



# The Farmland Harvest

The Newsletter of the Farmland Elementary PTA

September, 2008

## Joe Piff

Our first Farmland PTA meeting of the school year was held on Tuesday, September 2 (yes, the day after Labor Day). Attendance was better than average and a lot of important information was presented. Other articles in this newsletter will cover specific items in more detail – I will try to hit the highlights.

One of my objectives is to hold PTA meetings that are informative and efficient. For most of us, efficiency translates to short. The Farmland PTA conducts several activities early in the year and our first few meetings tend to run long. To conduct the first meeting of the year in about one hour was a major accomplishment. I thank all presenters for being prepared to speak about their activities in a concise manner.

My report consisted of welcoming all attendees and acknowledging several thank you notes that the PTA received late last year and over the summer, including notes from Holly Buchanan, Linda Brill, Traci Matturro, the Fifth Grade Team, Ashley Weissenburger, and two from Annie Moore.

I noted that all PTA Presidents received a letter from Dr. Weast congratulating Gaithersburg Elementary School on the high number of volunteer hours they logged last year. I think Farmland can be in the running for this recognition if each of our volunteers signs in on the computer in the school office. It is simple and tells the story of the great support our parents provide to our school. Please don't miss out on your opportunity to contribute by failing to log in!

We have new Web Site Administrators for this school year and I am looking forward to an active listing of pertinent events and news items. Josh Wisniewski and Amy Chang are excited to have received the password information that allows them to implement their changes. I receive multiple emails and snail mails weekly announcing parent training opportunities and fun family events, but the number of items is too high to present at a meeting. I intend to use the PTA web site for communicating this information and any other information that has greater value in written form. Therefore, please bookmark the Farmland PTA web site ([www.farmland-pta.org](http://www.farmland-pta.org)) and visit it often.

On the back of the agenda was printed the Mission and Objectives of PTAs. I suggested that the reason to come to our meetings is the three-way communication among parents, teachers, and administrators. I will strive to keep the meetings short so that you can gather the information you need and express your concerns without losing too much family time.

That leads into a quick discussion of the content of the presentations of our other speakers. Treasurer Matt Hamill presented a balanced budget, identified the changes from previous years, and asked for a motion to approve the budget. During discussion, one change to the budget was requested and approved. The whole budget was unanimously adopted. A copy is attached.

Our Principal, Diane Smith, presented some test results from last year that showed score improvement almost everywhere and moved us up in the MD State ranking. She then went into an explanation of where we are with the modernization planning. She stressed that the individual school has no say in either the selection of the holding school (where we go while Farmland is closed for construction) or the timing of the construction (scheduled to begin January 2010 with a return to Farmland for Fall semester in August 2011). She answered several questions from the parents in attendance and stressed that this process is moving forward and interested parents and neighbors need to attend the presentation and discussion meetings.

Annie Moore (Kindergarten) is one of two alternating teachers who will attend monthly PTA meetings. She said your children are settling into the school routine and learning is being pursued and accomplished. Grades K through 3 will begin testing on September 8. She thanked the PTA for support provided so far this school year and the \$100 per teacher (\$200 for first time teachers) for special supplies.

Committee reports were numerous, but efficiently presented. Of course, we still have a few volunteer openings. Please look to other articles in this newsletter for opportunities to serve your school and VOLUNTEER! All parents should sign up for email announcements by emailing to [farmlandpta-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:farmlandpta-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) to stay in touch with PTA activities and needs for your support.

Finally, I am honored to serve with a dedicated and productive group of officers, including Vice Presidents Carol Lange and Lisa Miller, Treasurer Matt Hamill, Recording Secretary Lisa Garson, Corresponding Secretary Liz Brinker, Cluster Representatives Shari Campbell and Stacey Jungreis, and MCCPTA Representatives Alan Hairston and Andrea Nadelman. We are here to listen to your compliments and concerns and to communicate them to the appropriate personnel. Please stay in touch with us so we can better serve you.

The next PTA meeting will be held in the Farmland All Purpose Room on Tuesday, October 7, 2008, beginning at 7:00 PM. Please be there.

**2008-2009 PTA BOARD MEMBERS**

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**Children around the globe walk toward a lifetime of healthy habits**

*International Walk to School Day is October 8, 2008*

Walking your child to school is a great way to help your child learn and practice safe walking skills, promote health, and improve air quality.

Join Farmland Elementary school in celebrating International Walk to School Day, Wednesday, October 8.

To learn more about upcoming International Walk to School events, please contact Stacey Jungreis at 301-881-8862 or visit [www.walktoschool.org](http://www.walktoschool.org).

**FARMLAND BOOK FAIR (Monday Oct 20- Friday Oct. 24th)**



The Scholastic Book Fair, sponsored by the PTA, will be held in the GYM **Monday October 20 through Friday October 24th**. We need volunteers to help plan the Book Fair, as well as work at the Book

Fair. Volunteers are needed to plan events such as teacher read night and One For Books. **You don't have to be available during school hours to help.**

If you are interested in helping with the Book Fair, please indicate your volunteer interests on the attached flyer and send it in to the PTA Box in the Office. This is a great event for all the kids and a wonderful way to bring the gift of reading to your children.

If you have any questions, please contact **Stephanie Vordick (301-984-6104; [svordick@yahoo.com](mailto:svordick@yahoo.com))**, **Lisa Tillman (301-984-3818 [Lisa.Tillman@comcast.net](mailto:Lisa.Tillman@comcast.net))**; or **Jen Oppenheim (301-984-8024; [jenoppenheim@aol.com](mailto:jenoppenheim@aol.com))**



**PTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you are interested in helping with PTA activities this year, we have several open positions. Please contact

Carol Lange at [langefamily4@msn.com](mailto:langefamily4@msn.com) or Lisa Miller at [lisamiller518@hotmail.com](mailto:lisamiller518@hotmail.com) if you are interested in finding out more about how you can help.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

DATE	EVENT
Oct. 7	PTA Meeting, 7:00 PM
Oct. 13	Farmland ES Open House
Oct. 8	Walk and Bike to School Day
Oct. 20 – 24	Book Fair
Oct. 26	Fall Carnival

## **FARMLAND GIRLS ON THE RUN (GOTR) FOR 3<sup>RD</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS – SIGN UPS STARTED**

**9/2/08**



If your 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade daughter is interested in training for a 5K fun run through a curriculum that is fun, promotes friendship, self-esteem, and character development then consider signing her up for the twice a week extra-curricular Girls on the Run (GOTR) program.

The GOTR program will meet on both Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:45pm-5pm beginning on **September 24th** and finishing the week of November 17th with the 5K fun run scheduled for **November 22nd**.

**Online sign ups** are on a first come basis at [www.girlsontherunofmoco.org](http://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org) beginning on **September 2, 2008** (there is a 24-hour priority registration period for returning girls).

For those who do not have Internet access, there was a flyer already sent home (please mail the form to the address provided; do not return it to Farmland).

The **\$150 fee** (there is a sliding scale and scholarships are available) covers program costs, snacks, t-shirt, water bottle, and the 5K fun run entrance fee.

We have wonderful coaches including the help from 2 fabulous Farmland 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers; **Ashley Weisenburger and Rachel Dinkin** as well as a beloved former 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, **Traci Maturro**.

For questions, or if you are interested in helping us coach, please contact **Cheryl Morris** at [cgmorris@att.net](mailto:cgmorris@att.net).

To learn more about *Girls on the Run* go to [www.girlsontherunofmoco.org](http://www.girlsontherunofmoco.org).



## **GRADE LEVEL POTLUCK DINNERS**

Get to know your children's classmates and their families by enjoying a potluck meal together. You'll enjoy yummy food and wonderful company.

We're looking for parents in each grade to coordinate the potluck event for their grade. You'll decide on the date, coordinate the sign up, and work with school facility to arrange for tables either on the playground or in the all-purpose room.

If you are interested, please contact **Caroline Cooksey** ([carolinecooksey@yahoo.com](mailto:carolinecooksey@yahoo.com)) for details

## **CHINESE, FRENCH, AND SPANISH CLASSES**

The Farmland PTA is again sponsoring Chinese (Mandarin), French, and Spanish classes through the Foreign Language in Elementary Schools program (FLES).

- Introductory classes for Kindergarten and 1st Grade
- Levels I, II, and III classes for Grades 2, 3, 4, and 5

The FLES program is a great learning experience and emphasizes conversation and fun.

If you have questions, please contact the PTA FLES Coordinator:

CHINESE: Manette Niu, 301-294-7584,  
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FRENCH: Eliza McLeod, 301-816-0474,  
[elizamcleod@aol.com](mailto:elizamcleod@aol.com);

SPANISH: Magda Ochoa, [msochoa@yahoo.com](mailto:msochoa@yahoo.com)

## FARMLAND PTA CARNIVAL

Farmland is getting ready for the **PTA Carnival, Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 1-4 p.m.**, rain or shine. There will be many fun moon bounces, terrific games and exciting activities. Plus, this year we will have a new, special activity -- keep checking the Harvest for details!



You will be able to take a chance at the ever-popular Cake Walk. We'll also have some of your favorite carnival foods: popcorn and pucker powder. Armand's will be on hand with their wonderful pizza, salads and subs, and a big supply of cold drinks. Mark Carnival on your calendar and get ready for a fun afternoon.

We will offer two payment options again: all-inclusive pay-one-price wristbands or pay-as-you-go individual tickets. Wristbands give you: unlimited access to all rides and games; one serving of popcorn and pucker powder; one chance at the lollipop tree; and one turn at the special activity. (The Cake Walk and Armand's food and drink will be additional charges.) Or, buy tickets and pay for each ride, game or food item you enjoy. (Generally, games will be 1 ticket. Rides, food and activities will cost between 2 and 4 tickets.)

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. Adult volunteers and Tilden and WJ students (student service learning credit is available) are needed for all time slots (1-2 p.m.; 2-3 p.m.; 3-4 p.m.; and 4-5p.m. (clean up)), as well as bakers for the cakewalk. **Please contact Holli Beckerman Jaffe at 301-984-7809 or [mahobela@comcast.net](mailto:mahobela@comcast.net)** to sign up. The PTA thanks you for your support!

## SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL



The **2008-2009 Giant Food's A+ Bonus Bucks program** starts again **program** begins on **October 3, 2008** and runs through April 2, 2009. The program requires that you re-designate your choice of school each year.

Please re-designate early. It takes Giant a few weeks to process your selections.

All you have to do is log on to [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) and re-designate **Farmland Elementary (ID #00720)** as your school of choice or dial 1-877-366-2668 to designate over the phone.



For Safeway fans, there is the **Safeway Club Card for Education program**. This program is run by E-Scrip and now requires yearly renewal.

You can earn up to 3% of your monthly Safeway purchases for Farmland and the money is automatically deposited into the school's account. Please log on to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) to renew or enroll. **Farmland Elementary's ID # is 6502808.**



**Target's Take Charge of Education Program** continues year round and donates 1% of REDcard (Target Visa and Target credit card) purchases made at Target and Target.com and 1/2% of Target Visa purchases made elsewhere, to the school of your choice.

Checks are mailed to the school twice a year, in March and September.

The ID# for **Farmland Elementary is 58128**. To register, log onto [www.target.com](http://www.target.com), go to the bottom of the page and click on "community."

If you have any questions, contact Shari Campbell at (301) 231-5346 (home) or at [scampbell@hrsa.gov](mailto:scampbell@hrsa.gov)

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You can find more information about the PTA on our website ([www.farmland-pta.org](http://www.farmland-pta.org)) or by joining our listserv ([farmlandpta-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:farmlandpta-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).)

For Harvest submissions please send them via email to [elletts5@verizon.net](mailto:elletts5@verizon.net) and indicate HARVEST in the subject line.

## 2008-09 Farmland PTA Budget

Activity	Income	Expense	P/L	Farmland ES
After Prom	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)	
Artist in Residence	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Bank Fees and Misc. Operating	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ (1,100.00)	
Barnes & Noble	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Bingo	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,300.00	
Book Fair	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 3,750.00	
Box Tops				\$ 250.00
Bumper Stickers	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
Celebrations	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)	
Chess Club	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	
Chorus	\$ -	\$ 700.00	\$ (700.00)	
Cultural Arts	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ (3,500.00)	
Directory	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 400.00	
Fall Carnival	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 800.00	
Farmland Flash	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ (250.00)	
Fifth Grade Celebration	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -	
FLES	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	
Fun Run	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)	
Geography Bee	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)	
Giant Receipts	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	
Gift to School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Gift Wrap Sale	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	
Guidance Advisory	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)	
Harvest	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ (300.00)	
Hebrew Club	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	
Homework Club	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)	
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)	
International Night	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (1,500.00)	
Laminating Film	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ (400.00)	
Landscaping	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ (250.00)	
Opera	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ (800.00)	
Poet in Residence	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Pot Luck Dinners	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	
Principal Discretionary	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)	
PTA Dues	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 2,100.00	
PTA Voluntary Donations	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	\$ 1,250.00	
Reflections	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)	
Restaurant Night	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00	
Safety Patrol	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ (800.00)	
Science Fair	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ -	
Staff Appreciation	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)	
Staff Instruction Funds	\$ -	\$ 4,200.00	\$ (4,200.00)	
T-Shirt Sales	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 300.00	
Target Receipts				\$ 300.00
Talent Show	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ (100.00)	
Walk to School Day	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$ (50.00)	
Writing Club	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)	
Yearbook	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 750.00	
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 84,100.00	\$ 84,400.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ 550.00

## Farmland's Foreign Language Program – CHINESE, FRENCH & SPANISH

This form is for students who wish to participate in the PTA-Sponsored program called Foreign Language in Elementary Schools (FLES). Class sizes are small, and the price is economical. Classes are offered at the following levels:

### **CHINESE, FRENCH & SPANISH-INTRODUCTORY LEVEL FOR KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1:**

Classes begin the third week of October and end in March. Classes meet once a week for 45 minutes of fun learning & age-appropriate activities. The cost is \$210 for 20 lessons. Classes are scheduled as follows but are subject to change:

INTRO CHINESE Tuesday 3:35-4:35 PM (includes 15 minutes for afternoon snack)

INTRO FRENCH Monday 3:35-4:35 PM (includes 15 minutes for afternoon snack)

INTRO SPANISH Monday 8:15-9:00 AM

### **FRENCH & SPANISH— Levels I, II, III, and IIIA (Advanced): Grades 2-5**

Classes begin the first week of October and end in May. Classes meet once a week for 55 minutes of fun learning. The cost is \$215 for 26 lessons. Classes are scheduled as follows but are subject to change:

FRENCH I Tuesday 8:05-9:00 AM

FRENCH III/IIIA\* Monday 8:05-9:00 AM

SPANISH I Thursday 8:05-9:00 AM

SPANISH II\*\* Monday 8:05-9:00 AM

SPANISH III\*\* Monday 8:05-9:00 AM

\*French III and IIIA are combined because of projected enrollment. This has been done successfully for many years.

\*\*If there is insufficient enrollment for Spanish III, the Level II and III will be combined and classes will meet at the regularly scheduled time on Monday from 8:05 to 9:10 am.

### **CHINESE (MANDARIN) EXTENDED FLES--Levels I & III A (Advanced): Grades 2-5** **ONE HOUR TWO TIMES A WEEK**

Classes begin the first week of October and end in May. Classes meet for **1 hour classes held TWO TIMES A WEEK** for 26 weeks. The fee for Chinese I Extended FLES is \$425/year (payment: \$215 due at the time of registration, and \$210 in Jan.'09). (Due to low enrollment) the fee for Chinese IIIA (Advanced) Extended FLES is \$635/year (payment: \$315 due at the time of registration, and \$310 in Jan.'09). Classes are scheduled as follows (subject to change):

CHINESE I Tuesday **AND** Wednesday 3:35-4:35 PM

CHINESE IIIA Wednesday **AND** Thursday 3:45-4:45 PM

Please register using the form below. All registrations must be accompanied by a check payable to "Farmland PTA" with the child/children's name(s) on the check, put in an envelope marked "FLES (name of the language class requested)." Please place the envelope in the PTA mailbox in the school office. Tuition fee is non-refundable. **Registration deadline: Friday, September 19.** For further information please contact the PTA FLES Coordinator: CHINESE: Manette Niu, 301-294-7584, [mtniu2@hotmail.com](mailto:mtniu2@hotmail.com); FRENCH: Eliza McLeod, [elizamcleod@aol.com](mailto:elizamcleod@aol.com). SPANISH: Magda Sobalvarro-Ochoa, 301-231-4951, [msochoa@yahoo.com](mailto:msochoa@yahoo.com)

### **Farmland PTA FLES Registration Form, 2008-2009**

You may use one form for more than one child in the family. Please indicate which level (Introductory, I, II, III, or IIIA) and which language you are requesting for your children on the line titled "Class Requested." You will be notified of the class start date and classroom number. Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If after-school FLES Class, who will pick the child up? Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# LET'S ROCK AND ROLL WITH SALLY FOSTER WRAPPING PAPER AND GIFT ITEMS -

*TIME TO GET STARTED!*

**Sales kits came home last week  
And the online store is open!**

Here's how all your out-of-town family and friends can support Farmland (and your child can get additional prize credit):

1. Go online to the SELLER'S SECTION at [www.SallyFoster.com](http://www.SallyFoster.com) to send e-mails and ensure the student earns prize credit for online sales. Please note that Sally Foster respects your privacy and does not release or sell names or e-mails including in the registration. The Farmland PTA account number is **501390**.
2. If you e-mail addresses family and friends, they will receive an e-mail with a direct link to the Sally Foster online store that will ensure their purchases benefit Farmland and give your child additional prize credit.
3. Send 10 e-mails to win a FREE game download. Send 5 e-mails for a chance to win a Nintendo Wii!

If you don't want to register your child on the Sally Foster site, your out-of-town family and friends can still support our school. Please let them know that they can make purchases online at SallyFoster.com and enter the Farmland account number, 501390, during the checkout process.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT ILENE REID (301-230-1864) or LISA GARSON (301-468-8043)

**REMEMBER: FARMLAND GETS A FULL 50 CENTS  
OF EVERY DOLLAR OF SALES!**

This sale is a crucial source of funding for PTA-sponsored activities, including cultural arts assemblies, gift to the school, and special projects.

# 2008-2009 FARMLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

By filling out this form, you will help us ensure the information in the PTA-produced school directory is accurate and complete. In particular, we are looking for e-mail addresses, as many parents use them to communicate with their children's classmates - and this form is our only source for your e-mail address. Please, type or block-print legibly. The information provided in this form will only be used for directory purposes.

**NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD(REN) LISTED IN THE SCHOOL DIRECTORY, YOU MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FORM TITLED "REQUEST TO WITHHOLD DIRECTORY INFORMATION" THAT WAS MAILED TO YOU THIS SUMMER.**

Student(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First 2008-2009

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First 2008-2009

\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First 2008-2009

Check here if there is no change from last year's directory (except for grade level).

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Only add city and zip code if other than Rockville 20852)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Only add city and zip code if other than Rockville 20852)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 22, 2008!**



# The Farmland Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Needs Your Support!

Dear Farmland **Families**,

The PTA has a significant impact on the way Farmland functions. Joining the PTA shows support for our school. You can show your support by attending PTA meetings, working on an activity or event, and of course by paying your annual membership dues. For just **\$15.00** (\$5.00 increase from last year) a year your membership gives you a vote at PTA meetings and also includes dues for the state and national PTA organizations, strengthening our advocacy for all children.

Your dues and your involvement help support the following PTA functions:

- Communication between parents, teachers, and administration
- School assemblies and cultural arts programs
- Social and fund raising events including: Fall Festival, Carnival, Farmland Follies, Bingo, Book Fair, and Gift Wrap Sale
- Literary magazine and the Science Fair
- Sponsorship of special classes including our foreign language program (FLES), class piano, Mad Science and Chess Club
- Grants to the Opera, Chorus, and Artist in Residence programs

The PTA provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of each child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students. Together we can make a difference.

It's easy to join the PTA. Please complete the form below and return it to either the membership table at Back to School night on September 11<sup>th</sup> or the PTA mailbox located in the school office in an envelope marked PTA Membership, along with a check for your dues and any extra donation you would like to make. Please make checks payable to **Farmland PTA**. Your **\$15** dues entitle you to a single membership and one vote. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Heald at 301-881-1389, [kate.heald@netzero.net](mailto:kate.heald@netzero.net)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues enclosed (**\$15**) \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you!!!