

June's Community Report

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Mike Naumann, 410-592-4884-[EMAIL](#)-**June Blood Drive**

Mark your calendars for the June Community Blood Drive. It will be held on Saturday, June 4th from 7am to 1pm in the St. John the Evangelist Church Hall. Blood Drive chairman Ray Dietz is again striving for 100 donors. Please consider donating or volunteering while helping your community at the same time. It will only take an hour or so of your time and is one of the most important activities you could take part in.

Invite your wife, family, neighbors, and anyone 18 years of age or older to give. We will also be looking for help with the setup, clean up, and registration. So please consider volunteering before or after you donate.

If you have any questions, or can volunteer call: Ray Dietz @ 410-790-7484 or [EMAIL](#)-**Visit to Fort McHenry**

Our Council will celebrate Flag Day with a visit to Fort McHenry, the home of the Star Spangled Banner, beginning at 1:00 pm on the afternoon of Saturday, June 11, three days before the 234th anniversary of the adoption by the Congress of the Stars and Stripes as our national flag.

If you have not been to the Fort within the past two months you will be in for a treat. Come and experience the brand new Visitor Center which opened on March 3, appropriately enough on the 80th anniversary of the signing of the Presidential Proclamation designating the Star Spangled Banner as our nation anthem.

The Center contains numerous upscale exhibits on the "Forgotten" War of 1812, the National Anthem, Francis Scott Key and a host of related issues and events. K of C Brother Bob Cyphers, a longtime volunteer guide at the Fort, will conduct you on a guided tour of this outstanding example of the "First Series" of coastal fortifications authorized by the newly independent United States. This will be followed (time permitting) by a presentation of some of well-known and not so well known facts regarding the history of the Flag, the Song, and the Pledge.

All ages are welcome to attend. Just let Bob know ahead of time by phone (410-592-6374) or [EMAIL](#) so he can firm up the arrangements with the Fort. Meet Bob at the main entrance to the Visitor Center at 1:00 pm on June 11. Ample parking is available.

I would like to thank all those who participated in Community Activities in the 2011 fraternal year.

Special thanks to the project chairman who ran these events:

PGK George Landefeld for co-coordinating the Tootsie Roll Fundraising Program with me.

PGK Carroll McComas for coordinating the Apple Picking Project.

John Mayni for continuing to direct the Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Project.

Bob Cyphers for coordinating our Flag Day Activity.

Ray Dietz for chairing both the Fall and Spring Blood Drives.