

Not the Clipper

Vol 2 No. 1 December 2015 **Holiday Social Information**

Join us on Sunday **December 6th** from 1 – 5 at the home of **Carolyn and Paul Beck**. We always have a great time visiting with each other and enjoying the myriad of edibles, so **remember that everyone should bring a dish**. The Beck's have invited the group over many times and we appreciate their efforts! Along with the food and camaraderie we will be electing officers as well as discussing the budget and donations for the coming year. The **budget** is discussed in this mailing. The password-protected website, www.nv-asa.org, contains the complete budget. Also in this newsletter is the **proposed slate of officers** and the **schedule** for the coming year. See you there!

Directions to the Beck's

2963 Fort Lee St., Oak Hill, VA 20171 (703-860-5676)

Please park on the street/cul-de-sac, NOT in the driveway

From the East: I-66 west to Rt. 50 west, up the hill to just past Fair Oaks Mall to West Ox Rd. Go north about 3.8 mi to a right on Folkstone Dr., which is the next light after Franklin Farm Rd. Right on Fort Lee St. at the 2nd stop sign. House is the 3rd on the left down a long concrete paved drive.

Or, from the East: Dulles Toll Rd/267 west to Reston Pkwy south, passing lights at South Lakes, Glade Ave., Fox Mill and Lawyers Rd. Left at light onto Folkstone Dr., and then as above.

From the West: Rt. 66 east to Fairfax County Pkwy/ 286 north. Cross Rt. 50 and pass several lights to right/east onto Franklin Farm Rd. at a light. Proceed to the next light. Left onto West Ox Rd to the next light. Right onto Folkstone, and then as above "From the East".

From the South: Fairfax County Pkwy/286 going north past I-66 and Rt. 50, with a right/east onto Franklin Farm Rd. and as above "From the West".

Proposed Slate of Officers

President: **Rick Bauer** Vice President: **Barbara Kirkwood**
Secretary: **Joanne Neckel** Treasurer: **Paul Beck**



Bruno Kaelin

December 7, 1926 – October 16, 2015

Chapter Members,

I just received the sad news from Ronnie Kaelin that Bruno passed away last month. Bruno was a member of our chapter since 1985.

I'm attaching the information I received from his wife Ronnie. On behalf of the entire chapter, we send our condolences.

Rick

Phil Louer remembers him as being very active in the '80s, an officer and may have been president at one time.

Your editor remembers him, from the late '90s and early 2000s when he took the above picture, as being a frequent participant in our meetings and very sociable. He was invited to Bruno's property to see his large collection of azaleas, rhododendrons and, especially, hollies.

All,

Bruno was welcomed into heaven 10/16/15. He was diagnosed with Myelo Dysplastic Syndrome in February while we were in FL. (MDS or pre Leukemia). Bruno carried his cross in a customary Bruno fashion. He never complained about his many trips to the hospital or his many blood transfusions.....always with his wonderful smile and a thank you for all his caregivers...and many, many "I love you"s for me.

He was buried at Quantico Military Cemetery at 2pm on November 17, 2015.

Bruno is with the Lord,
Ronnie Gallagher Kaelin

Rick Bauer's President's Message

I can't believe we've made it to the end of another year for our chapter. This has been another year of interesting programs and successful fund raising activities. We continue to build on our Legacy Project to continue the propagation and dissemination of our Legacy hybrids. Chapter members have taken a leading role in initiatives at the national level. We have helped to get our journal, The Azalean, back on schedule and have digitized ALL of the 30+ years of Azaleans, making them available online. Next year our big event is the joint ASA/ARS convention in Williamsburg for which we are co-sponsors. We have a team of folks from the four sponsoring chapters hard at

work planning. I'm hoping we will have a good turnout and the necessary volunteers to help make this a success.

We will have our final, and most important meeting of the year, on December 6th. This is always an enjoyable event and **Paul and Carolyn Beck** have agreed to hold it in their beautiful home. I hope to see a large number of you there.

I'd like to thank all of our members who contributed to our chapter success this past year. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season. I look forward to the coming year.

Rick

From **Barbara L. Bullock**, Curator of Azaleas & Rhododendrons, U. S. National Arboretum

I sincerely hope everyone has had a successful gardening year. The leaves have dropped here at the Arboretum and we're doing all we can to remove them from the trails and from those plants we love so dearly. If you have the time, I am seeking up to 20 volunteers to assist me with fall clean up/winterization for Saturday December 5th, from 10am to 3pm in the National Arboretum Azalea Collections. I have been the curator over 26 years, and I love working with you all.

Tasks will include raking, tarping, some weeding, some pruning, and a lot of pulling leaves off or out of our azaleas. If this interests you, please get back to me via email or phone so I have an approximate head count. I am sending this to those of you who have worked with me before, but you're welcome to forward to anyone you know with gardening experience. Our next Saturday work day will be April 2nd, 2016.

As usual, if you are not already registered as a volunteer at the USNA, please fill out a form which you can request from me and email it or bring it with you on the day of work. Try to arrive at least 15 minutes ahead of the start time. Wear appropriate clothing for the day.

Bring lunches with you and we'll have lunch in the garden. Be sure to bring your own gardening glove and water bottles – I'll have all other tools.

Thank you,
Barbara

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Financial Summary, Year to Date

Paul Beck, Treasurer

Balance as of 10/18/2015:

Savings.....	\$6,742.51
5-yr CD.....	\$10,844.05
BB&T Checking.....	\$3,297.49
Total.....	\$20,884.05

Not included in above is \$3,500, which the chapter provided to the 2016 Convention committee as seed money, as well as \$450 in yet to be received dues from National. The convention seed money will be returned to the chapter before any proceeds from the convention are disbursed.

2015 Plant Sale Total:

Sales: (462 plants sold).....	\$5,665.00
Commission:.....	\$165.00
Cost of Plants:.....	\$195.00
Facility:.....	\$200.00
Net Revenue:.....	\$5,105.00

Recommended Donation Amount for 2015 - \$5,000

Based on the current balance and the \$3,500 amount loaned to the convention committee, the Chapter's financial balance is close to \$25,000. Recommendations are as follows:

Green Spring - Margaret White Garden Intern:.....	\$2,000
Green Spring Title 1 Program:.....	\$1,000
Friends of National Arboretum (FONA).....	\$1,000
Norfolk Botanical Garden (NBG).....	\$1,000

2016 Budget

The complete proposed budget for 2016, along with budget summaries for the last two years, is posted on our website in the Financials section. The 2016 budget is essentially the same as the 2015 budget, except for projected convention revenue of \$2,000. Depending on the convention proceeds, we would likely be donating a significant portion of the proceeds to the ASA treasury, as has been the custom for past conventions.

Schedule

December 6: Holiday Social at the Beck's

March 20: Meeting with speaker at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

April 20-24: ASA/ARS Convention, Williamsburg, VA. Winter Azalean and the www.nv-asa.org website will have details.

April 30-May 8: Member Tours of Open Gardens

May 14: Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale, Annandale

July 10: Cutting Exchange at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

September TBD: Public plant sale and auction at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

October 22: Executive Committee meeting, place TBD

October 23: Meeting with speaker at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church

December 4: Holiday Social, place TBD

