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## Nancy Dowicki Retires



It is hard to believe and even harder to accept that Nancy Dowicki, who has served as ERWA President and volunteer, has retired from Federal service at DOE. Nancy first began volunteering with ERWA as the Travel Coordinator in January 1998. She was elected President of the Board in 2002, at a time when ERWA had few vendors and few volunteers to run the shops. However, through her leadership skills, she found volunteers to help keep the Germantown shop open 3 days per week and volunteers to help coordinate vendors. ERWA Germantown now has vendors almost every day who offer a diverse line of products at reasonable prices for our DOE family. Nancy was keen on net-

working with other Federal agency recreation associations, and ERWA is now partnered with RecGov, a parent association for all Washington-area Federal agency recreation associations, that allows us to expand services using other agency programs as models. Always eager to roll up her sleeves and pitch in, her energy was boundless.

She will be sorely missed by those of us who loved working with her both professionally and at ERWA and the Energy Federal Credit Union--yes, Nancy was a volunteer on the Board of Directors for EFCU as well!

Nancy will be residing in Florida with her husband, John, who also retired from DOE. We know that Nancy and John will be making the most of their retirement by volunteering and helping others, which is second nature to them. We wish them well as they enjoy retirement, their new home, and new adventures.

## SAVE THIS DATE!

### Wednesday, March 17, 2010



Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® and the NIH Recreation and Welfare invites Children of All Ages to join the Ringling Bros. team in the 139th Edition of The Greatest Show On Earth! Join ERWA for the 13th Annual Children's Premiere Night at the circus, benefiting the NIH Charities that provide support for young patients and their families who know and understand the trials and triumphs of fighting long-term and life-threatening illnesses. This special event is one-night only on Wednesday, March 17th at 7pm with the FREE (pre-show at 6pm). You won't hear about this on the radio or television because this night is only for special invitees, including our ERWA members and their friends and families!! This year the ALL-NEW, ALL-LIVE "Zing Zang Zoom" production presents a thrill-filled, mind-blowing circus spectacular! ERWA has a limited number of tickets available at \$40.00 (first 10 rows in level 100) and \$24.00 (further back in level 100). Contact Ruth Watkins at 3-5440 and leave message to reserve your tickets; full payment for tickets is due by March 1, 2010. No refunds for tickets after March 5.

### Election 2010 ERWA Board of Directors Ballot

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Elected Terms are for three (3) years; Vote for no more than 4 candidates including write-ins for the Board of Directors of the DOE Energy Recreation and Welfare Association (\* indicates current director)

◦ \*Sam Baughman: Director, Office Manager and Volunteer Coordinator

◦ \*Connie Magers: Director and Secretary

◦ \*Mary Williams: Director and Seminar Coordinator

◦ \*Cheryl Yost: Director and Discount Programs and Sales Coordinator

Write-Ins (Must be current Member)

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Clip and mail to: ERWA Board Election, Room E-101, GTN.




## USO Donation

Thanks to the Forrestal Car Show, the Lost Caravan Corvette Club was able to make a donation to the USO from their car care basket raffle. ERWA matched those funds, and presented a check for \$300.00 to the USO BWI facility on December 28. The USO facility at BWI provides space for military personnel to relax, sleep, and work during deployment layovers and is funded through donations and staffed by volunteers. The Lounge hosts up to 10,000 service members each month as they transit BWI Airport. Complimentary amenities include baggage storage, wireless internet access, computer with Internet access, snack bar, movies, sleeping rooms. The facility also has a nursery/playroom so that the soldiers can have quiet moments with their families. The LCCC and ERWA are happy to help make these donations to our military personnel who serve us all and sacrifice so much.



*l. to r. above, Nancy Dowicki, ERWA Past President; Ruth Watkins, ERWA President; Al Grossberg, Administrative Assistant, USO; Dan Woomeer, President, Lost Caravan Corvette Club.*

## National Aquarium Tickets

 We still have a very limited number of National Aquarium/Baltimore tickets at our \$2.00 off sale making the price for Adults \$20.00 and Children \$10.00. Please call (3-5440) or drop by the ERWA shop to get in on this great deal before these specially priced tickets are GONE! GONE! GONE!

## Mark This Date:

### February 16, ERWA Offers a Brown Bag Lunch Seminar:



#### First-time Home Buyer and Securing a Mortgage.

Presenter: Ken Trommler, Marketing Manager, SMARTMOVE®, with a representative from the Energy Federal Credit Union

**Place and Time: Germantown Auditorium, 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM**

Did you know that the Homebuyer Credit has been expanded and extended? The Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009, signed into law on Nov. 6, 2009, extends and expands the first-time homebuyer credit allowed by previous Acts. Under the new law, an eligible taxpayer must buy, or enter into a binding contract to buy, a principal residence on or before April 30, 2010 and close on the home by June 30, 2010. For qualifying purchases in 2010, taxpayers have the option of claiming the credit on either their 2009 or 2010 return.

#### The new law also:

- Authorizes the credit for long-time homeowners buying a replacement principal residence.
- Raises the income limitations for homeowners claiming the credit.

Don't miss this opportunity-Mr. Trommler and the Energy Federal Credit Union can discuss this law and present information to help you achieve the home of your dreams.

## ERWA Travel Offerings

### The Platters, the Drifters and the Coasters

Tuesday, April 27, 7:00PM, at the American Music Theater, Lancaster, PA. Bus will leave around noon\* with free time to shop at the outlet stores at Rockvale Square; dinner on your own. Cost \$92.00 per person. Departure times vary depending on pickup location. Deposit of \$41.00 per person due upon reservation.

### La Cage Aux Follies

Saturday, May 8, at the charming Longacre Theater, NYC.

Starring Kelsey Grammar, this latest revival comes direct from a sold out run in London. Orchestra/Front Mezzanine: Cost \$227.00 per person, including R/T transportation by bus. Deposit of \$114.00 per person due upon reservation.

**Pickup points:** Departure points for motor coach tours are as follows:

- Alexandria, VA: Van Dorn Metro Station, Eisenhower Drive & S. Van Dorn St.
- Bethesda/Rockville, MD: Grosvenor Metro Station. Rockville Pike, 1/4 mile north of I-495
- Columbia, MD: Brokenland Parkway Park & Ride Lot, Rte 32, 1/2 mile west of I-95

Exact time of departure for each location will be given to you prior to trip.

Payments must be received in full by March 19 for the Platters show and by April 1 for the NYC show. Send payments to Ruth Watkins, ERWA, 19901 Germantown Road, Room E-066, Germantown, MD 20874.

Questions? Contact Ruth Watkins at 301-903-5440 and leave message.

## Healthy Hearts Awareness Fairs



The GOHO Fitness Staff invites all DOE employees and contractors to our two-day Healthy Hearts Awareness Fairs in recognition of American Heart Month. Join us Friday, February 5 and Wednesday February 17 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in front of the cafeteria for FREE blood pressure screenings, an "Am I at Risk" Heart Disease game, and heart healthy nutritional and physical activity information to help increase your awareness of cardiovascular disease. Feel free to contact LaToya or Christine in room S-104 or 3-1538 for more details.

## Soccer League



If you are bored with jogging or find it hard to get motivated to exercise, don't work out, play a game! DOE employees would like to determine if there is enough interest to start a pick up soccer league this spring. Games would be held at lunch time on DOE Germantown grounds two or three days a week. A coordinator would send out an e-mail to league members to see if there is enough interest to hold a game that day. Game time would be from noon to 1 pm. If eight or more folks were ready to play, the game would be "on". Players would meet on the DOE grounds and teams formed to try to get an even match. A series of short games would be played using small goals set up to suit the number of players that day. The league would be open to all. Prior soccer experience is preferred but not necessary. If you are interested please contact Kenneth Kellar (3-9420) or Kim Loll (3-6369).

## Don't forget! Valentine's Day is Sun., Feb. 14.

*Love is the enchanted dawn of every heart.*

- *Alphonse Marie de la Martine*

## GTN February Vendors

- 02/01-02 - Purse Strings N Things/Watch Repair (Goldgraben))
- 02/03 - Sky Loom Native American Artifacts/Jewelry (Gurksnis)
- 02/04 - Apparel (Fisher)
- 02/05 - Candy Bouquet (Perry and Martinez)
- 02/08 - Vikki's Golden Treasures (Rome)
- 02/09 - Light My Fire (Poston)
- 02/10 - Wings of the Woodland (Merriman)
- 02/11 - Barb's Baubles (Omholt)
- 02/12 - Mary Kay Cosmetics (Prevost)
- 02/15 - HOLIDAY - President's Day**
- 02/16 - HAS Sheet Sales (Schwartz)
- 02/17 - HAS Sheet Sales (Schwartz)
- 02/18 - Cold Weather Accessories (Katz)
- 02/19 - Cold Weather Accessories (Katz)
- 02/22 - Bella Jewelry (Taylor)
- 02/23 - Hand Crafter Wire Jewelry (Wiseman)
- 02/24 - Pursesalities (Nicola)
- 02/25 - Sparkling Ideas (Sabin)
- 02/26 - Tastefully Simple (Fowlkes)

## FORS February Vendors

- 02/01-02 - Sports Memorabilia & Pictures (Twitty)
- 02/02 - Sterling Silver Jewelry (Amir); Bread & Pastries (Varga) **NEW**
- 02/03-04 - Sterling Silver Jewelry (Amir); Books (Stewart)
- 02/04 - Hand Made Jewelry (Weinstein); Fancy Findings, LLC (Bydume) **NEW**
- 02/08 - Women's Apparel & Hats (Toye)
- 02/09-10 - Wool Apparel (Fisher); Ladies' Shoes (Cassinis)
- 02/11 - Women's Clothes & Purses (Griffin)
- 02/12 - Mary Kay Cosmetics (Gibbs); - Handbags & Gold & Silver Jewelry (Irick/Hollinshead)
- 02/15 - HOLIDAY - President's Day**
- 02/16 - Diamond & Gold Jewelry (Cheng); Jewelry, Gifts & Shaklee Products (Mayo/Spencer)
- 02/17 - Seasoning & Jewelry & Oils (Clark); Pictures and Frames (People)
- 02/18 - Watch Sales & Repair (Goldengragen/Blum)
- 02/18-19 - Lotions, Perfumes, Oil Burners & Oil (Scott)
- 02/19 - American Financial (Johnson)
- 02/22 - Jewelry & Gifts (Lerman); Women Fashions (Baylor) **NEW**
- 02/23 - Figurines, Sports Mugs, Scented Fruit Gel Candles (Ford) **NEW**; Raw Shea Butter & Soaps
- 02/24 - Hand Painted Pictures (Jackson); Pampered Chef (Barnes) **NEW**
- 02/25 - Bread & Pastries (Varga)
- 02/25-26 - Plus Size Women's Clothes, Towels & Wash (Hawkins)
- 02/26 - Hand Made Jewelry (Weinstein)

# The Advertiser

## CARPOOLS/VANPOOLS

Vanpool startup, Save \$\$\$ / eco friendly, Riders/drivers needed: Charles Town, WV or Brunswick MD, residents, Meeting places:, Oakland church, Charles Town, WV, Park n ride, Brunswick, MD (off rt 340, exit#1, Knoxville, MD), Times: Eta GTN 7am, Eta GTN 4:30pm. Contact: Janet Tatterson at 304 261-4092.

Van Pool Riders Wanted! Laurel, MD (BW Parkway & Rt. 197) Mall Area, Washington DC. Depart Laurel 6:45AM, Arrive Laurel 5:50-6:10PM Contact Shirley 202 586-2218. METRO CHECKS ACCEPTED AS PARTIAL PAYMENT!

CP needs driver/rider from Reston to FORS, 7-4:30 AWS, Jim 7-1370.

CP Hagerstown to FOR, 6:30-4:00 Jim 6-4441 or Peter 6-8116.

CP seeking rider/driver from either Sydenstricker or Rolling Valley Park and Ride (Burke/W. Springfield) to Forrestal. 7:00-4:30, first Friday off. Call

Elise 6-7239 or Tom 6-3276.

CP needs rider/driver from Frederick to FORS, 7-4:30 AWS, Melinda 6-0012.

## FOR SALE

David White Construction Level: \$85. Precision optical tool for laying out your construction project, leveling foundations, floors, pipes, walls, turning corners, setting grades, etc. Made in USA model. Can bring to GTN. Tom Anderson, 301 831-8674.

For Sale: 3 piece living room furniture. (1) loveseat (1) sofa/pull out bed and (1) large Chaise lounge, color: mint green with multi-colored large pillows. Interested please call: 301 503-2846

Cutco Cutlery: the world's finest cutlery. Kitchen knives, sets, flatware, sport knives, and more. Contact Jessie Dorsey, 301 991-1423, for a demo.

100% Alpaca Bears and yarn for sale, natural colors. Personalized Golf Markers (pewter) In stock only \$4, Lisa German 301 829-0599.

## SERVICES

Dog Walking: Bonded and Insured couple available for mid-day dog

walks/pet sitting. References available. Call 301 540-7292 for more info.

Stork Express: Announce the arrival of a newborn in a BIG way! 7 ft. tall lawn storks with personalized keepsake bundle, delivery included. Call 301 540-7793 for more info.

## HOMES/Vacation - Sale/Rent

ROOM FOR RENT: GTN area 1 1/2 miles to DOE, Room Unfurnished, Pvt BA, N/Pets. \$500 mo. call for details: 240-277-6966

Must sell Timeshare with Wilderness Presidential Resorts Call Marissa @ 301 748-1659 for details, asking \$8000.

Must sell Timeshare with Wildness Presidential Resorts. Call Agnes @ 301 952-1454 for details, asking \$4000.

"I don't understand why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon."  
~Unknown

## ERWA ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACTS

**ERWA President:** Ruth Watkins

**ERWA Offices:** Germantown; E-101, 301 903-5440 Wed., Thurs., and Fri. 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Forrestal; GE-139, 202 586-0330, Thurs., 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

**Mailing Address:** USDOE, ERWA, Room E-101, 19901 Germantown Road Germantown, MD 20874, or 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20585-1290

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## ERWA HOTLINE 301 903-8500

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## ERWA Club and Activity Contacts

**Travel** Ruth Watkins 301 903-2644 GTN

**Toastmasters** Dan Marsick 301 903-3954 GTN, Eric Thomas 202 586-2242 FORS

**Vendor Hotline** 301 903-1222 GTN

**Softball** Joe Gazda 202 586-2075 FORS

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Duty Station (Bldg.) \_\_\_\_\_

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