



Friday Edition

Penn-Del Tips

The official newsletter of the American Baptist Men of Pennsylvania and Delaware

Visit us on the web at www.abmopad.org

Welcome to our 59th Annual Retreat!

It's my great pleasure to welcome each of you to the 2013 Men's Retreat. I hope that it's a blessed time of fellowship, rest and inspiration for everyone.

We look forward to Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jeffrey Johnson's special messages. On Saturday, each of the regional pastors will facilitate a workshop that will amplify Dr. Johnson's messages.

This retreat will end my second year as Executive Vice President. Serving the Lord in this way has been a great experience for me. I am very grateful for the help of all the board members and volunteers. Their collective wisdom, experience and their hearts for service are a great blessing!

The Board is always trying to make the retreat a better, more spiritually fulfilling experience. During the next two years I will work closely with the new Executive VP, Joe Kapes, Board members and volunteers to bring new ideas, proposals and changes to improve our time together. We welcome your feedback and ask for your prayers.

I hope this is a time of warm fellowship with our brothers in Christ, a time of refreshment and time to renew our commitment to be His disciples in our world.

John Kofroth,

Executive Vice President, ABMOPAD

Welcome Youth!

If you are attending the retreat this year and are between 4th grade and a high school graduate we are so glad to have you. We have a great program planned this year with games, food, prizes and of course spiritual enrichment. Throughout the weekend you will learn about how God created man for a relationship with Him and how we as Christian men should live to honor God. Sometimes we mess up, but God forgives us and He has a plan for each of our lives. Let's get things started tonight right after the opening session (around 10pm) in the youth lounge (McLean II Room 150). We will have PIZZA so see you all there!

In Christ,
Kyle West 2013 ABMOPAD Youth Director.

Booster Call Update



Booster Call #56 is now closed. Through your generous support we have provided \$4,075.00 toward the building of a Program Building for Camp Ichthus in Palmerton, PA. This call was considered a local call.

Booster Call #57 will be announced soon, and will be considered a National Call.

We will be selecting that call after this retreat. If you have any suggestions on what this call should be, contact Bob Swan or stop by the display table here at the retreat.

For more information on Booster Calls, look at pages 14-17 of this years program booklet.

Bob Swan

Important Information And Updates

- The map on the back of the retreat booklet does NOT include The McLean II residence hall where we are staying. Refer to the information sheet on McLean II that was included with your registration materials.
- As you can see, there is active construction going on at the University. Please use caution and do not enter any fenced off areas.
- All six meals are included with your retreat registration (Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday Breakfast and Lunch).
- Lost room keys will cost **YOU** between \$50 and \$200 depending on the type of room. If you lose your key, please report it at the registration desk immediately. Also, if you find a key, please turn it in immediately.
- Don't lose your conference card. You will need it to access meals and to access the McLean II residence hall.
- We have bottled water available in limited supply at the registration desk. Please be sure to recycle the bottle when finished.
- All men who are participating in any part of the evening or Sunday morning programs need to meet with John Kofroth at the side of the stage 15 minutes prior to the session.
- If you are wearing any kind of hat or cap, please be sure to remove it during times of prayer and communion.
- 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 weather report for this weekend is for mid 80's Please make sure you drink plenty of fluids when spending time outside (especially during the recreation period).
- The "Etter Health Center" referred to in the retreat booklet no longer exists. If you have an emergency, University police can be contacted at extension 1444.
- Above all, please have a good time and come back next year (and bring a friend, too)!

ABMOPAD "Stuff"!!

T-shirts, hats and car magnets are available for sale. Come by the registration room and check them out!

Hat's and T-shirts are \$10 each and magnets are \$3 each. Package deal: All three items bought at once for \$20.

Newsletter Submissions

The Penn-Del Tips will be available as you enter the CUB for devotions 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. If you have email access, you can also email your information to webmaster@abmopad.org.

From The Editor

Those of you who have been in the military likely remember boot camp. Several weeks of drill sergeants screaming at you, making you do pushups, learning new skills, preparing for life in the military. One thing that they seem to obsess over is your boots. Shine them up. Mirror finish. Do it again private until it is right.

Now, you guys know that simply putting one coat of polish on a pair of boots or shoes doesn't seem to cut it. You need to build up a base. Each time, it gets a little better until ultimately; those shoes maintain a nice high shine through most of the day. The best part of that is that when they get dirty, that base of polish protects the leather underneath. The cleanup is easier and you often need just a simple brushing to knock off the excess dirt.

In 2 Corinthians Chapter 4, Paul tells us that we have trials and troubles from all sides. God, though, continues to preserve and protect us. He said, "We carry around in our body the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body." Like our muddy shoes, outwardly we seem to be "wasting away" while we are inwardly being renewed to new life. Christ brushes the mud and grime of our sin from our lives and prepares us for life in His eternal glory.

When we have that good base of faith in Christ and knowledge of His scriptures, the mud, dust and dirt of our daily lives is easily brushed away. Just like boot camp and building up that base, it takes hard work and dedication. If we are prepared to put in the time and effort, the payoff is the light of Christ shining through us and it won't be dimmed.

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

