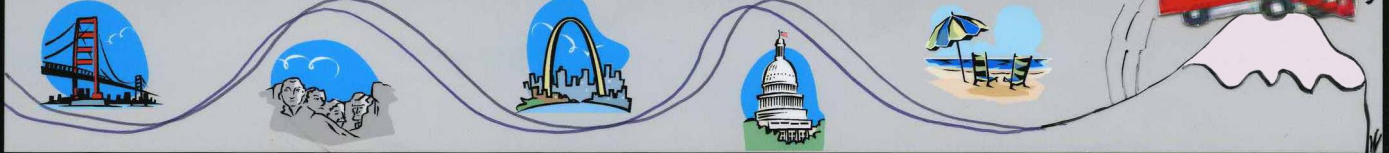


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## A MESSAGE FROM

### YOUR "LAME DUCK" EDITOR

Since this will be the last issue of "The Winnie Wanderer" I will edit, I want to introduce you to our new editor, Charlene Brewton. Charlene and Gwin have been with GWTWs a little over a year, and are already an intregal part of our club - working just anywhere they are needed. The duty of secretary and editor has called, and she has graciously accepted.

Charlene has chosen to continue publishing the "Wanderer" in the same layout. I'm looking forward to seeing the changes that will take place when she incorporates her vivacious, bubbly personality into a plain old down-home, country newsletter. It should be interesting!

She has also chosen to continue with the able assistance of our contributing editors. You know who you are, so look out, she's on your trail.

Thank all of you who cooperated so fully to help produce our newsletter. I look forward to future issues.

By  
 Theda  
 Chambless



Charlene Brewton



# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

WE WELCOME YOU!

## OUR NEWEST MEMBERS



Russ and Ellen Peters, 2673 Shiloh Hills Court, Snellville, GA 30039. Telephone 770-736-4810; e-mail address rlpeters@comcast.net. Russ and Ellen belonged to GWTW previously and have again decided to become a part of our Winnie family.

## GWTW'S CELEBRATE THEIR 35TH ANNIVERSARY

Join with us at our February meeting at River Vista RV Park in Dillard, Georgia to celebrate our 35th anniversary. We especially want to invite those who have been in our club for a long period of time. Please come if you are able. And remember, make your reservations early, as we expect a good turnout to help us celebrate this momentous occasion.

**SEE PAGE 4 FOR ARTICLE AND PICTURES FROM OUR RECENT CHRISTMAS OUTING AT GADSDEN, ALABAMA.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark These Events On Your Calendar

*Hosts should provide information to the editor at least two months in advance. Campouts that are 'TBA' in the WIT Club News are not covered by insurance. It is very important that chapter members notify the hosts after making their reservations so the hosts can plan meals accordingly.*

**January 18-20, 2008** - State WIT Outing - Hosted by the Sta-Goners at Lake Park KOA, Lake Park, GA.

**Rally Package:** \$75 which includes cable, wireless internet, and free use of the YMCA. \$25.00 per night. (1) RV parking for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. (2) Friday and Sunday mornings continental breakfast (3) Saturday morning catered breakfast. (4) Saturday evening catered meal with a band. (5) Use of the Campers Den for meetings and social activities, etc.

Early WIT arrivals will pay \$15.00 plus tax per night.

You can download a form from our website and send it in if you haven't made reservations. Remember you are responsible for getting your reservations in. You can also call Valdosta Lake Park KOA at 1-877-814-9678. Michelle is handling this for us. Mailing address is: Valdosta Lake Park KOA, 5274 Jewel Futch Road, Lake Park, GA 31636.

**February 8-10, 2008** - Hosted by the Homer Bunch at River Vista in Dillard.

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**Upcoming Events (Continued from page 1)**

**March 14-16, 2008** - Hosted by George & Betty Werner and Fred & Linda Tomsett.

**April 17-20, 2008** - Georgia State Rally, AgriCenter, Perry, GA.

**May 16-18, 2008** - State outing. Hosted by GWTW. Location TBA.

**June 13-15, 2008** - Grant & Kathy Baldwin and Bill & Jo Hood. Location TBA.

**July 20-25, 2008** - Grand National Rally. Forest City, IA.

**August 8-10, 2008** - James and Rene Boatfield. Location TBA.

**September 19-21, 2008** - State outing. Hosted by Atlanta Metros. Location TBA.

**October 10-12, 2008** - Hosted by Ernest & Mariana Moosa and Jesse & Theda Chambless. Location TBA.

**November 14-16, 2008** - Hosted by Rick & Mary Ann Spilman and Henry & Shelby Good. Location TBA.

**December 12-14, 2008** - Hosted by the McHaneys, Pierces, Brewtons and Casons. Location TBA.



**ADVERTISE ON OUR WEBSITE Support our April 2008 Rally!**

Our website had over 24,000 visitors last year. Your ad can be viewed 24,000 or more times by **Winnebago Itasca Traveler** members.

An ad will be placed on all three websites plus our Rally pictures sites for one year. This ad can list phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or have a hot link to the advertiser's own website. We will also insert your flyers into the rally packages of more than 100 coaches.

Just donate a door prize item to our rally, such as: 2 nights camping, an RV product, or \$20.00 to be used to buy door prizes and support the web sites.

Check our websites at:  
<http://gawit.com>  
<http://gwtw.gawit.com>  
<http://atlantawinnies.gawit.com>  
 Contact Fred Tomsett at **404-626-3696** or [fred@gawit.com](mailto:fred@gawit.com).

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- Kay Stroud - January 3
- Lewis Crosby - January 8
- Shelby Good - January 14
- Barbara Bell - January 16
- Joe Fowler - January 24
- Ken Seifert - January 27
- David Raider - January 31

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- James & Christel Cason  
January 7, 1959
- Bill & Jo Hood  
January 21, 1981
- Milt & Paula Burtch  
January 26, 1957

**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

By Betty Werner



**CHRISTMAS SNOWBALLS**

**Blend:**

- 1 cup margarine
- 4 teaspoons vanilla
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 4 teaspoons water



**Mix in:**

- 4 cups flour and then
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Chill at least 3 hours (more is fine). Shape into walnut-size balls. Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes. Allow to cool thoroughly and then roll in powdered sugar to thoroughly coat.

**TECH TIPS**

By Rickey Heath



**Weight Distribution**

- o Too much weight in one position can adversely affect ride and handling.
- o Too light on front axles causes steering to wander.
- o Front to rear weight distribution should be as close to equal percentages as possible.

**GWTW SHIRTS AND CAPS**

If you would like a GWTW cap or shirt, please contact Betty Sprayberry at (706) 677-3972 or by e-mail at [absberry@windstream.net](mailto:absberry@windstream.net).

**LIVING BY GOD'S WORD**

By  
Chaplain  
Henry Good



An angel of the Lord appeared to him (Joseph) in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel - which means, "God with us." (Matthew 1:20-23 NIV)

**THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS**

Don't forget George and Betty Werner. She is recuperating from pneumonia and he has 5-bypass surgery coming up. Hal Pierce is doing okay after his back surgery. I just called Jerry Berens and he said he is "better." That's good news. Remember to pray for Mary Ann Spilman and Sherry Mitchell.

By Judy Seifert



**DID YOU KNOW . . .**

. . . you can clear soot from your chimney, by saving potato peelings until you have a good amount of them. Dry them, then burn them in your fireplace or stove. They burn with such a fury that they carry the soot right up and out of your chimney.

**ADDRESS OR E-MAIL CHANGE**

Help us keep our master list current. If you change your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address, please notify your secretary, Charlene Brewton, 770-948-6950, or e-mail to [charbrewton@aol.com](mailto:charbrewton@aol.com).

### BLEAKLEY MOTOR HOMES' ANNUAL EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

It has become a tradition for Gone with the Winnies to host a luncheon for the staff and employees of John Bleakley Motor Homes each Christmas. On Tuesday, December 4th, JoAn Blankenship and Pat Heath again spearheaded this luncheon, serving spaghetti with meat sauce, along with salad, rolls, cheese, beverages, and homemade desserts galore. Around 50 happy diners were served, and we received many, many individual "thank yous," which gave us an opportunity to wish each of them a Merry Christmas.



Jesse Chambless, Gone with the Winnie's president, 2007, awarded Mr. Bleakley a certificate of appreciation for the many years he has supported us with special events at numerous outings.



As usual, JoAn Blankenship and Pat Heath did a wonderful job. They were assisted by Jesse and Theda Chambless.



Happy Bleakley employees line up for their annual Gone with the Winnies appreciation lunch.



Serving tables all decorated for the season



Theda Chambless and Mr. Bleakley wish each other a Merry Christmas

### The Gone with the Winnies were greeted warmly by Bleakley staff members



Renee Bleakley



Franklin Jackson



Pam Christopher



### FUN CORNER

By Mary Ann Spilman



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments.

But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself because this crack in my side causes water to leak all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?"

"That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them"

"For two years, I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

SO, to all my Gone with the Winnie crackpot friends, have a wonderful Christmas, and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!

# A CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

River Country Campground in Gadsden, Alabama, was truly a Christmas wonderland. Colored lights glittered across the water where most of us were parked with the front of our coaches toward that spectacular display. Our December 14-16th outing was attended by 22 coaches, plus a surprise abbreviated visit from our old friends, John and Peggy Hughes. What a pleasure!

We had a little rain, but it certainly didn't dampen our spirits. It was one of the happiest, most outgoing groups I have seen in quite some time. Maybe we all had the Christmas spirit; or maybe it was because of the great hosting the Boatfields and Heaths did. They didn't miss a trick. What a wonderful Christmas gift they gave us. Thank you from all of us!

Friday evening at the Top of the River seafood restaurant was a riot. We didn't have a private dining room and I think we almost ran everyone else crazy. We were all in rare form (and the food was good, too). Chase the ace at the club house afterwards kept everyone occupied for some time.

Pancakes and syrup, sausage patties, juice and coffee started us off just right Saturday morning, followed by a short business meeting. We were on our own for lunch and the afternoon, but our hosts outdid themselves for the Saturday evening meal. They prepared the entire meal, except the dessert. We had baked ham, turkey breast and dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potato souffle, green beans, plus other tempting side dishes. They will be a hard act to follow. After dinner we exchanged gifts and sang Christmas carols.

Sunday morning we were served sweet rolls and coffee, followed by our devotional. Then it was "Happy Trails" again. "Merry Christmas" rang throughout the club house as we left to prepare our coaches for the road again. It was a memorable outing as you can probably tell by the following pictures.



Betty Sprayberry and Rene Boatfield



Cathy and Eric Hargus



Alex Sprayberry just couldn't get enough catfish



Joe Fowler accepts a Christmas gift from Fred Tomsett



The "Toys for Tots" Christmas Tree



Our special guests, John and Peggy Hughes



David Raider is all decorated up for Julie



Fred and Linda Tomsett gave gifts to everyone - good or bad!