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# PENN-DEL TIPS

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## Welcome back to the 49<sup>th</sup> annual retreat!

We are so pleased to have you join us this year! Our prayer is that this retreat will be a blessing to you and that you will depart on Sunday refreshed, revitalized and on fire for the Lord and that your "mountain-top" will not become a valley in the year to come.

Our theme verse this year is from Malachi 4:6 "He will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers." In this final verse of the Old Testament, Malachi foretells the coming of the prophet who's purpose would be the turning of men to God, and uniting the father and children in one voice of faith – faith in Christ Jesus. We have an exciting opportunity as men united in Christ to embrace our diversity. For as different as we all may be from one another, we have one special common bond – faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **This Year's Speaker** **Rev. Timothy W. Schwartz**

The Rev. Timothy W. Schwartz of Spring City, PA is the National Coordinator for ABBoys & YoungMen. Tim will serve a two-year term in this volunteer position; his term began December 14th, 2002. He is currently the pastor of Pughtown Baptist Church in Spring City, PA and has served at the Baptist Church in the Great Valley (Devon, PA), at New Britain Baptist Church (New Britain, PA) and at the Baptist Temple, Blue Bell (Blue Bell, PA). He holds a B.S. from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, and a Master of Divinity from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Winnewood, PA. He has facilitated a number of retreats and conferences for the Philadelphia Baptist Association and for ABBoys & YoungMen's Conference at Green Lake, WI. Tim has also written resources for American Baptist Men's Ministries, including the AB Men's Sunday Packets for years 1999-2001. He was the keynote speaker at the AB Men of New York Retreat held at Keuka College last August.

On Friday Night, Rev. Schwartz will be speaking about "Men of identity" - Living life to it's fullest as

men who place their identity in Jesus Christ. On Saturday Night, he will discuss Men of integrity - Looking at the lives of different Biblical characters and what it means to live a life of integrity. Finally on Sunday morning, he will speak to us on Men of Influence - looking at the relationship between Paul and the church at Thessalonica. We are sure that Rev. Schwartz will inspire us towards having a "spiritual heart transplant . . . NOW!"

### **This Year's Special Music** **The Good News Gospel Singers**

The Good News Gospel Singers began singing ministry in 1982. They have appeared in churches, civic organizations, festivals, and concerts throughout the East Coast. The group consists of four members traveling wherever the Lord opens doors. The members: are Carl Euler, Ernie Hedrick, Scott Shepherd and Skip Euler. Their program includes well-known church hymns (old & new), inspirational & contemporary southern gospel music. The purpose of the group is to share & promote the Good News Gospel message with believers as well as with those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We hope you'll join them for a time of Christian fellowship and worship through song.

### **Youth Program**

Bob Sterling from the Fassett Baptist Church will have the youth at this year's retreat and it sounds like he has an excellent program planned for them. However, we are looking for someone or a team of men to put together a program for our youth next year. We know that we have some outstanding youth group leaders out there and we need them to step forward and help with the youth program next year. Anyone interested, please see any member of the ABMOPAD Board of Managers at the registration area.

### **A special welcome to our first timers!**

Please take note of the men wearing the red dots and welcome them to their first retreat. We were all first timers once, so let's make them feel right at home!

## **Pass Cards, Room Keys and Meal Cards**

Make sure you don't lose your pass cards and room keys. There is a \$50 charge to replace the pass cards for Mowrey Hall and there is a \$158 charge for lost room keys in 2 bedroom units and \$256 for 4 bedroom units in the Stone Ridge Commons apartments. Please keep track of your keys and cards. You will also be issued a conference meal card when you register. Don't lose this card, as you must have it to eat in the dining hall and these cards cannot be replaced. Please also note that Friday night's dinner is not included in the retreat package. Dinner in the dining hall Friday night is available for a cost of \$6.90. Tickets can be purchased in advance in the registration area.

## **Under Construction**

As you may have noticed, Shippensburg University is undergoing some extensive summer construction. We ask that everyone use caution and respect the barriers, which cordon off hazardous areas.

## **Parking Permits**

Everyone who parks a car at Shippensburg University needs a parking permit displayed. These are available in the registration area.

## **Cell Phones and Pagers**

Please either turn off or silence your cell phone or pager during sessions.

## **Booster Call Number 48**

We have recently opened Booster Call number 48 in support of a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. If you have not already donated, you can make a donation here at the retreat. If you are not already a Booster, why not sign up this weekend? Forms are available in the registration area. In the previous 47 booster calls we have raised in excess of \$215,000. As of this writing, we've already received in excess of \$2,500 for Booster call 48. Let's keep that going!

## **Emergency Contacts**

The Shippensburg University police can be contacted at (717) 477-1444. The number in the registration area in the Cumberland Union Building is (717) 477-1555. The Etter Health Center is open for medical emergencies. The number for emergencies is 1911, for non-emergencies, 1444.

## **We Need Your Help!**

Every year the men's choir and the orchestra bless us immensely. You may not believe it, but these men are not professionals, they are just men who

love to sing or play instruments that choose to share their love of music with the rest of us. Over the last few years, the number of participants has been dwindling. If you love to sing or if you play an instrument, would you sign up for the choir or for the orchestra? If you didn't sign up already, it's not too late! Bob has extra music and Phil always brings spare instruments!

## **Swimming Pool Hours**

The swimming pool in the Heiges Field House will be open Friday from 1 until 4 PM and again from 9 until 11 PM. Saturday hours are from 1 until 5 PM. Sign in with the lifeguard on duty.

## **Retreat Evaluations**

How did we do this year? Was there something you liked? Was there something you would like changed? Do you just have some suggestions for additions or improvements to our retreat? Let us know by filling out your evaluation form. We read ALL of them! Please make sure you fill out your evaluation before you leave.

## **Shuttle Van Service**

There will be a shuttle van running regularly between the "CUB" and the Memorial Auditorium. The schedule is as follows:

- Friday - 6 to 8 PM and 9:30 to 10:30 PM
- Saturday - 8 to 8:30 AM, 10:00 to 10:30 AM, 12:00 to 12:30 PM, 5:30 to 7:00 PM, and 9:30 to 10:30 PM
- Sunday - 8:00 to 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

## **Submissions to the Penn-Del Tips**

The Penn-Del Tips on Saturday and Sunday mornings will be available as you enter Reisner Dining Hall. If you have something you would like added to the next mornings edition, please write it down and submit it to Ed McQue or John Anderson by 6:00 PM.

## **Quiet Time Begins at 11:00 PM**

Stay up late, if you desire, but please respect the others around you who may be trying to get some much-needed rest.

## **Booster Call Mailing List Updates**

We've received numerous returned booster letters. If you've not received your letter, please check the box in the registration area. Please don't take your letter, but correct the address and put it in the box. If you see a friend's letter and you know his information, please provide those corrections as well. If you have any questions please see Rob McQue.