The ?th Annual Poolesville Day

By Rande Davis

Planning for the 2012 Poolesville Day festival had its official launch at a February 1 committee meeting at the Poolesville Town Hall. Under the new leadership of Faith Etheridge (chair) and Gina Beck (co-chair), the committee got off to a robust organizational agenda with one glitch to handle. It seems that somewhere along the way, the actual start date of the festival was misconstrued.

Recently, Frank Austin, the first chairman of Poolesville Day, notified the committee that the first festival was actually in the fall of 1992. It’s not often that one can relive an anniversary, but the 2012 Poolesville Day will be the twentieth and not the expected twenty-second. Over the years, various dedicated individuals have passed on the baton of leadership for the festival. In addition to Austin, the committee is aware that Linda Nessul, Jay Schwartzman, and Jake Perkins have chaired the event in the past. Hopefully, more information on other leaders or participants will be found so a more complete history of the event can be established.

This year, the committee welcomed Gabi Jacob (committee secretary), Sharon Armstrong, Cliff Branscome, Paul Hooper, John Rolls, and Link Hoewing as new members. Returning from last year are Cathy Bupp, town Event Coordinator, (exhibitor chair), Skip Etheridge, Kevin Schramm, Mike Bupp, Michael Shapiro, Brenda Sneed, Lynne Rolls, and Rande Davis. Davis was able to ward off a challenge to his coveted position as the official port-a-potty coordinator using the slogan, “Waste not, want not.”

The group is looking for more individuals to come forward to join the committee, volunteers for specific tasks along the way, and, especially, volunteers to help out on the day of the event. Interested persons can contact Poolesvilleday@yahoo.com.