cost of the trip will be \$65 per person. We need at least 35 people - if we have more (which there is plenty of room for) the price will go down. Any refund will be made the day of the trip. The theatre show is *Who Goes Bare* (comedy) [there is no nudity]. **[NOTE: THIS TRIP HAS BEEN CANCELLED]**
3. We received an update on Rebecca Burke's condition for her accident and a get well card was passed and signed by those retirees present.
4. A comment was made and we will follow up on sending cards to members in distress. So please keep one of the officers advised so we are aware in order to send cards.
5. PICNIC is being planned by Russ and Marie Reitz again at Gracious Meadows - probably in August - as we have been invited back again.

Maggie Sockman made a motion to adjourn and Frank Hoffman seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Esther Crawford Cohick, Secretary

# CONGRATULATIONS NEW RETIREES



**Janet Day**  
(Domestic Relations)  
retired on  
April 22, 2011  
after almost 25 years of  
service to the county



**Don Cohick**  
(Veteran's Affairs)  
retired on  
April 27, 2011  
after almost 29 years of  
service to the county



**James DeVore**  
(Domestic Relations)  
will retire on  
July 1, 2011  
after almost 9 years of  
service to the county

## Reminder:

In order to continue receiving copies of this newsletter, you must be a dues-paying member! Please mail your \$10 check made payable to "Lycoming County Retirees" to:

Ann Kilburn, 406 Wyndham Court  
Williamsport, PA 17701

# ABBEY TALES

Submitted by Nancy Stugart

Last fall Abbey was introduced to camping. When I say camping I don't mean basic camping (tent). I mean an RV with all the amenities. Although, I really don't need a cook top or oven! Since she adapts well to new situations I knew as soon as she finished checking out the camper she would settle in and enjoy camping.

Beside the dining room table, there are large windows that go to the floor, the living room has a large picture window and the doors have long windows. All the windows ensure that she will see everything and everyone.



Abbey going for a ride in the golf cart.

When she is outside, she expects everyone to stop for a visit to pet her and talk to her. She enjoys her rides in the golf cart and taking walks (to me it is a walk, to her it is a chance to visit) around the campground.

Camping season has started and she spent her first weekend camping for 2011.



Abbey keeping watch at the window.

If she could talk, she could tell you everything that is happening around the camper. Abbey thinks camping is a social event. When she is inside the camper, she is usually at one of the windows watching something or someone. When someone walks by, she stands at the window wagging her tail knowing there is a good chance they are going to come to the window to talk to her.



All of this activity makes a girl tired!

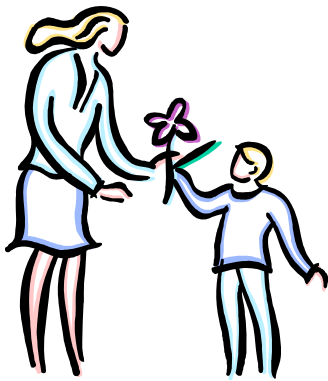


# IN HONOR OF OUR MOTHERS

Submitted by Nancy Stugart

**M**other's Day dates back into seventeenth century England. Originally it began with "Mothering Sunday", which was the fourth Sunday in Lent.

Mothering Sunday was the day when all the children who were away from their homes were allowed to return to their homes. They were away from their homes either for learning a trade or to work as servants.



Gradually it became a tradition that on this day the family would gather for a mid-Lenten feast in which the Mother was treated as the 'Special Guest'. As the children visited their moms on this day they would give cakes to their mothers. They also used to pick wildflower bouquets for their mothers.

In the United States it was Julia Ward Howe who came up with the idea of an International Mother's day in 1872. Her objective was not to honor mothers but to celebrate the peace.

Anna Jarvis was the person who tried to establish Mother's Day, as a national celebration. She held an annual gathering "Mother's Friendship Day", to heal the pain of the victims and those affected by the Civil War. After the death of her mother in 1905, she began a campaign for the establishment of an official Mother's Day in order to commemorate and pay tribute to her mother.

Anna Jarvis began her struggle, to have Mother's Day declared as a national holiday, in the spring of 1908. She wrote to the Superintendent of Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. This was the place where her mother had taught Sunday school classes for over 20 years. She urged that a Mother's Day service should be held in honor of her mother.

As a result of her efforts, the first official Mother's Day was celebrated on May 10, 1908 at Andrew's Methodist Church.

In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson declared that Mother's Day should be celebrated as a national holiday on the second Sunday in May.



## THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME

~ AUTHOR UNKNOWN ~

1. My mother taught me **TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE**. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me **RELIGION**. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about **TIME TRAVEL**. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me **LOGIC**. "Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me **MORE LOGIC**. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me **FORESIGHT**. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me **IRONY**. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of **OSMOSIS**. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about **CONTORTIONISM**. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about **STAMINA**. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
11. My mother taught me about **WEATHER**. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
12. My mother taught me about **HYPOCRISY**. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate!"
13. My mother taught me the **CIRCLE OF LIFE**. "I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
14. My mother taught me about **BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION**. "Stop acting like your father!"
15. My mother taught me about **ENVY**. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
16. My mother taught me about **ANTICIPATION**. "Just wait until we get home."
17. My mother taught me about **RECEIVING**. "You are going to get it when you get home!"
18. My mother taught me **MEDICAL SCIENCE**. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, They are going to freeze that way."
19. My mother taught me **ESP**. "Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
20. My mother taught me **HUMOUR**. "When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
21. My mother taught me **HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT**. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
22. My mother taught me **GENETICS**. "You're just like your father."
23. My mother taught me about my **ROOTS**. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
24. My mother taught me **WISDOM**. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
25. And my favorite: my mother taught me about **JUSTICE**. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

**WE WISH A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR  
FRIENDS WHO ARE CELEBRATING IN  
MAY, JUNE & JULY:**

May 1	Gary Hutchinson	May 14	Barb Hall
May 1	Sherry Neenan	May 17	Alvena Tupper
May 2	Marie Jacoby	May 20	Michael Singer
May 3	Connie Dewald	May 21	Brett Feese
May 3	Patty Fawber	May 25	John Scott Thomas
May 6	Phyllis Feese/Guyette	May 29	Mary Wyles
May 12	Thelma Breidinger	May 31	Eunice Stover

June 1	Doris Hursh	June 18	Lois Wertman
June 4	Tom Corbett	June 18	Cheryl Stiber
June 7	John Monahan	June 20	Charlene Koletar
June 9	Stephen Schlesing	June 20	Pauline Montgomery
June 13	Betty Stark	June 22	Jerry Walls
June 14	Bob McCullough	June 22	Carolyn Wither
June 16	Terry Cochran	June 22	Rodney Young
June 16	Judy Collins	June 27	Marge Thompson
June 17	Susan Morris	June 28	Harry Bryson
June 18	Josephine Coleman	June 29	Gary Hartley

July 1	Gary Little	July 21	Esther Reese
July 7	Joann Bixler	July 21	Bob Coolidge
July 8	Steve Blank	July 21	Jim Reed
July 11	Ralph Lukens	July 25	Chrystie Engle
July 11	Dave Lorson	July 27	Peg Ramin
July 13	Orrie Brown	July 30	Judy Gaston
July 16	Glenn Shaw	July 30	Dudley Anderson
July 17	Elizabeth Gipe	July 31	Frank Metzger
July 19	Rebecca Mutchler	July 31	William Kelly
July 20	Allen Kaplan	July 31	Ev Kreger

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**UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE:**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7**

**11:30 A.M. POT-LUCK LUNCH AT THE PAVILION**  
**1:00 PUBLIC CRUISE ON THE HIAWATHA (\$6)**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9**

**ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC**  
**AT THE REITZ FARM**

~ DETAILS IN NEXT NEWSLETTER ~

**COMEDY**

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Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% percent discount.

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

