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Participants Newsletter

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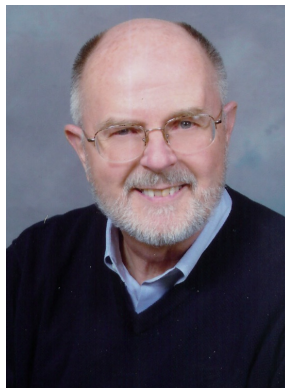
This feature includes:

eBay Sellers Volunteer Profiles

Last year we had the pleasure of introducing you to **Wendy Kress Meredith**, an eBay Power Seller/Trading Assistant, who has been a wonderful trading Graces supporter! Wendy resides in Baltimore County, MD, and she volunteers her expertise with Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland. In the December 2007 issue, we re-published suggestions for items that sell well on eBay that Wendy developed for us in our second season. As we gear up for the 2008 season, we take this opportunity to thank Wendy for inspiring us to seek out assistance from experienced eBayers as volunteers. This issue introduces you to experienced eBayers who are providing assistance to other LSA member organizations. We hope you enjoy reading about these wonderful people and that you might be inspired to recruit an eBayer to help you!

Please say hello to Pete Prunkl. Pete is an experienced eBayer and former staff member at Lutheran Services for the Aging in Salisbury, NC.

Pete Prunkl graduated from the University of Connecticut (BA) and Iowa State (MS) and helped supervise an Army induction station, conducted Army research, taught psychology to undergrads, administered a hospice program and raised funds for Lutheran Services for the Aging. For lance writer with his work appearing Roadshow Insider, Our State magazine and Rowan Magazine. Pete and his wife Donna live in Salisbury, North Carolina.



program and raised funds for Lutheran Services for the Aging. For ten years he has worked as a free lance writer with his work appearing in Maine Antique Digest, Antique zine, Healthy Living, The Lutheran wife Donna live in Salisbury, North Carolina.

We are excited to have Pete working in listing and selling their items Kuhn and Mary Ann Johnson for information and photograph that we've on eBay for our member, Lutheran Services for the Aging, and his listing go on sale beginning Tuesday, March 4, 2008. We are happy to have Pete's assistance and wish Lutheran Services for the Aging great success!

with Lutheran Services for the Aging in trading Graces. We thank Betty obtaining the biographical information shared here. Pete is listing items

Report on Sales—Lutheran Social Services Group-Jamestown, NY

Last month Lutheran Social Services Group-Jamestown, NY listed a handsome collection of items in the February event. Our friend, Gwen Axelson, Development Officer at LSS-Jamestown, sent the following report on their sales:

"We had a very successful Trading Graces auction. We had 35 items, and only 8 did not sell. We raised \$1,600 with the auction. With Giving Works covering the listing fees, our fees were reduced from about \$120 to only \$41.

The only drawback for us is the amount of staff time required. My husband volunteered a couple of hours to help me package the items for shipping. We may try consigning some items to a local auctioneer to see if that brings in comparable funds.

Please share. You can also add that some local folks pay even more than their winning bid, which is much appreciated.”

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...and the following report was received:

“We (Lutheran Home, a Lutheran Life Community) sold three Franklin Heirloom Dolls for a total of \$139.46. We continue to sell these dolls which come from a staff member’s collection. Got good feedback, too!”

Gail Lawler
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Meet Cheryl and JR Weidley-Augsburg Lutheran Home

Clare Workneh, Director of Development at Augsburg Lutheran Home of Maryland, Inc.,



writes that “our volunteers, Cheryl and JR Weidley, were a great help to us and continue to be! They did most of the work on this project, and I think had fun doing it. They continue to help in all sorts of matters and I never hesitate to call for a special favor. The answer is always ‘yes’. We simply could not have succeeded so well without them. I wish you would feature them as our ‘eBay Treasure’. They are better than gold and are strong supporters of Augsburg.”

We are pleased to introduce Cheryl and JR to our readers! Cheryl, born and raised in Hartford County, MD, worked for the Maryland Department of Social Services, and for the past 20 years has been a member of Grace English Evangelical in Lutherville. She was a member of the Evangelism committee and has run silent auc-

Ions including Fall Fun Fest, Augsburg's Strawberry Festival and Fall Fashion Shows. Cheryl reads voraciously, and also finds time to draw and paint.

JR was born and raised in Baltimore City and is a graduate of Thiel College. He worked for Merchantile-Safe Deposit and Trust Company and is a lifetime member of Grace where he has served as the Congregation Council Secretary, Chairman of the Evangelism Committee and as a member of the Stewardship and Memorials Committees. A geneology nut, JR likes brisk walks and light jogging.

Cheryl and JR have been married for 13 years this past Valentine's Day. They have been buyers on eBay for four years and sellers for three.

We are pleased to feature Cheryl, JR and Pete in this edition of the Trading Graces Participants Newsletter.

We still have auctions planned each month through June, 2008. Please join us in one of the following:

Tuesday, March 4, 2008 through Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Tuesday, April 1, 2008 through Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Tuesday, May 6, 2008 through Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Tuesday, June 3, 2008 through Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Happy Selling!

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