

## MESSAGE FROM THE CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

There is a rumor circulating in the neighborhood that on a recent Saturday, the Santa that was in the clubhouse was not the "real" Santa. It has been confirmed that the "real" Santa was very busy at the North Pole getting ready for his big ride for Christmas. Credit must be given to the "stand-in" Santa that did a fantastic job, having all of those little ones sit on his lap and telling him about the gifts that they want for Christmas. Thanks Ken Pippin from the community, the Clubhouse and from Kim and Catherine.

Of course, as often occurs in Somerset Lake there was a very embarrassing issue with Santa. Seems as if one Marilyn Becker was sitting on Santa's lap and refused to get off. Kids were crying, mothers screaming and finally, it only took three men and a boy to extract Marilyn. OK Marilyn, hope you get all of your wishes.

The Christmas party was a fantastic success. The decorations were wonderful and the layout for the food was a real improvement from past years. The carving station, from the Brown Derby, was well received. Unfortunately, Kim and Catherine were so busy keeping things moving and replenished did not get to enjoy the prime rib.

Exciting times await those that love to run in the cold. Dave Berger has a few upcoming events. January 7<sup>th</sup>. and 21<sup>st</sup>. and February 4<sup>th</sup>. and 25<sup>th</sup>. You will see this listed as the Frozen Nuts Winter Race Series. Please note - these events are organized and sponsored by Dave Berger.

With the end of the holiday season we again go into the dark time. All of the pretty lights are down and the weather is generally dismal. Maybe we will not have to deal with any serious snow events. As usual please be aware of people walking, running and otherwise out without adequate light or reflective clothing.

There was an accident in the neighborhood recently. A car seemed to miss the turn at the spillway and, unfortunately, went over the side and ended up at the bottom of the lower end of the spillway. Hopefully the driver did not sustain any serious or long term injury.

Just a short note regarding Longwood Gardens. It was reported that over the holidays the Maling Family went to Longwood to enjoy the lights and pretty flowers. Steve had a "need" and may have embarrassed some of his party. Just noting.

For everyone that enjoys the dog park, please keep your dog on a leash until they are in the fenced area. When your dog is running loose it is, at least, a concern for anyone walking or walking with their dog. Unfortunately dogs, like people, have attitudes with other animals and having them get into a fight is not acceptable.

Stay well and have a happy new year.

Bernie