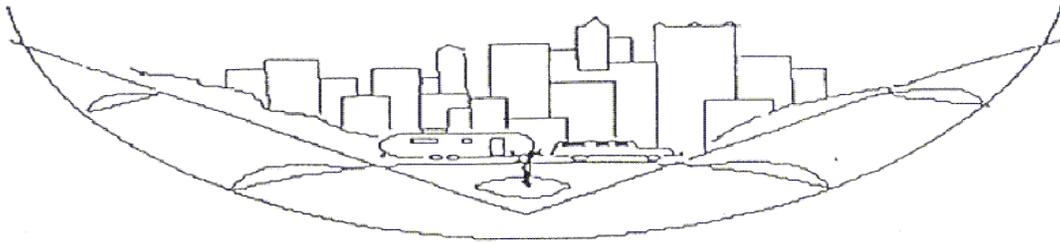


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AL-MON-O PA UNIT

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March, 2017

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT:

It was another nice turnout for our luncheon in February at Rodney's. I would like to thank Gayle and Denny for organizing the luncheon and picking a nice restaurant. It was an afternoon of great food, friendships, and nice weather again. It has been such a mild winter it almost takes the fun out of going south for the winter. That is a big almost.

I would like to remind everyone to remember their name tags for these events. This will be very helpful for some of our newer members. Bev, Don and myself had a nice visit to Mirror Lake Campground in preparation for our April rally. The sites are pretty nice size and have water and electric. We will have use of an enclosed area for activities and there is a dump station on site. We have started to put together a list of some of the activities in the area. We are expecting that Fort Ligonier will open that weekend, we also have the Johnstown Flood museum and also the Johnstown Flood National Memorial. The Ghost Town Bike Trail is about 15-20 minutes away and there looks to be some kayaking options in Saltsburg which is about 35-40 minutes away. The Antiochian Heritage museum is relatively close by and there is also the Compass Inn museum in Laughlintown.

Remember to RSVP for the March luncheon at Bella Frutteto on March 18th by contacting Craig and Julie Jansen. I hope to see everyone there.

Paul

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BIRTHDAYS



MARCH

3 Jack Bell
11 Ray Bonkoski
21 Bernie Solomon
24 Mary Ann Murtrie

APRIL

4 Alice Roberts
8 Ralph Winterburn
24 Mark Headlee

ANNIVERSARIES



1 Betty and Jack Bell
25 Ingrid and Gene Nelson

4 Phyllis and Ray Bonkoski
9 Cindy and Doug Field
18 Eleanor and Ralph
Winterburn

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Once again a mild winter day February 18 and a marvelous turnout of Al-Mon-O members. Arranged by Gayle and Denny Gibson, the restaurant was a good one, and we enjoyed visiting and eating.

We were especially glad to see our newer members Daryl Roll (with her sister) and the Anslingers. Others who attended were the Bells, Claytons, Fields, Gibsons, Jansens, Nelsons, and Solomons.



Daryl Roll (r)
and her sister
Linda



Sandi
laughing
with Carol
Anslinger,
and the
Bells, Betty
and Jack.

Gene and
Ingrid
Nelson



Enjoying the day
out

Cindy
And
Doug
Fields



Glad to
see them!



Bernie and Do
Solomon.

Bernie really enjoyed
his meal



Craig and
Julie
Jansen

On their way
to the Pitt
Basketball
game,
President
Paul Labuda
and
Past
President
Sandi



All photos by Denny Gibson (where are their photos?)

**Brand new members:**

Greg and Lisa Wirfel
 1750 New Germany Rd
 Summerhill, PA 15958
 #29527
 Email: g.wirfel@comcast.net

Previously affiliate, now Regular Al-Mon-O members:

Mike and Cherie Reilly
 1120 Roosevelt Rd
 Pittsburgh, PA 15237
 #2460
 Email: reillysssf@verizon.net

Looking forward to seeing you at an event SOON!

SPEAKING OF EVENTS-----

Dates: April 27(8)-April 30

Mirror Lake Campground, New Florence, PA

Our first unit rally of the season is now scheduled. As he mentioned, Paul, Don and I went to visit Mirror Lake Campground and found it acceptable. Water and electric on level sites located on the stream, and a building we can use. They are doing some more renovation to add more restrooms, and hope to have them finished by the time they open. HOWEVER, with the snow coming this week, that may not be the case. At any rate they do have a shower room and restroom on the premises, and a dump station. See next newsletter for more information.

There will be many things to do in the area. First of all it is only a few miles to Ligonier, with restaurants, shops and normal amenities. In addition there are many historical sites and places to visit. Those of us lucky enough to be retired will probably gather on Thursday, but working folks are welcome to arrive anytime. There is fishing in the stream, and the lake. Other active outdoor activities include hiking, cycling on nearby trails, and perhaps some geocaching. More next newsletter!

Region 2 Rally – June 1-4

Pine Creek campground, Newfield, NY, a little SW of Ithaca and Cayuga Lake.

All sites will have 30 amp electric and water. Last year full hookups were available for \$5.00 extra each day. A dump site is available.

Campground website: www.pinecreekcampground.com

We have not received a copy of the registration form from them yet, but last year it was held in the same place. The campground was a great location including a large banquet hall for all our meals and entertainment. Members went on several tours, including the Corning Museum, and most visited at least one winery or brewery.

INTERNATIONAL RALLY

July 22-29

Escanaba MI

First of all, if you are already registered for this rally, be sure to read all the information provided in the Blue Beret. If you are not registered, you are probably aware that all full amenities sites are sold out, but they have dry camping available with or without generators.

As stated in the Blue Beret, be sure to bring at least 42 feet of electric cord and 42 feet of water hose measuring from the rear corner of the rig to the end of your code and hose.

I know there are many Al-Mon-O members already signed up. Please send me a note or call as I want to be sure we count everyone in on any activities we organize.

At the International there are many opportunities for charitable activities. Pop tabs are donated to support the Ronald McDonald House; knitted hats and blankets are provided to local hospitals and shelters as well as personal notions like soap and toothpaste, stuffed animals for local police and emergency responders to use, and of course “cents for sense” for a local ill child in need. Please bring any of these items you can.

Mark your calendars and JOIN IN the fun, fellowship and adventure

2017 Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Host	contact info
January 21 11:30 A.M.	Luncheon	Breakneck Tavern Mars-Valencia Rd Take Rt 228 4 miles west of Rt 8 5 miles east of I-79 Restaurant is at intersection of 228 and Mars-Valencia Rd.	Manleys *please respond by 1/16 if you are able to attend	724-776-8243
February 18 12 noon	Luncheon	Rodney's Restaurant 557 Wendel Road Irwin, PA 15642 From turnpike, Irwin exit, go east on Rt 30 towards Greensburg for .2 mi. Turn right onto Arona Rd, Rodney's is .5 mi on the left.	Gibsons djgibson1@comcast.net	724-863-5305
March 18 11:30 a.m.	Luncheon	Bella Frutteto's 2602 Brandt School Rd Wexford, PA 15090 SE of exit Rt 910 and I-79 (Franklin Village, Eat'N Park Plaza)	Jansens juacrjansen@comcast.net	724-934-8106
April 28-30	Spring Kick-Off Rally	Mirror Lake Campground New Florence, PA Rt 711 N of Ligonier	Claytons Labudas aunt_bev@msn.com	724-325-1205
June 1-4	Region 2 Rally	Pine Creek Campground Newfield, NY	Fred Schultz region2wm@aol.com	570-406-3049
This is the same location as 2016 Rally, one in a very beautiful area, near Ithaca and Corning, with lots to see and do.				
July 22- July 29	International Rally	Escanaba, MI		
If you haven't signed up for International DO IT NOW! Many Al-Mon-O members are going. While electric sites are full, dry camping or solar/generator sites are still available. Also campgrounds nearby.				
August	??	TBD		
September	PA State Rally	TBD	Central PA Unit	
October	End of season Rally	Nelson Ranch	Nelsons	724-825-2558
December	Luncheon	TBD		

DON'T WORRY THIS PAGE WILL FILL UP – PROVIDING YOU HELP BY GETTING A LOCATION OR HOSTING OR CO-HOSTING A RALLY OR AN EVENT.

Received this information last month from the Kingdon's daughter Sherry Johnson. What a wonderful couple they are. As you know, Harold is the International Chaplain and he and Mary are affiliate members of Al-Mon-O.

February 22, 2017 commemorates the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Harold and Mrs. Mary Sell Kingdon



Engagement
Houghton College, Houghton, NY



Wedding Day February 22, 1957
First Wesleyan Methodist Church, Canton, Ohio



Thank You!

Harold Ivor Edwin, and Mary Oneida Grace Sell Kingdon, met working in the dining hall while students at Houghton College. Harold was born in Pickering, Ontario, Canada, the son of the late Ivor Carson and Bertha Louise Redman Kingdon growing up in North Bay, Ontario. Mary lived in Canton, Ohio, born to the late Virgil Ezra and Donnie Mabel Rowe Sell. Their first date was attending church in Houghton.

They were married at First Wesleyan Methodist Church, Canton, Ohio, February 22, 1957. After Houghton College, Harold was the pastor of Spencerport Wesleyan Church. He attended Asbury Seminary while Mary taught school. Harold is Professor Emeritus at Houghton College having taught 40 years in the Religion Department and was the pastor of 10 area church congregations. His doctorate was granted by Bethel Theological Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He currently serves as Chaplain of the Wally Byam Airstream Club International and continues to preach in the area when called upon. Mary taught at Friendship Central School for 34 years.

Harold and Mary have 4 children: Sherry Kingdon Johnson and husband Allen, Signal Mountain; TN, Ed Kingdon and wife Debbie, Kernersville, NC; the late Jill Kingdon Tyson and husband John, Houghton, NY; Jim Kingdon and wife Paula, High Point, NC. Their grandchildren include: Kyle (Joelinda) Johnson; MaryLynn Johnson; Joel (Ginna) Kingdon; Todd, (Lindsay) Kingdon; the late Kel Kingdon; Seth Kingdon; Abbie Kingdon; Lorelee Tyson; Randal (Lillian) Tyson; Jessie Tyson; Joe Tyson; James Everett Kingdon; Eli Kingdon; and great-grandchildren: Davis and Ridge Kingdon.