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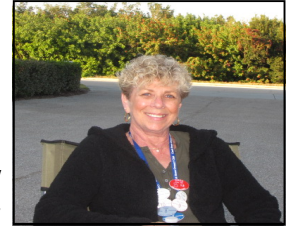
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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



It's hard to believe that after all the waiting and anticipation of the holidays, they are now just a pleasant memory. After the holidays we always look forward to the factory rally and the Tampa RV show, they too are just a memory. We had a great time at the rally. They had an amazing show of coaches. The games were a hoot, seminars very informative, and the food excellent (especially the macaroons). CHOC also enrolled about five new members. We hope to see them at our future rallies. The RV show finished our winter season with us drooling over the beautiful coaches we saw. It is always fun to check out the new motorhomes.

I have seen enough cold weather to last me the rest of this season. It is now time to start thinking about this coming spring. I always look forward to seeing the earth turn green again, on the ground and in the trees. With spring comes more RV traveling and of course our Spring Rally. From what I hear it is going to be fantastic. There will be more information coming on this.

I learned at this past rally about illnesses that some of our members are experiencing. I sincerely hope that all will be recovering quickly. We are all at an age when things don't always go as we hope. Always be kind and patient with one another because we don't always know the pain others are feeling and the heartaches they may be experiencing.

Since starting this letter my immediate family has had some major medical problems including Terry having a heart attack on January 22. I am happy to say he is doing fine now. We were lucky to get to the emergency room when we did. The other medical problems are getting better.

Terry and I look forward to our next meeting in Hershey. I can smell the chocolate already.



## CHOC Hershey / Lancaster, PA Rally

May 13-17, 2012



CHOC Members and Coach House Owners:

Registration time is here for the CHOC Spring Rally. The registration materials are included in this CHOC-Talk Newsletter. The Hershey/Lancaster Rally is Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Please note these dates differ by one day from the dates announced at the Factory Rally. The rally is being held at **Pinch Pond Family Campground & RV Park ([www.pinchpond.com](http://www.pinchpond.com))**. The campground's address is 3075 Pinch Road, Manheim, PA 17545, and telephone number is 717-665-7640.

Pinch Pond Family Campground & RV Park has been family owned and operated for over 40 years! Located in the foothills of northern Lancaster County, halfway between Hershey and Pennsylvania Dutch Country, Pinch Pond offers you the perfect combination of camping fun and the convenience of touring. The Trailer Life Directory has rated this campground 9/10\*/9.5, and Woodalls has rated 5W.

Your rally registration fee includes your site for the four nights of the rally (Sunday-Wednesday), which CHOC will book for you. If you want to arrive early or extend your visit, call to reserve your site at Toll Free: 1-800-385-9807. Also included with the rally are the following:

- ◆ Registration and Welcome Reception (beginning at 2:00 PM), BYOB Happy Hour, and the awesome CHOC Pot Luck Dinner.
- ◆ Amish Day: Tour Amish Farm, House, and Schoolhouse, Pennsylvania Dutch lunch at the Good 'N Plenty farmhouse built in 1871, optional visit Old Country Store and Quilt Museum
- ◆ Hershey Day: Great American Chocolate Tour then Create your Own Candy Bar—who will be the most creative or the craziest? After lunch on your own, a fun and unforgettable trip on the Hershey Trolley Works to learn more about Mr. Hershey and Chocolate Town USA
- ◆ Who doesn't need a laugh? The Rainbow Dinner Theatre has been laughing for 27 years, and we will join them for lunch and a comedy play.
- ◆ Catered breakfasts and dinners
- ◆ BYOB Happy Hours in the pavilion
- ◆ And much more.....

Registration extends through Monday, April 2, 2012, but please register early. For questions, contact Phyllis Johnson, CHOC Rally Coordinator, at (850) 866-8735 or [paj0414@yahoo.com](mailto:paj0414@yahoo.com). Following registration, additional information will be provided to all participants. The registration form is included in this Newsletter and will be sent out to CHOC members via email. Please make checks out to CHOC and mail them to Phyllis Johnson. Looking forward to seeing you at our SWEET rally!

# CHOC HERSHEY/LANCASTER RALLY

**MAY 13-16, 2012**

**(Registration deadline – Monday, April 2, 2012)**

**TO REGISTER, COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM (Make checks payable to Coach House Owners' Club):**

CHOC Members:		Select	Non-CHOC Members:		Select
1 coach, 2 people	\$515		1 coach, 2 people	\$575	
1 coach, 1 person	\$335		1 coach, 1 person	\$395	
Additional person	\$197		Additional person	\$197	
REGISTRATION INFORMATION					
	PERSON #1		PERSON #2		
NAME					
ADDRESS					
CITY, STATE, ZIP					
PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS:					
IS EMAIL A GOOD MEANS TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU? Yes _____ No _____					
PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER:					
CHOC #			FMCA #		
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:					
OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS:					
PETS Yes _____ No _____		TYPE:		How Many?	
ADDITIONAL PERSON(S)					

**POTLUCK DINNER ASSIGNMENT (Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>):**

Last Name Begins With: **A-G: Dessert**    **H-M: Vegetable/Salad**    **N-Z: Main Course**

**Please complete this form and return with your payment (made out to CHOC) to:**

**Phyllis Johnson**  
**5717 Thomas Drive Unit 105**  
**Panama City Beach, FL 32408**

**Attention:** All registrations must be received no later than **April 2, 2012**. If you are not able to register by April 2<sup>nd</sup>, please contact Phyllis Johnson for availability at (850) 866-8735 or paj0414@yahoo.com. If you must cancel, CHOC will only refund expenses for which CHOC is able to receive a refund. This amount varies depending on the date of cancellation. Please contact [Pinch Pond Family Campground at 800-659-7640](http://www.pinchpond.com) for reservations if you plan to arrive before the rally dates or stay after the rally dates. Do not register for dates during the rally.



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Volunteer opportunities will be available at the Spring Rally. Sign-up sheet will be at registration. Be thinking about what you may want to do—set-up or clean-up after selected meals, organize candy bar contest, bus captain, nominating committee, etc. Don't be surprised if you receive an email asking for your assistance. Thanks to all who have volunteered in the past!!!

## TECH TIPS

Repairing fogged coach windows

Submitted by Mike Dizazzo



A common problem for CHOC members has been windows fogging between the two panes of the double pane coach windows. This problem isn't exclusive to Coach House motorhomes, it's prone to all motorhomes using double pane windows.

Suncoast Designers, the leading motorhome window repair company, is located in Hudson, Florida. Contact Suncoast designer at [www.suncoastdesigners.ccwindow.com/rvservices](http://www.suncoastdesigners.ccwindow.com/rvservices) for pricing , appointments and overnight parking (with security).

We had our coach windows repaired at Suncoast Designers and were very pleased with their workmanship, guarantee and facilities.

## CONVENIENCE

Submitted by Sue Coulson

To increase storage space a clear see-through hanging shoe holder does the trick. The multiple pockets can hold many small items such as toothpaste, dental floss, cosmetics, sunscreen and most anything. It's a great space saver and best of all, it comes in several shapes and sizes. With ease it can be hung over the closet or bathroom door.

**RIDDLE #1:** What's black when you get it, red when you use it and white when you're all through with it?

**#2:** You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat ?

(answers on page 6)

# NEW MEMBERS CORNER

CHOC would like to give a warm welcome to the following new members:

## FLORIDA



Dave & Blair Covinton

John & Jeanne Privett

Larry & Carol Soule

Lou & Marika Wagner

June Weeks

## GEORGIA

Gordon & Martha Brewer

## NORTH CAROLINA

David & Anne Irvine

George & Jean Oaks

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Walley & Susan Turner



## 4th Annual Coach House Factory Rally

The annual Coach House Factory rally was a huge success, selling out with over 135 people enjoying a fun filled packed weekend. While checking in everyone was greeted with huge smiles and hugs by the Coach House staff and given wonderful welcoming gifts to start off the weekend. The gifts were large-size golf umbrellas and CH insulated back pack coolers. After receiving these gifts we were directed to our assigned parking locations. Jennifer had pre-selected everyone's location trying to accommodate special needs and keeping close friends together. The plan worked near perfectly. After everyone was settled, we enjoyed a "welcome" wine and cheese get-together followed by a dinner that included beef stroganoff and chicken alfredo. The evening entertainment started with Johnnie and Carol, a variety act which took us through memory lane of many golden oldie songs, comedy, impersonations, dancing and ventriloquism with Roger the Codger. Saturday was a busy day for everyone. After a hot catered breakfast, activities began with seminars from factory and industry representatives and a very informative factory tour showing new products and the many changes that Coach House has implemented in their 2012 Platinum Motor Homes. Some of the seminars consisted of HWH, Mor-Ryde, CHOC news and Tom Molay's (almost) famous cooking class. That evening the night was filled with raffles, prizes and minute to win it games. Jennifer's daughter, Lexie was working hard and help raise \$1,066 with this year's proceeds going to the Suncoast Humane Society. Dave and Steve even demonstrated their ability to become much closer in the toilet plunger game. (You would need to ask someone about this as they are somewhat embarrassed to discuss). We heard Coach House is already planning next years event, which, based on this years is sure to be an even bigger success!!

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### **Newest CHOC Talk column: "On Your Mind"**

The officers of the CHOC are always looking for new ways and ideas to enhance our club. We would appreciate any comments on: our organization as a whole, rally fun, rally entertainment, club friendliness, our club's ability to communicate with members, our new CHOC face book page etc...etc... anything at all "on-your-mind".

Answer riddle #1: charcoal  
Answer riddle #2: ear of corn