



## MABC Annual Christmas Party and Membership Meeting

**Sunday December 11, 2011**

**The Mid-Atlantic Basenji Club will be holding its annual holiday gathering on Sunday December 11, 2011 from 11:30 to 4:00 at the Carroll County Agricultural Center (Nathan Blizzard Building) in Westminster, MD.**

### **Directions to the event:**

#### **From the North:**

(directions given from Hanover, PA to the Ag Center) Take Rt. 94 South (becomes MD Rt. 30 at the state line). Follow 30 to Manchester and turn right on Rt. 27. Follow Rt. 27 to Rt. 140 East (in Westminster).

Turn left onto the ramp to 140 East and travel to the first traffic light. Turn right onto Center Street. Take Center Street through two traffic lights to Gist Road. Turn right on Gist Road and follow signs to new entrance. Turn right onto new Ag Center drive.

#### **From the South:**

Take Interstate 270 North to Rt. 27. Follow Rt. 27 to Kate Wagner Road. (Kate Wagner Road intersects Rt. 27 before you reach the city of Westminster) Make a right onto Kate Wagner Road (which intersects Rt. 27 at a traffic light) and follow approximately 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Gist Road. Continue on Gist Road until you reach Smith Ave at stop sign. Continue on Gist Road about 1/2 block and make left at new Ag Center entrance.

From the East:

From Baltimore Beltway 695, take Interstate 795 north toward Westminster. Follow the signs onto MD 140 and take 140 into Westminster. Turn left onto Center Street. Take Center Street through two traffic lights to Gist Road. Turn right on Gist Road and follow signs to new entrance. turn right onto new Ag Center drive.

From the West:

Take I-70 East to the Mt. Airy/Route 27 Exit. Head North on Rt. 27 toward Westminster for approximately 15 miles. Make a right onto Kate Wagner Road (which intersects Rt. 27 at a traffic light) and follow approximately 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Gist Road. Continue on Gist Road until you reach Smith Ave at stop sign. Continue on Gist Road about 1/2 block and make left at new Ag Center entrance

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If you are willing to help set up or tear down, please email me at [lbcranmer@juno.com](mailto:lbcranmer@juno.com). The club appreciates the help.

The party features a present exchange, potluck, **SHORT** meeting and the famous MABC auction of dog and Basenji-related items! And lots of fun with friends old and new.

**Gift exchange:** If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped gift (\$10 or UNDER) for a Basenji or its human. We will draw raffle tickets to go up to the gift table to choose a wrapped present. The club provides mystery gifts to add to the excitement! You don't need to participate to come to the party.

**Potluck:** At NOON, we will have our holiday potluck luncheon. Everyone is asked to bring something to contribute to the meal. The club provides plates, napkins, plastic ware and drinks.

**Auction:** This is a fundraiser for our club. If you would like to bring an item or two for people to bid on, that would be fantastic. Basenji and dog-related items go fast. You do not need to bring an item to participate in the auction. Just bring your check book or cash! This is a great opportunity to buy presents and to find fun Basenji products.

**BASENJIS ARE WELCOME! PLEASE BRING A CRATE OR LEASH AND WATER BOWL FOR YOUR DOGS.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**—The nominating committee will offer names for our annual election which is held at the holiday party. Nominations may be made from the floor, also, with the consent of the nominee.

**Important note on membership dues:** Renewal papers are available on the club's website at <http://www.mabasenji.org/>. If you do not know when your membership runs out, please email me at [lbcranmer@juno.com](mailto:lbcranmer@juno.com). PLEASE SEND ALL RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERSHIPS TO :

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418 Rhett Butler Drive Charleston, SC 29414

**For more information:** Contact LeeBeth Cranmer at [lbcranmer@juno.com](mailto:lbcranmer@juno.com) or 610-929--5491 before 8:30 PM. I will return messages early in the evenings.

