



Penn-Del Tips

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Welcome to our 53rd Annual Retreat!

by Bob McQue, Executive Vice President, ABMOPAD

Your Board of Managers once more offers up prayers of gratitude to God, that He has led this group of men to our annual mountaintop experience. We have been working all year praying and reviewing your evaluation forms in order to provide a memorable experience for all. Our goal has been to provide: inspiration through our speaker, the music, testimonies, presentation of our Layman of the Year and times of devotion; Education through the workshops, Sunday School, and display tables; and fellowship through organized sports, free time, and refreshment times.

Your participation and feedback molds the character of each retreat. Several workshops are repeated from last year due to comments made on the evaluation sheets. Several new workshops were formulated, again due to comments and requests made on last year's evaluation sheets. One of the workshops is presented this year based on feedback from the year before last. We were not able to find a leader for this workshop last year, but God provided one for this year. Those retreat evaluation forms

are read and considered in assembling a retreat. Our attendance in 2006 was approximately 200, yet only 68 evaluation forms were received. This means that approximately 1/3 of the attendees influenced the content of this retreat. Get in on the action! Say something about your experience. We do listen!

The key word for making ABMOPAD a powerful organization for service to our Lord is participation. First and foremost is participation at your local congregation. All of the efforts put into these retreats are focused on assisting each one of us to be a better, more active Christian man in our respective local congregation. To increase our efforts on this first goal, we need more participation at the retreats. You are the ambassadors. Return often, and bring someone with you. Our Booster Club also needs more participation. Out of many thousands of ABMen in our region, only several hundred participate. Our Disaster Relief/Kingdom Builders need more participation. If you have the physical ability, and can provide time away from other commitments, this is a wonderful way to serve. A

simple way to participate is to ensure that your Board of Managers has your correct home address. Our main communication organ is the Penn-Del Tips. Over two thousand were mailed in the Spring of this year. Several hundred were returned for bad addresses. A mailing list printout is on the Booster Club Table. If you did not receive a mailing, please look up and correct your address. For those of you that have a computer, the web Site is a great source of information.

One last comment on participation. The person to person contact is very effective. Your Board of Management is organized to provide such contact through the Area Vice Presidents. Too many of those positions are empty. Please give serious consideration to serving in that capacity in your area. Many of the shortfalls in these other functions previously mentioned could be reduced with the Area Vice President positions filled.

I pray for an enjoyable retreat for each of you. I trust you will be inspired, educated and immersed in Christian Fellowship while here, so you may return to your congregations energized and inspired to serve.

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Can you find the hidden phrase? Drop one letter from the list above into the empty blocks immediately below it. Each letter is used only once. Words may not break at the end of the line. A dark block is a separator between words.

Good luck!

Please be sure to silence your cell phones and pagers during sessions.



Please observe Quiet time between 11:00 P.M. and Devotions!

Welcome to Dr. James McJunkin and Mr. Rich Shive

We would like to extend a warm ABMOPAD welcome to Dr. James E. McJunkin, Jr. who will be our keynote speaker this year. Dr. McJunkin is the Executive Minister of the Philadelphia Baptist Association.

We also are pleased to welcome back Rich Shive, who will be delivering our special music as well as leading our hymns of praise and worship.

Be sure to read their bio's in the retreat booklet.

From the Editor

I recently decided to learn how to play the guitar. Among the things I'm learning is that you can tune your guitar to itself and it will sound just fine, when played alone. However, if you try to play along with another instrument, you probably are not going to enjoy the music. You need to make sure your guitar and the other instruments are in tune with each other so that the music you play is pleasing.

Don't we often do that in our lives as well? We may be quite pleased with how our lives are going, certain that we are "in tune". Then we may come upon another person who is also sure that he is "in tune" and the music we make together is about as pleasing as listening to an out of tune orchestra.

A wise person once said "The reason we have two ears and only one mouth is that we may hear more and speak less." Another said "When we do all of the talking, we learn only what we already know." Your life may be going great right now and you may not have a care in the world and that would be wonderful. No matter what your current life situation is though, I challenge you to take a moment and truly listen to those around you. Get yourself "in tune" with your brothers and sisters in Christ. When we do that, we can truly live in harmony.

Newsletter Submissions

The Penn-Del Tips will be available as you enter Reisner Dining Hall on Saturday and Sunday mornings .

If you have something you would like to add to the next morning's edition, please write it down and give it to a board member by 6:00 P.M.

Booster Club Update

As reported in the May Penn-Del tips, Booster Call number 51 was made in support of the Kodiak Mission in Alaska. In June, a group of volunteers from our region went to the mission and hand-delivered the initial \$4,700 that was raised in support of this call. We will be closing the call at the end of the retreat and sending the remaining funds soon after. If you have not sent your support for this call or if you are not currently a Booster Club member, you can make a donation this weekend by seeking out a board member.



Layman of the Year Nominations

Be a friend to a friend and nominate a brother in Christ for Layman of the Year. Any layman can be nominated, just look for the requirements outlined in the program book and complete the application found in the back of the book. Place it in the retreat evaluation box at check out area, or mail it to:

Robert R. McQue Sr.
21301 Ann's Choice Way
Warminster, PA 18974

The nomination forms are kept on file for three years, the voting is done by the L.O.Y. committee consisting of the most recent past Honorees.



Reminder! All meetings and workshops will be held in the CUB!

A few housekeeping items . . .

- All men who are participating in any part of the evening or Sunday morning programs need to meet with Bob McQue, Sr. at the side of the stage 15 minutes prior to the session.
- Quiet time begins at 11:00 P.M.—You may stay up late if you wish, but please keep the noise to a minimum so as not to disturb others who may be trying to sleep.
- Remember to have a parking permit tag on your car. These are available at the registration desk.
- The Heiges Field House pool will be open from noon to 5 P.M. on Friday and Saturday.
- The weather report for this weekend is for hot weather with a high UV index. Please make sure you drink plenty of fluids when spending time outside (especially during the recreation period).
- The Etter Health Center across from the Seavers Apartments is open for medical emergencies.
- Above all, please have a good time and come back next year (and bring a friend, too)!