

# 2011 VOWA Spring Fling—Second Round

By Marika Byrd Photographs by Mary Ann (Terry) Lewis

The second Spring Fling was a rousing success, and the Blue Ridge Boil—small red potatoes, half ears corn on the cob, small sausages, and very large, unpeeled shrimp—was scrumptious. “Chef” Frank Mundy, and crew handled their duties well, putting the feast on the table by 3:00 p.m. The devouring began in earnest. Additional dishes: roasted asparagus, baked beans, rhubarb strawberry pie, an assortment of cheese cake slices, homemade danish buns; munchies included roasted nuts, fried wild turkey, cheese and crackers, peach mango salsa, and a variety of crackers to keep

hunger at bay until the main entrée was served.

Jennifer and Thurman Hensley, again hosted the event at their property in the wildlife and wilderness confines near Grottoes, where they use conservation practices to maintain the property as a wilderness for a variety of animals and humans. A variety of flora surrounds the property. Water trickled into the pond filled with fish, and an occasional bull frog croaked as we sat in the newly installed gazebo and reminisced with friends—“old” and new alike, creating more memories. Thurman and four others went bear hunting

without guns; the report was five bruin sightings—no shots taken—on property adjacent to the Shenandoah National Park.

Welcomed were former VOWA member Pat Garber, 1997—99; member guests: Nathan Lewis, (son of Terry and Mary Ann Lewis) and his military friend Steve. Both servicemen are affiliated with the Captain’s School at Fort Lee. Members and spouses included: Marika Byrd, David and Julie Coffman, Jennifer and Thurman Hensley, Terry and Mary Ann Lewis, and Frank and Linda Mundy,



Left to right: David and Julie Coffman with host Thurman Hensley.



Frank Mundy relating one of his “Game Warden “tales” while getting ready to cook.



Left to right: Pat Garber, Julie Coffman,” and Linda Mundy.



Left to right: Terry and Nathan Lewis, Jennifer Hensley and Steve.



The “alleged” cooking crew in the pit.



Hostess Jennifer Hensley checking out the cooking.