## President's Letter July 2011

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,
He saved us; not because of righteous things we had done,
but because of His mercy.

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,
whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,
so that having been justified by His Grace,
we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Titus:3:4-7

July 1, 2011

## WE'RE BAAAAACK!!!! ©

We humbly apologize for the brief hiatus that took place during this period of transition. We have been transferring control of the Aventura database and website from "Uncle" Steve to our very own Art Richards who has graciously (and thank God - technically) volunteered to take on such responsibility! We now have capability to come to you via e-mail and soon we will be able to keep the website up to date as well. So please communicate with anyone who had thought we had abandoned ship and let then know "WE HAVE BEEN SAVED!!" (pun completely intended! ©)

We had a great turnout for our annual picnic hosted by none other than Rebekah Miller and family. I would like to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to our gracious hosts for their warm and wonderful hospitality. For a picnic that was scheduled to end at 5:00, we finally pulled ourselves away at 8:30 completely enthralled by everything from lessons in wildlife, jewelry making, electronic gadgets, computer technology and all!

In addition to the food, fun and festivities, we also held our annual elections. You new Officers for the upcoming year are as follows:

President: Donna DeMarest (yes, unfortunately you are stuck with me for another year!!)

Vice President: Matt Johnson
Recording Secretary: Brittany Petitti
Treasurer: Amanda Johnson
Corresponding Secretary: Stephanie Griffin

## Committees are as follows:

Information and Registration: Art Richards, Jr. (get your guest applications in early!!)

Weekend Committee: Sandy Miller and the Bumpy Lumps

Post-Weekend: Tori Clark
Croaker: Rachel LePine

We were also allowed the opportunity to pray over our new Fall Coordinator, Mike Eldred, (along with Jaime and new baby Jonah!) who is busy listening to God's Call and praying over team selection. The **Weekend dates are October 7-9** at Trinita in New Hartford so start praying now about whom YOU would like to sponsor! Applications are available now by contacting Art at <a href="mailto:mrbrokit@gmail.com">mrbrokit@gmail.com</a> or Aventuract@gmail.com and will soon be up on the website as well.