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## KRISLUND CAMP CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Submitted by Joy Kaufmann,  
General Presbyter



*"We must tell you, friends, about the grace that God has given to the churches in Macedonia....from the depths of their poverty they have shown themselves lavishly open-handed. Going to the limit of their resources, and even beyond that limit..they begged... and on their own initiative, to be allowed to share in this generous service to their fellow Christians."*

II Corinthians 8: 1-4, selections

There are exciting times ahead for Camp Krislund and for those of us in the three presbyteries that jointly own the camp. We have all voted to launch a capital campaign. This campaign will provide our camp with much needed facility upgrades and additions, as well as provide a more solid year-round financial footing for the camp.

While not everyone enjoys talking about money, I can truly affirm the spiritual blessing to which Paul referred when he talked about the lavish, exuberant giving of the Macedonian Christians. A pastor friend of mine named Bill Arthur exemplified the same joy of giving a few years back. Bill and I were serving a congregation together, and we faced a monumental financial need that required a capital campaign. Bill, in his gentle southern accent said with enthusiasm, "Joey (that's southern for Joy), this is goin' to be fun!" And it was.

Together we worked as a church to serve Christ by ensuring that the place in which so much mission and ministry was carried out would stand the test of time. The physical plant needed maintenance. The people of God gave and gave generously. And their spirits were renewed in their giving.

In the near future, representatives of our presbytery will want to talk with the session of each congregation about the joy of giving to and through Krislund. Our financial gifts to Krislund will enable us, together, to give the gift of Christ through Krislund. The Joint Camp and Conference Committee envisions an expanded mission that includes our traditional summer programs for children and youth and new programming and facilities for older youth and adults year-round.

Won't you please start praying now for what God has in mind for the camp? Will you begin to pray now for discernment about what your household and your congregation might give to God's glory through the camp? I suspect Paul would be proud of us as we launch into this venture of faith, the Camp Krislund Funding the Future Capital Campaign.

Love to you as we begin the Lenten journey, Joy Kaufmann

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*When it came  
close to the time  
for His ascension,  
He gathered up his  
courage and  
steeled Himself for  
the Journey to  
Jerusalem.*

Luke 9:51  
The Message

## **Chiz Rider in Concert at Alexandria**

*Submitted by Pearl LeCrone, Sec. Alexandria*

The Alexandria Presbyterian Church will host Chiz Rider in Concert at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 12. Chiz is a talented trumpet player from State College.

All ages will enjoy a concert experience that incorporates a high impact light show and large screen video enhancement as Chiz Rider presents the Gospel and encourages believers.

Everyone is welcome and a free will offering will be accepted to benefit the Chiz Rider Ministries.

*Elder LeCrone may be reached at 818-669-5005.*

## **Summer Camp: Building Trust, Self-Confidence, & Faith**

*Submitted by Steve Cort, Camp Administrator*

Krislund will offer 24 camps for children and youth between June 18 and August 12.

Unlike other camping opportunities, Krislund is able to provide a unique faith-building experience in an unparalleled wilderness sanctuary.

In 138 hours, lives have been significantly transformed and futures have been shaped by the exciting activities and the loving mentoring of Krislund's Christian staff.

Krislund's style of camping stresses developing a team of caring friends, taking greater responsibility, and seeing God's fingerprint in everything.

Before your summer gets too busy, go to our website ([www.krislund.org](http://www.krislund.org)), consider the possibilities, & sign up. For more information, call 814.422.8878. Our camp staff will be happy to provide a program for potential campers and parents at your church and for other organizations.

*Contact [info@krislund.org](mailto:info@krislund.org) for more information..*

Krislund Camp offers many opportunities for you to be involved in this critical growth experience. Take a close look at the Krislund Corner to find out how.

## **The Presbyterian Historical Society Holds Seminar on Local Church History**

The Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its 28th Annual seminar on local church History on April 24-28 at the Presbyterian Historical Society at Montreat, North Carolina.

Workshops will be on:

Presbyterian History

Oral History

Writing a Congregational History

Managing/Preserving Congregational Records

Exhibit Planning

Disaster Preparedness

Celebrating a Congregational Anniversary

For information contact the Presbyterian Historical Society at [refdesk@history.pcusa.org](mailto:refdesk@history.pcusa.org) or go to [www.history.pcusa.org/cong/lchs/index.htm](http://www.history.pcusa.org/cong/lchs/index.htm)

## **January Presbytery Wrap Up**

*Submitted by Ginny Rainey,  
Stated Clerk*

At its January 28, meeting, presbytery said farewell to outgoing moderator Ted Kiffer and welcomed incoming moderator Glenn Haney.

Presbytery experienced centering worship in the Taize style led by Beth Garrod-Logsdon and Chuck McGaha.

The Presbytery concurred in the McVeytown overture encouraging General Assembly to rethink its action in directing divestment in multinational companies doing business in Israel, while commending its concern for a just resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The Presbytery encouraged the submission of applications for grants from Hunger and Peacemaking and Self-Development of People funds.

Presbytery approved the request for merger of the Burnham and Little Valley congregations.

Jordan Feagley of Petersburg Bethel was elected Youth Advisory Delegate to General Assembly, while Jake Wagner of Vira replaced Pam Benson, who withdrew because of work pressures, as Elder Commissioner. Sam Strohm is the Minister Commissioner.

A Parish Associate contract between Rev. Les Papp and Petersburg Bethel congregation was also approved.

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## Presbyterian Homes .... Foundation?

*Submitted by Becky Young, Foundation Director,  
Presbyterian Homes in the Presbytery of Huntingdon*

When I did a quick search for the word “foundation”, instantly, five different meanings popped up.

- 1.The act of founding, especially the establishment of an institution with provisions for future maintenance.
- 2.The basis on which a thing stands, is founded, or is supported.
- 3.Funds for the perpetual support of an institution; an endowment; an institution founded and supported by an endowment
- 4.A foundation garment.
- 5.A cosmetic base.

For me, meaning #3 came to life rather quickly....

Recently, I assumed the role of Foundation Director for the Presbyterian Homes in the Presbytery of Huntingdon. This is a very new, but exciting challenge for me. Being somewhat familiar with the Homes Foundation on the periphery, I really needed to understand what it meant to have a Foundation.

I clearly knew the “foundation” on which the Presbyterian Homes was built, not structurally, but its mission. A strong history dating back to 1924 and a mission to “.... provide a continuum of quality care and services in a variety of settings primarily for older adults...”

However, the Foundation I am referring to was established in 2004, to clearly delineate operating funds from the Endowment Fund and other restricted contributions and to assure that all funds raised to benefit the Presbyterian Homes in the Presbytery of Huntingdon are used solely for that purpose. Like definition #3 above, “funds for the perpetual support of an institution”... Presbyterian Homes provides benevolent (free) care to over 350 residents each year costing about \$2.5 million dollars. So, we are thankful for those who have included and supported us over the years.

Our need continues and we ask for your continued or renewed support of the Homes “Foundation”, the one the Homes was built upon and the one on which we financially rely.

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## West Kish Coffeehouse Saturday March 11, 2006 at 7:00pm

**Carl Ector & Bob Himes - violin and piano**  
**Richard Burns - folk singer -**

(think James Taylor/Cat Stevens)

**Anna/Anne/Holly - female trio**

(folk/Celtic style)

West Kish Coffeehouse is located in the West Kishacoquillas Presbyterian church, 3821 W. Main St. Belleville, PA, 17004. The coffeehouse is a venue for local musicians and performance artists. The admission is free and coffee, sodas, and light fare are provided. Contributions are accepted to cover costs.

For further information or directions

Call 717-935-5065 or e-mail  
westkishch@earthlink.net

## Special Thursday Services at Mt. Top Parish During Lent

*Submitted by Duncan Nichol, Pastor  
Mountain Top Larger Parish*

Throughout the Lenten Season, the Deacons of the Mt. Top Larger Parish have scheduled special Thursday night experiences which will be held at Glen-Ritchey Church at 7:30 each week. The following musical groups will participate:

March 9, Psalm 151 will be featured.

March 16, Heaven Bound will sing.

March 23, The Curwensville Town Choir will sing.

March 30, The Joyful Noises of Fruit Hill will lead in the singing at a Taize Musical Service .

April 6, Angela Searles and the Praise Band of Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Clearfield will provide music

A love offering will be collected at each of the Lenten nights. The Thursday Lenten nights will be preceded by a brief devotional time.

On the final Thursday, April 13, The Parish will celebrate a Tenebrae Service with communion. It is a service where candles are extinguished throughout the service as readings from Scripture tell the story leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Everyone is welcome at these special services as the MountainTop Parish continues its celebration of 50 years of ministry together.

*Rev. Duncan Nichol may be reached at 814-672-3026.*

## Presbytery Calendar

### March

Mar 2-5	6:45 pm Shade Gap Women's Retreat
Mar 7	1:00 pm Council meeting at Presbytery Offices
Mar 8	9:30 am Quarterly staff meeting at Presbytery Offices
Mar 13	Noon North West Clergy Cluster at Dubois Church
Mar 14	Noon Catch 22 Clergy Cluster at Hollidaysburg Church
Mar 15	Noon Subcommittee on Ministry with Ministers
Mar 16	Noon 717 Clergy Cluster at McVeytown Church
Mar 19	3:00 pm Rev. Roland Emond's Installation/Irvona Church
Mar 21	Noon Centre Region Clergy Cluster
Mar 21	1:00 Subcommittee on Ministry to Congregations as Pine Grove Mills
Mar 22	1:00 p.m. Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Presbytery Office
Mar 28	9:30 am Presbytery Meeting at Westminster Woods

### April

Apr 4-5	Ecumenical Consultation in Bedford
Apr 11	5:00 pm Joint Camp & Conference Committee at Krislund
Apr 12	9:30 am Staff meeting at Presbytery Offices
Apr 14	Presbytery Offices closed for Good Friday
Apr 19	1:00 p.m. Committee on Ministry at the Presbytery Office
Apr. 20	1:30-4:30 Pastor Training (Randy Yoder at Presbytery Offices)
	6:30 pm Commissioned Lay Pastor's Cluster at Presbytery Offices
Apr 24	Noon North West Clergy Cluster at Windy Hill
Apr. 25	9:30 am General Assembly training at Presbytery Offices

## MARCH Prayer Calendar

- 5 Bellefonte Congregation**  
*Rev. Douglas S. Elder Sr., Pastor*
- Belleville West Kish. Congregation**  
*Rev. Samuel G. Strohm, Pastor*
- 12 Bellwood Logan Valley Congregation**  
*Rev. Barry T. Vance, Pastor*
- Birmingham Congregation**  
*Terry L. Buckel, CLP*
- 19 Blairs Mills Upper Tuscarora Congregation**  
**Neelyton Pine Grove Congregation**  
**Shade Gap Congregation**  
*Rev. Geoffery A. Huish, Moderator*
- 26 The Churches and Members of Pakh 5 Nan, Thailand** (our mission partners)

## Retired Clergy Group

*Submitted by Rev. Lee McCardle*

Our Retired Clergy Group will meet Wednesday, March 22nd at 11:30 a.m. in the P.J. Harrigans Bar and Grill in the Ramada Inn on South Atherton Street at State College. We each order from the restaurant menu, and we each pay for our own meal. All retired clergy are welcome. Please come and share your most memorable communion service, whether it be serious or humorous.

At our February meeting we shared stories of our most memorable funerals. Some were serious, and some were amusing like the time a cow fell into the burial pit, which meant the casket and mourners had to wait until workers freed the cow.

For information about our meetings, contact Lee McCardle at [Leemccardle@adelphia.net](mailto:Leemccardle@adelphia.net)

## APRIL Prayer Calendar

- 2 Presbytery Office**  
*Rev. Joy Kaufmann, General Presbyter*  
*Mrs. Marie Carlson, Office Assistant*  
*Elder Virginia Rainey, Stated Clerk*
- 9 GA Commissioners**  
*Rev. Sam Strohm, Elder Jacob Wagner*
- 16 Burnham Congregation**  
**Milroy Congregation**  
**Vira Little Valley Congregation**  
*Rev. Charles W. McGaha, Moderator*  
*Rev. Wayne Mast, Stated Supply*
- 23 Clearfield Pine Grove Bethel Congregation**  
**Glen Richey Congregation**  
**New Millport Fruit Hill Congregation**  
*Rev. Duncan Nichol, Pastor*
- 30 Clearfield Congregation**  
*Rev. Douglas S. Pride, Pastor*  
**Coalport Congregation**  
**Irvona Congregation**  
*Rev. Roland Rene Emond, Pastor*

## WORKSHOP ROTATION: COME AND EXPERIENCE SOMETHING GRAND!

*Submitted by Lee Prior*

**Here's the Workshop Rotation Model in a nutshell:** Teach major Bible stories and concepts through kid-friendly multimedia workshops: an Art workshop, Drama, Music, Games, A-V, Puppets, Storytelling, Computers, and any other educational media you can get your hands on. Teach the same Bible story in all of the workshops for four or five weeks rotating the kids to a different workshop each week. And here comes the extremely teacher friendly part: Keep the same teacher in each workshop for all five weeks -teaching the same lesson *week after week* (with some age appropriate adjustments) to each new class coming in.

**Here's why it works:** The Workshop Rotation Model concentrates on the major stories of the Bible over and over again.. The multi-intelligences (creative methods) approach in the model isn't a fad or merely kid-friendly, it is calculated to take advantage of our student's God-given thirst for multi-modal learning. The model allows teachers to get better at their lesson. By the second week of the rotation, the teacher is already improving the original lesson plan for the next class. No more "if I only would have...." in the parking lot after class. No more Saturday night planning. The Model also buries the beige and boring classroom in a blizzard of creative kid-oriented design. It says "we're teaching kids, not cons," and we want them to come back. Because each room is organized around a specific teaching medium, dramatic makeovers don't get torn down a week or a month later like they do in traditional classrooms or VBS.

**Cost-effective:** There is no need to buy curriculum, Instead, in a fit of connectionalism, educators are gleaning from each other. They're digging into their stockpiles of creative materials and hitting their resource centers.

**A website for the Rotation Model** ---[www.rotation.org](http://www.rotation.org)-- features the model manual, complete rotation lesson plans, a resource directory and a creative ideas area for each workshop, all of which can be printed out for free.

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## Report from Thailand

Submitted by Dave Bepler

SAWADEE !

The Pahk is growing in number of members, in number of churches, and in spiritual vitality. The Bepler's report from Nan as this issue of Agape Herald goes to press. Their "vacation trip" has been so heavily planned by our Thai partners that they have had no time to swim in the new pool at the hotel in Nan where all of our Huntingdon partners have stayed.

The new school and teaching program at Huay Loy



are awesome. There are new mission points in addition to Huay Loy along the Laos border.

At Mercy House the Beplers participated in Bible study with over 30 Thai children (above).

On Sunday we worshipped at Pornsawan Church, (left) one of the most active with a vital youth component. There have been visits at Nan Christian School, attendance at a funeral, and many social times with groups such as the Pahk 5 Nan Women's Group.

Everywhere the Beplers have been there are joyful

evidences of the Huntingdon Presbytery/Pahk 5 Nan Partnership.

The Beplers may be reached at [dcb8@psu.edu](mailto:dcb8@psu.edu).

## Report from the Synod of the Trinity Gathering

Submitted by Rev. Lesley Imler Shoup,,  
State Clerk, Synod of the Trinity

The winter meeting of the Synod of the Trinity gathered in the Presbytery of Donegal in Exton, Pennsylvania on February 9-10, 2006. During the first meeting of the 289th year of the Synod of the Trinity, Ruth Rusling (Elder, Lehigh) was installed as 2006 Moderator and Edward Gray (Clergy, Washington) was installed as 2006 Vice-Moderator. Mrs. Chantal Atnip was called by Commissioners to be the new Synod Treasurer and was also installed. The service of installation was led by 2005 Moderator Jean Kennedy (Elder, Pittsburgh).

Rev. Dr. Richard Streeter, Moderator of the Presbytery of Donegal graciously greeted the Synod. Rev. Marion Haynes-Weller of Kreutz Creek Presbyterian Church and Rev. Charles Gross, Donegal Associate Executive Presbyter, led worship..

Synod Co-Executives, the Rev. Dr. Bruce Stevens and the Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson, led a presentation about the Synod's focus of serving the Lord with an emphasis on being part of the missional church. Commissioners participated in scripture reading, a discernment process, and a discussion about what it means to be a missional Synod and the implications for our Presbyteries and local congregations.

The following Synod Mission Networks were recognized for 2006:

- Adults with Disabilities Network
- Eastern Church Transformation Network
- Peacemaking Ministries
- Presbyterian Lay Academy Network of Western Pennsylvania
- Presbyterian Medical Equipment Delivery Network
- Resource Center Mission Network

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## Report on Honduras Mission Trip

*Submitted by Alice Meloy*

When Janie Shearer, as her friends call her, stepped into a plane at 6:10 A.M., several weeks ago, it was with both a sense of anticipation, and trepidation. As a nurse, Janie had joined others in a mission of healing. When their long flight landed, six hours of bumpy road travel followed. The team reached their destination at Trujillo, a small poverty-stricken village in Honduras at 8:30 that evening.

Sponsored by the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church in Chambersburg, the group of twenty was composed of three doctors, two dentists, and three nurses, of whom Janie, a member of Upper Tuscarora Presbyterian Church, was one. Also included were several interpreters, three pharmacists, and some helpers.

Honduras, one of the poorest countries in Central America, is still suffering from the effects of hurricane Mitch in 1998 which damaged the agricultural sector and its ability to produce coffee, bananas, citrus, shrimp and timber, all important for a healthy economy. In 1992, before the hurricane, fifty percent of the population lived below the established poverty line.

The morning after arrival found the health team opening a clinic in what is to be a kindergarten. The lines began to form. Janie reported on the prevalence of skin infections, worms, kidney and bladder infections. There were wounds to be treated and stitches to repair damage. Toothbrushes were handed out along with vitamins and Tylenol. During the week spent there, doctors and nurses treated 600 patients, and dentists, 300. Janie reported on the warmth of the people who felt it was one of God's miracles that the weather cleared for a few days, since it was the rainy season.

Living in small windowless homes with grass roofs, there is no electricity, no indoor plumbing, nor refrigeration. Laundry is washed in a stream or river on a washboard. Small adobe stoves heat tiny homes but produce smoke that aggravates asthma and lung problems. Water is carried from a communal spigot. The typical menu was refried beans or scrambled eggs with peppers, bananas, cantaloupes, or pineapple, and at times, coconuts. Janie noted, "It makes one aware of the wealth we take for granted."

There is evidence of growing self-awareness among these rural women of faith as they build community spirit. Janie reported on the work of the

women who are trying to earn money to support their families. A small bakery, cheese shop, and craft and sewing shop are in existence. Under the guidance of Diane Karper, a permanent missionary, there is strong encouragement for women to find both their talents and jobs.

Janie also reported on the work of the Scott Karper, Diane's, husband, a trained veterinarian who teaches villagers how to care for the animals sent through the Heifer Project. Upper Tuscarora along with Shade Gap and Pine Grove, all part of Bethany Parish, have been generous supporters of this highly worthwhile organization that enables families to help themselves. Sending animals indigenous to the area, families now have milk or eggs to improve their diets and in turn begin to share the offspring of these animals with their neighbors.

Thanks to Janie and her healing ministry, we now have personal links to the Honduras mission. She has seen with her eyes, heard with her ears, and been blessed by the faith held by other believers in our global village. Janie is quick to respond, "You have participated also by raising money to send me on my way," but it was Janie who had the courage to travel the miles and bring healing to the people. Thanks!

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Honduras is besieged by problems of a corrupt government, street gangs in cities, and small towns without young people because large factories near cities have drawn them away. The area is now trying to rebuild communities through the work of women. The organization, called the Circles of Friends and Neighbors, send women out to receive training. The Presbyterian Mission Yearbook describes the organization this way. The women *"get up at 4 A.M. to walk from their village for their first training session in another community. Along the road people come to stand in their doorways with firelight held high in one hand. The men want to see if the women are actually brave enough to challenge the social customs and culture of a male-dominated society. People call out, "Goodbye Maria, goodbye Olga, go, women, to receive training and bring back chickens, cows and pigs."*

## Synod Report

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The Synod Leadership Team reported that, as directed by the Commissioners during the October Synod meeting, \$100,000 from unrestricted funds was being used for disaster relief in the Synods of the Sun and Living Waters in two ways: 1. Upon request from the Presbyteries of this Synod, up to \$3,000 per Presbytery is available to put disaster teams on site. The funds are available until February 2007; and 2. Any remaining funds will be combined with \$52,000 and dispersed equally to the two Synods for compensation needs of pastors and other church workers.

Commissioners expanded the call of the Stated Clerk to a full time position. After two years of experience with the new Synod design, the Personnel Committee recommended this change to help deal with the needs of the new structure.

The next meeting will be the Summer Conference Meeting held June 5, 6, 7 at Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia, in the Presbytery of West Virginia.

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**Male Counselor Alert! High School Juniors & Seniors and College Students Wanted. If interested, write [timhalteman@krislund.org](mailto:timhalteman@krislund.org)**

## The Post-Valentines Day

### KRISLUND KORNER

Email: [www.krislund.org](http://www.krislund.org) 814-422-8878

### Second Chance Valentines Event, 3/25

It's cheaper than 4 movies with your sweetheart or 40 large malted milkshakes with two straws. Krislund Camp's world famous "It's Not Too Late for Valentines Night" begins with mouth-watering hors d'oeuvres in front of a large roaring fireplace, followed by a delicious 3-course meal. Live music is provided during supper, and topped off with a non-calorie conscious dessert table. A wedding vow renewal ceremony is available to all interested couples, followed by excellent dancing in the Retreat Center's "Great Room." The price has also been reduced to last year's charge of \$75 per couple. For more information about entrees and to make a reservation, contact us. Don't miss this opportunity for an exceptional evening.

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### Grandparents, Make a Lifelong Memory

Grandparents are invited to spend time at Krislund Camp with one grandchild or with a few. It's simple.... all it takes is to sign up your grandchild(ren) for a fun summer camp at Krislund. Then attend at the same time as an adult volunteer. Krislund has camps for K-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Request a summer brochure for Camps, dates, costs, and an application. Adult volunteers receive free room and board in exchange for help around camp. There is plenty of time to see and hear about the fun your grandchild(ren) will be having. Come share the fun.

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### Medical Intern Wanted

Krislund is seeking an intern wishing to live at the camp and coordinate summer infirmary services from early June through Aug. 12. Room/board is provided and lots of experience is gained working with volunteer nurses and campers. Krislund seeks students in a medical-related field or with medical training to apply. The Camp will work with educational institutions to meet requirements for student credit. Call Tim or Sharon at the office for information.

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### Six-Month Hike Begins on March 7

Robin and Steve Cort expect to be on Springer Mountain, Georgia, at the southern terminus of the Appalachian Trail on March 7 with the goal of completing the Appalachian Trail's 2,175 miles sometime in September. You can follow their progress beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> by going to the camp's website, [www.krislund.org](http://www.krislund.org). Persons interested in supporting their efforts to raise funds for the Donate an Acre campaign may also get information from the website or by calling the camp office and requesting a hike brochure.

### Notice: Ordination of Women

General Assembly wants the names of the first women who were ordained in your church as deacons or elders and the dates.

Please send the information to Stated Clerk Ginny Rainey at [statedclerk@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:statedclerk@atlanticbbn.net) or call the office 742-2200.