

# The Washington Cruisers Car Club

November 2016

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## Christmas Party

The Washington Cruisers will be having our Christmas Party Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, 4 – 9 pm, with dinner at 5:00 pm, at Thomas Presbyterian Church Christian Center. The Center is located at 1068 Linden Rd, Eighty Four, PA 15330.

### Directions to Church:

Take Rt. 19 to Waterdam Rd. in McMurray. Follow Waterdam Rd. 2.3 miles then the road turns into Thomas Rd., on slight bend. Follow Thomas Rd. approx. 1 mile. Make a slight right onto Linden Rd. Thomas Church Christian Center will be on your left. **Please enter through the front door.**

The cost per person of the catered buffet dinner is \$18.00. The buffet consists of:

Breaded Chicken	Green Beans
Roast Beef/ Gravy	Salad
Baked Cod	Rolls/Butter
Parsley Potatoes	Coffee, Tea, Lemonade & Water

Members are permitted to bring guests; they will pay the same as members.

We ask that each Family bring a Dessert.

Don't forget the Chinese Grab Bag! If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift with an actual value of NO LESS than \$20.00! This means you spent at least \$20.00. Bring a gift you would not mind receiving if you ended up with it!! Please NO gag gifts!

Please return the form at the end of the newsletter NO later than Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

Due to the party being catered, NO exceptions after this date!!!

**NO ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED IN THOMAS CHRISTIAN CENTER FACILITY**



## With Sympathy

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Jack & Sherri Cole's granddaughter Faith Dowler. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their family. Several members have donated to the family.

Here is the letter we received from Jack and Sherri Cole:

Dear Friends, words cannot express how grateful we are for your gift to Faith's family. We appreciate all of your kindness and support during this terrible time. Faith always had such a good time when she was with you all. You treated her so special.

Jack & Sherri Cole and Tom & Renee Dowler

We were also saddened to learn of the passing of Jim & Mary Suffern's son Shaun Black. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their family. Members have donated to a fund set up for Shaun's two sons.

Here is the letter we received from Mary and Jim Suffern:

Jim & I want to thank all of our Washington Cruisers Friends, for the extremely generous gifts for Shaun's two sons. We're keeping a very strict account of all donations made as the fund has been set up with an Investment company.

Mary & Jim Suffern

## Membership Dues

January is only a few months away. Now is the time to send in your 2017 dues. As always, the dues for current returning members are only \$20.00. Look for the form at the end of the newsletter.

Dues **MUST** be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. After that dues are \$25.00!!

## Annual Membership Meeting

The annual meeting is scheduled for Monday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. We are planning to hold the meeting at Panera in Washington. More info to come in the next newsletter. We are still looking for a few board members to fill vacant positions. If this is something you would be interested in, contact any board member.

## And for Next Year...

As many of you know or may remember, the 2017 cruise season marks the **Washington Cruisers 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary** as a viable car club. That's quite a milestone, and we will take advantage of every opportunity to celebrate, all cruise season.

One of the reasons for the success of the club is that for the most part, club members have been willing to do what was needed to support the efforts and suggestions of our board.

Our 25<sup>th</sup> season will be no exception...**we will be needing your help**. Be ready for a couple of new opportunities for our club, expansion of some of this year's successful things and a surprise or two during the season. Working together, we will have a wonderful year!! Can we count on **you** to help?

## As You Requested

Last year about this time, we decided to try some breakfast gatherings for our members old and new to help us keep in touch, and to allow us to spend some time together until it was time to begin the new cruise season in the spring. Thus "Meet, Greet and Eat" was born. The idea proved to be very popular and this year we have been encouraged by our members to have more opportunities throughout the late fall and winter months for these breakfasts. We heard you!

Our first breakfast this year is scheduled for **Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.** We will gather at Eat'n Park, on Oak Spring Rd. across the street from the Washington Mall. We have reserved their back room for our group. No registration or reservation is necessary. When you arrive, just tell the host/hostess that you are with the Washington Cruisers and they will see that you get to the right place in the restaurant.

Although Eat'n Park puts out a nice breakfast buffet, which you will walk past on your way to our semi-private meeting space, you are also able to order from the menu, if you so choose...a nice option.

The dates for the remainder of the scheduled Meet Greet and Eat breakfasts are as follows. All dates are **Saturdays**, and we will gather at **8:30 a.m. Nov. 19, Dec. 17, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, Mar. 11, Mar. 25, Apr. 8, and Apr. 22.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to chat with some folks who you may not have seen for a while...and certainly you may bring friends...especially those who may be thinking about joining our club in the future. We hope to see you there.

## Hawthorne Woods Cruise

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> was a beautiful day in the neighborhood! Perfect for a small cruise at the Hawthorne Woods Assisted Living facility. Invited cruisers arrived right on time, and parked their rides with plenty of space between vehicles to allow the residents ample room to view the classics and visit and chat with the cruisers.

We had been invited to show our classic cars to the residents at a cruise that's becoming a tradition: We arrive, the residents come outside, Renee cooks up a storm, and we all enjoy conversation, trips down memory lane and a meal with the residents. This year was no exception. The weather was good and Renee outdid herself with a delicious menu! We spoke with residents who remembered us from last year, and we met many new friends. In the early evening, the residents began to go indoors, "See you next year" could be heard from the residents and the cruisers. We sure hope so!

## Merchandise Person Needed

The club has been informed that as of the end of the year, Don Dibert will be stepping down as the club merchandise person. We need a club member to volunteer to take his place. You would not need to be a board member, but would need to be at all Saturday Cruise nights to sell our club merchandise. Please contact any board member for more information or to volunteer.

**Calendar of Events  
2016/2017 Cruises/Shows/Events**

**December**

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.....*Washington Cruisers* Christmas party, Thomas Church Christian Center, Eighty Four PA, 4 – 9 PM, 5pm dinner.

**January**

Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017..... *Washington Cruisers* Annual membership meeting. 7pm, Panera's in Washington PA.

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**Membership Dues \$20.00 (by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017)**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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How would you like to receive your newsletter via home address or email? \_\_\_\_\_

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Make Check Payable to: Washington Cruisers  
Send to: Jamie Leichy  
980 Thomas 84 Rd.  
Eighty Four, Pa. 15330

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*Washington Cruisers*  
**Christmas Party**  
**Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # OF ADULTS AT \$18.00 EACH \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form by Wednesday Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. **NO EXCEPTIONS**, due to the food being catered.