



## MEET THE MEMBERS

By Chuck Claypool

I never did have a phone conversation with either Jay or Darlene White. We set up our meeting entirely by recorded phone messages. It's understandable when you consider that he works fulltime for a defense contractor in Northern Virginia, is attending Morgan State University (pursuing an MBA degree in Finance and Project Management) and, with Darlene, operates a property management company named Jay-Dar. She has worked as an auditor for the A.A. Co. Register of Wills for over twenty-six years. On top of that, she works at the Westfield Shopping Center as Shopping Concierge as well as helping to manage the four properties that they own. No wonder I couldn't get them on the phone!!

I was wandering around their Greenbrier neighborhood of new-looking big beautiful homes when I saw the Red Corvette in the drive. That's always a good sign. Their house is an older one among all the recently built homes in the neighborhood. It is a good size and comfortable, situated on one and a half acres. There is an in-ground pool in the back, and they are in the process of adding a double garage with a guest room above. A breeze-way will be included in the renovations. The kitchen has been completely modernized. Their favorite room, other than the garage, will be the new poolroom. A new pool table, along with all new living room and dining room furniture, was due to be delivered on the Tuesday following our talk.

Jay is originally from Savannah but grew up in Virginia Beach where he attended high school. He spent twenty years in the Navy as a meteorologist. In 1999 he was given the "Sailor of the Year" award honoring him as the number one sailor in his command. After retiring from the Navy, he earned a B.S. degree in Information Technology from the University of Phoenix.

Darlene is from Millersville, Md. She attended Old Mill High School and after graduation moved to Annapolis. She met Jay at the Mall in 2002 when he was doing security work. She plays tennis, and they both like football. They are big Raiders fans, and they both like to shoot pool. They enjoy traveling and have taken several cruises. An interest in art is evident all through the house. Many paintings from around the world are on display as are sculptures large and small. He obviously picked up most of these artifacts during his Navy career.

Jay had a life-long dream of owning a Corvette. Darlene, knowing this, was thoughtful enough to present him with a red 1998 C5 coupe (with license "Jay Dar 2") as a retirement gift when he left the Navy!! Now that is a woman to be treasured!! This was evident when I asked him how long they had been married. He immediately answered "one year, four months and eleven days". They are a happy couple who are an asset to our club.