

# HAPPENINGS IN BARRETT TOWNSHIP

## May 2014 Happenings at the Mountainhome United Methodist Church...

**A Mother's Day Luncheon...**is being held as a gift to women and girls of all ages. We are all daughters to our mothers. The festivities will take place on Saturday May 10, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. at the Mountainhome United Methodist Church, Routes 390 & 191 in Mountainhome, PA. The Guest Speaker for the afternoon is Missy Horvath. Please join us for this special event by calling Cathy Stout at (570) 595-7667 by May 4<sup>th</sup> to make your reservations. "Happy Mother's Day"!

**Educational Grants are available...**from the Eastern Pennsylvania Education Society has grants of \$500 to \$1000 available for members of the United Methodist Church for undergraduate education. Rev. Housley has applications. The application must be received in Valley Forge by May 16 (electronic applications are NOT acceptable). There is also money available for a single mother (not necessarily a member of the UMC) to pursue undergraduate studies. If you know of someone who might be eligible, ask Rev. Housley for more information.

**The 2014 Flea Markets...**will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup>. There are always lots of things to see and buy and friends to greet. If you would like a space speak to Maryann Miller.

**A Celebration of Reverend Housley's Service to the Mountainhome United Methodist Church and Our Community...**is being held on Sunday, June 1, 2014 at the Pocono Plateau Dining Room. Join us at 5:00 p.m. as we enjoy an evening meal of Barbara's favorites: Chicken A La King, Swedish Meatballs, Noodles, Vegetables, Salad Bar, Beverages and Ice Cream & Cake. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>** and can be made by contacting Cathy Stout (570) 595-7667 or Barbara Seese (570) 595-7064. The cost is Adults - \$15.00; Children 5 to 11 - \$7.00 and Children under the age of 4 - Free (\$2.00 of the adult reservations will go to Reverend Housley's Gift - a Master Card for the total amount collected). If you cannot attend but would like to give toward the gift also contact Cathy Stout or Barbara Seese. Reservations can also be made by calling the Church Office at (570) 595-2077. Please leave a message with your reservation information and phone number, so we can contact you.

**A MAD HATTER TEA PARTY...**will be held on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Mountainhome United Methodist Church's Ministry Center, located behind the Church. All are welcome!! Tickets must be reserved in advance at a cost of \$25.00. Reservations are due by Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. For tickets call 570-595-7993 or 570-595-9233. Proceeds from the Tea will benefit the Stained Glass Windows Restoration Fund. Wear your favorite hat or purchase one from a limited supply of hats that will be available for sale at the event. There will be a Silent Auction, a presentation titled "Short History of Ladies' Hats" and a demonstration by Julie Niering on "Flower Arranging For the Tea Table". Have your photo taken with the Mad Hatter to round out your day.

**Lawnmower Needed...**the church's riding lawn tractor is on its last legs (or is that wheels?) and we need a new or used mower still in good condition. Some funds toward purchase have already been received. Contact Charlie Fullington or Millard Price for more information

**A New Pastor for Mountainhome United Methodist Church...** Bishop Peggy Johnson has appointed the Rev. John Keretzman II to succeed Rev. Barbara Housley as pastor of Mountainhome United Methodist Church. Rev. Keretzman's first Sunday at the Mountainhome pulpit will be June 29<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Keretzman is currently serving Memorial United Methodist Church in Quarryville, PA. He is married to Beth and they have two sons, Ian 21 and Austin 19. Rev. Keretzman has a B.S. in Telecommunications with a Speech and Theater minor from Kutztown University and a Master of Divinity from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary. Rev. Keretzman writes, "My understanding of pastoral ministry is based in Ephesians 4:11-12, that pastors prepare God's people for works of service. I enjoy working to help people in the congregation find their passion for ministry and then helping them to follow that passion. The heart of my pastoral ministry is preaching. Preaching is my passion and it fuels the rest of my pastoral ministry. Visioning is also important in my ministry. I seek to get a big picture look at what God is calling our church to do and be, and then I work with church leaders to try and order the church's ministry towards the fulfillment of that vision." Please welcome Rev. Keretzman and his family to our community.

**"Kingdom Rock" Vacation Bible School...**sponsored by the Counsel of Churches will be held July 28<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Canadensis United Methodist Church located at the intersection of Routes 390 & 447 in Canadensis, PA. Registration forms are available through the Mountainhome United Methodist Church Office. More information is available by calling the Office at (570) 595-2077. Please register your child/children early so that we can plan accordingly. Your help and support throughout the week of Bible School would be greatly appreciated. Please ask about helping when you call to reserve a place for your child/children.

**Special Needs Crossroads Café Schedule...**The Crossroads Cafe for teens & young adults (13 years old & up) with special needs will open its doors for the last time in 2013-2014 on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m. Parents are invited to stay.

**T-SHIRTS for sale...**the Mountainhome United Methodist Church is selling T-shirts featuring the Cross and Crown symbol that is also the design in one of our windows. Shirts are \$15.00 and can be purchased from Cathy Stout (570-595-9056) or through the church office (570-595-2077).

**Church's Ministry Center...**is available for birthday parties, showers and other events. Contact Mickey Miller 570-595-7390 to make arrangements.

**The Mountainhome United Methodist Church is trying something different in the way of fundraising...**"On-Line Shopping at the United Methodist Church Market". If you shop on line for books, airlines, theater or concert tickets, clothing, electronics, special hobbies or a host of other items, there is a way that you can benefit our church. Before you do your shopping, log onto <http://www.umcmarket.org/home>. Find your favorite shopping places and log onto their site from the market site. Shop the same way you always shop online. For every dollar that you spend at the store, the church will receive a percentage of your total sales. There is NO COST TO YOU. This is something "new." For more information or help with the process, contact the church office (570) 595-2077.

## May 2014 Happenings with the Barrett Township Historical Society...

**May 16<sup>th</sup> is the General Membership Meeting of the Barrett Township Historical Society...**(General Membership Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month at the Mountainhome United Methodist Church, Routes 390 & 191 in Mountainhome, PA.) The May meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is followed by a program presented by the Pennsylvania Humanities Counsel. The speaker is, Richard Crawling and his program is about canalmen who built and traveled the American Canal Systems. Refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend and **ALL** are welcome! For more information contacting Maryann Miller at 570-595-2501.

**The Barrett Township Historical Society's ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL and SECOND ANNUAL FLEA MARKET/COOKOUT...**will be held on June 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Mountainhome United Methodist Church, Routes 390 & 191 in Mountainhome, PA. Pre-order your pies (Strawberry Rhubarb or Strawberry Crème) by calling Sharon at 570-676-5255. You don't want to miss out on such a treat that only comes to Barrett once a year. You can also reserve your Flea Market space with Sharon. If you have no fleas to get rid of, be sure to mark your calendar and stop by to see what fleas others are getting rid of and of course you'll want to have some lunch at the Cookout. Can't you smell the food on the grill already?

**The Barrett Township Historical Society...**is looking for any memorabilia pertaining to the old Barrett High School in Mountainhome. We are especially interested in obtaining or knowing the whereabouts of many of the sports trophies. If you would like to loan or donate any items, please call Jim Berger at (570) 595-7540 (if no answer, please leave a message).

**The Barrett Township Historical Society's 2014 Calendar ARE HERE...**they are available for sale at Theo. B. Price Lumber & Country Store or the Barrett Paradise Friendly Library. This year's calendar is based on the Inns, Lodges, and Hotels in Barrett Township. We also have past editions of the calendar if you would be interested in purchasing them for the monthly pictures and information. Calendars can be purchased at the monthly general membership meetings, as well.

**The Barrett Township Historical Society...**also has available for sale their new cookbook "MEMORIES FROM MOUNTAIN KITCHENS". The cost is \$20.00 and is available at Theo. B. Price Lumber & Country Store and at the society's monthly meetings.

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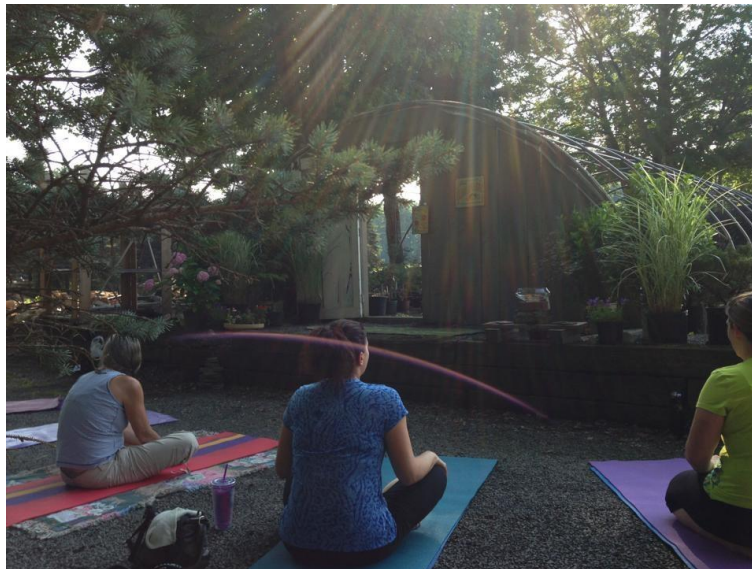
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## May 2014 Happenings at Ross and Ross Nursery...

**The Mindful Morning Meditation...** starting on May 5<sup>th</sup> at Ross and Ross Nursery, located on Route 191 (Paradise Valley Road) in Paradise Valley, PA (a skip and a jump from the Crescent Lodge). "Hello inner-wisdom!" Have trouble making decisions; need opinions from others before you make a move? Always second-guessing yourself? Did you know that your heart has all the answers you will ever need to guide you to the life of your dreams? Start your week off right with author of *The Namaste Garden*, movement professional, & spiritual teacher, Maria Triano for some "Me-Time" at the beginning of your week which will set up your week for success and love. This 3-part series will help you find and make a connection with your "one and only"...it's YOU! Our hearts do much more for us than keep our bodies alive physically; they have sacred inner-wisdom and guidance already within for you to tap into...you just need to know how. Follow your inner-guidance with trust and faith, one step at a time. Along with tips & techniques, we'll be exploring this topic through meditation, journaling, guided visualization, and more. Join us Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 19<sup>th</sup>.



## May 2014 Happenings at Spruce Lake Retreat...

**Spring Fest & Open House at Spruce Lake Sunday, May 18, 2014...** This event is open to the Barrett Township community! Music, food and fun 2:00-7:00 p.m., for all ages and all FREE. Discover the heart of Spruce Lake's ministry, explore the grounds, learn about programs and facilities, meet the staff. Visit with friends and neighbors, bring the kids and simply have a good time! The rain date is June 1. Please R.S.V.P. at 800-822-7505. ([www.sprucelake.org/events/special-events](http://www.sprucelake.org/events/special-events).)

**Christian musician MICHAEL CARD will present a concert at Spruce Lake Saturday, May 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Lakeview Program Center...** Concert cost is \$15; no advance reservations needed. Or, reserve in advance the Concert with Outdoor Chicken BBQ for \$25. The BBQ begins at 5:00 p.m. prior to the 7:00 concert. An esteemed Christian musician, songwriter and author, Michael Card has recorded 31 albums, with 19 #1 hits. All of his work engages people with the richness of Christian scripture. For information, call 800-822-7505 or go to [www.sprucelake.org](http://www.sprucelake.org).

## **May 2014 Happenings at Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center...**

**The Mother Daughter Retreat...** will take place May 17<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup>. Anyone 6<sup>th</sup> grader to adult (including adult daughters) are invited. The cost is \$90 for Mom/\$85 daughter/\$75 additional daughter. Enjoy singing, creating beautiful art work, worshipping and high adventure with time for rest & relaxation. Register on line at [www.poconoplateau.org](http://www.poconoplateau.org) or call 570-676-3665.

**Summer Camp at the Plateau...** will be happening soon. For more information and brochures please contact Rev. Housley (570) 595-2077, go to the Plateau's website [www.poconoplateau.org](http://www.poconoplateau.org) or phone the camp at (570) 676-3665.

**May 2014 Happenings at the Canadensis United Methodist Church...** Food, Fun, and a Rummage! The Circle of Friends is having a trunk sale on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If someone wishes to sell their knickknacks/goods the cost is only \$10.00 per car. We will even have a food stand for those who are hungry! All this will be available at the Canadensis United Methodist Church parking lot located at the intersection of Routes 390 & 447 in Canadensis, Pa. (Raindate is May 31 2014.) To rent a space, please contact Liz Russell at 570 595 5041.

## **May 2014 Happenings with the Historical Association of Tobyhanna Township...**

**HATT's Annual Bus Excursion to the Arlington National Cemetery's 150th anniversary...** Monday-Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Departure is at 8:00 a.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup>. An overnight bus trip will enable us to attend the commemoration of Arlington National Cemetery's 150th anniversary. In particular, we will have access to the first major event of the month-long commemoration, a wreath-laying ceremony at the gravesite of Army Pvt. William Henry Christman. Private Christman, who was the first military burial at Arlington, was a resident of Tobyhanna Township. The group will also tour Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon and the monuments of our nation's Capital, under the lights.

**"The William Henry Christman Story" presented by Rick Bodenschatz...** to be held on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Rick Bodenschatz has conducted extensive original research into the life of our own Private William Henry Christman, of Tobyhanna Township. He will share with us the highlights of Christman's family life; his military career; his untimely death during the Civil War; and the legacy, which is epitomized by his unique status as the first soldier buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Rick Bodenschatz is a local historian, and has done extensive research into many local historical topics, including "Our Civil War Veterans." He is currently the President of HATT.

**"Grey Towers" presented by Melody Remillard...** will be held on Thursday, June 12 at 5:30 p.m. Grey Towers, a treasure just an hour from Pocono Pines, is the ancestral home of Gifford Pinchot, noted conservationist, founder and first Chief of the US Forest Service, and two-term Governor of Pennsylvania. Melody will discuss the history of Grey Towers itself, and will present some of the many accomplishments of prominent members of the Pinchot family. They include contributions to the American Conservation Movement, the arts, education, and social justice in American society. Melody, the Visitor Services Information Specialist with the US Forest Service at Grey Towers National Historic Site (NHS), started her Forest Service career as an archaeologist on the Lassen National Forest in northeast California. Her federal career also included two years with the Bureau of Reclamation at Shasta Dam, where she gave tours of the nation's second largest dam, and provided water conservation education programs to students. While she and her husband raised their 3 children, Melody changed careers and worked for 10 years in the public schools in Los Alamos, NM and Brockport, NY, as the family followed her husband's federal career.

**28th "Keystone" Division Army Band Concert...** to be held Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Pocono Mountain West High School Auditorium. The concert is dedicated to Private William Henry Christman. HATT and the PM High School Band Boosters are sponsoring this patriotic concert. It is the last event of the year to commemorate the 150th anniversary of William Henry Christman, as the first soldier buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Many hand-clapping, foot-stomping favorites will entertain us as we prepare for July 4th. The concert is free to the public. Attendees are asked to bring a canned food item for the local Food Pantry. The 28th "Keystone" Division Army Band is one of the most famous National Guard Band's in the US. It has toured the US and Europe. The band was activated for combat during the Battle of the Bulge in World War 2. The band's decorations include the Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Luxembourg Croix De Guerre.

**"DL&W and Resorts of the Poconos"...** presented by John Layton will be held on Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. John will share with HATT a presentation originally given to the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society's annual convention. He will discuss the history of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad (DL&W), and the synergy between it and resorts of the Poconos. The railroad was a primary advertiser of Pocono resorts in an effort to attract passengers to supplement freight traffic. Many old pictures and advertising brochures will make this a colorful and interesting presentation! John Layton was born in Monroe County, resided in East Swiftwater, and now lives in Pocono Manor. He began studying genealogy in 1972, and has done independent research at the Library of Congress and the National Archives.

**"The Travels of Benjamin Franklin"...** presented by Bruce Denlinger. The program will be held on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. (and will be repeated Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.) Bruce will provide an interesting perspective of a great American through the prism of Franklin's travels, both foreign and domestic. Franklin traveled extensively during two lengthy stays in London from 1757 to 1775; served as ambassador to Paris from 1775 to 1785; and made interesting trips to Bethlehem and Lancaster during the French and Indian war. He even wrote a travel guide for those planning to immigrate to America. Bruce is a lifelong student of history, with both Bachelor and Master Degrees. Having retired from the insurance industry in 2012, he is now an adjunct teacher at Northampton Community College. He and wife Trudi Quinn Den.

**HATT's Annual Picnic - Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Area...** will be held on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. **"Scouting In The Poconos"** presented by the NEPA Scouting Council Once again, we will grill fresh fish and enjoy a feast on the banks of Tobyhanna Creek! The setting, just two miles south of Camp Acahela, will provide a perfect backdrop for a brief discussion of the history of area scouting, which will observe its centennial in 2015. A leader of the NEPA Scouting Council will attend, as will Eagle Scouts who have done noteworthy work in our area.

**"The Wright Brothers and Milestones of Flight"...** presented by Fred Lehrer will be held on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. (and will be repeated Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.). "The Wright Brothers" is a phrase synonymous with manned flight. They were two American boys, sons of a bishop from the Midwest, who realized a dream as old as mankind. Learn about the extraordinary intelligence and perseverance that led to the 1903 miracle at Kitty Hawk. However, Wilbur and Orville were not the only historic figures with "The Wright Stuff". The Montgolfier balloons, early dirigibles, advances by Count Zeppelin leading to ocean liners of the sky like the Hindenburg...all will be documented with colorful narrative and images. As will other interesting personalities and developments in aviation, including adventure flights, warfare and airline travel that has transformed our world. Fred Lehrer, a private pilot, is a longtime HATT member and a lifelong student of history. His past presentations to us have been well received.

**"The Stroud Family & Mansion"...** presented by Amy Leiser will be held on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Amy Leiser will share with us the history of the Stroud family and their landmark Mansion, which was built by Jacob Stroud for his son in 1795. That story will be supplemented by interesting material found in letters written by Daniel Stroud, and by a description of the fraudulent political machinations that led to Stroudsburg becoming the County seat. As Executive Director of the Monroe County Historical Association for the past eight years, Amy is uniquely qualified to speak on this subject She is an area native who holds a Master's Degree in History from ESU, and is a member of the Jacob Stroud Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs and the Board of Directors of Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm.

**"The Legacy of World War I"...** presented by Dr. Brian Alnutt on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. 2014 is the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, and an appropriate time to examine the troublesome legacy of that conflict. This talk will discuss the reasons for US entry into the war; an overview of our military role; the terrifying flu epidemic that erupted at the end of the war; President Woodrow Wilson's efforts to shape the Treaty of Versailles; the messy conflicts that broke out amidst the ruins after the war; and the war's legacy for the world of today. Dr. Brian Alnutt, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of History at Northampton Community College. His personal focus is on U.S. history of the late 19th to mid-20th century. A native of Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, he has lived in the Lehigh Valley for the past 26 years.

**"The Real Christopher Columbus"...**presented by Kenn Anderson on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Kenn is a talented and personality-rich historian who can dress in costume and draw listeners into his portrayal. He will appear as Don Cristobal Colon, Admiral of the Ocean Seas and Viceroy of all that he discovered! Admiral Colon will discuss whether Columbus was a greedy gold-seeker or a saintly missionary. Whether he won the favor of Queen Isabella and convinced her to sell her jewels to finance his trip, or relied upon the King as his real backer. Did Columbus wish to exploit native populations or to save them through the Catholic Church? Was he a bumbler, wandering the Atlantic Ocean under grand delusions of reaching China, or a skilled navigator with possible prior knowledge of just where he was really going? Did he live out his last years in dignified honor or was he penniless, disgraced and forgotten at the time of his death? Historian Kenn Anderson is author of "Warrior Road" and spoke to HATT about Sullivan's Expedition in 2011. As a high seas sailing enthusiast, his interests in Christopher Columbus are triggered by many trips over the oceans, such as on the HMS Bounty.

**"History of Buck Hill Falls"...**presented by J. R. Robbins on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. The Buck Hill Inn was a cornerstone of the Pocono tourist industry from 1901 until the Inn closed in 1991. The grande dame of Pocono resort hotels, the Inn boasted almost 500 rooms, 27 holes of golf designed by Donald Ross, 12 tennis courts with American tennis legend Bill Tilden as its pro, stables, ice skating, lawn bowling, its own drama troupe, and its own market, baker, butcher and Post Office. An extensive summer colony sprouted around this iconic American hotel, with some of the country's most prominent industrialists taking up summer residence in modest cottages. While the settlement survives, the hotel is still sitting silent. John Robbins, a third generation Buck Hiller will use period postcards and images to document the extraordinary growth of Buck Hill from its simple Quaker beginnings.

**"Home for the Holidays....a Community Musical Celebration"...**to be held on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. (December 20<sup>th</sup> is our Snow Date). This is the fourth year of HATT's Christmas gift to the community. The audience will be entertained with a variety of musical selections that will please the widest of interests. Soloists, duets, choral and instrumentalists will all perform; and the audience will join in the fun, singing favorite Christmas Carols. Historical accounts of each composer and composition will be featured. The distinguished list of performers from Tobyhanna Township range from some with international stage experience to those who perform in regional venues and events. Following the concert, refreshments will be served. The site of this musical celebration is the Pocono Lake United Methodist Church, located at 1188 Route 940 in Pocono Lake. Details for the required (but free) tickets will be announced in November.



## May 2014 Happenings outside of Barrett Township...

**Ongoing: Locomotive Shop Tours...**Steamtown National Historic Site, South Washington Avenue, Scranton, [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea). Join a Park Ranger or a volunteer on a 45-minute look at what it takes to maintain and repair steam locomotives. This walk through the historic Locomotive Shop of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad allows all to see the huge, behind-the-scenes system that was necessary for safe and efficient railroad operations. Admission is included in the park entrance fee. See website for details.

**P. A.T.H. (Pocono Area Transitional Housing) Walk...**join us on Sunday May 4, 2014 at the Courthouse Square in Stroudsburg, PA. Registration begins 12:30 and the "Walk" begins at 1:30. You can walk, run, jog, stroll, wheel or dance. Sponsor sheets are available from Rev. Housley.

## "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY"

If you know of someone who would enjoy receiving "**Happenings in Barrett Township**" please send me their email address and I will add them to the list. Thank you!