

Johnson's Inn March 2009 Newsletter

March is here in East Tennessee- it snowed one Sunday (March 1st) with a high of about 30 degrees and the next Sunday (March 8th) it was beautiful, sunny and 75 degrees. Prepare for the worse and hope for the best because you might get both.

Here are some of the happenings in the area for the month of March:

Come celebrate the beginning of spring in Gatlinburg.
The daffodils are blooming along with the Red Bud trees.



New this year is the *Gatlinburg Screenfest*- featuring independent films and filmmakers from all over the nation. Sounds interesting. Not the run of the mill Gatlinburg event <http://www.gatlinburgscreenfest.com/>

Here's another different event for all you Santa's and Santa wanna bes- a *Santa Convention!* <http://hollyandshamrock.com/>

SmokyMountain Quiltfest March 11-15th in Pigeon Forge offers classes, vendors, or for those who just like to ooh and ahh, lots of wonderful and unique quilts on display <http://www.mountainquiltfest.com/> .

Dollywoods Festival of Nations begins March 28th and is defiantly worth a day or two at Dollywood. <http://festivals.dollywood.com/mini-section/default.aspx?id=106&season=spring>

New at the Inn- we now have a 24 hour accessible wireless internet reception area (WiFi). It is located in the main building towards the back in the corner. There is an indoor area with chairs, tables and electrical outlets. We hope that this will be able to accommodate those needing internet access while staying at Johnson's Inn.

A bit of recent history of Johnson's Inn: Until 1987 the motel was just the main section with 32 motel rooms. In 1987 Jim and Max bought the property across the street and built the 4 story building. The addition of this building more than doubled the size of the motel to 80 motel units. In 1997 the first 4 units were torn down along with the office and were rebuild in the location that they are now with the office being moved by the creek and units 101,102,103,201,202 and 203 being built as deluxe rooms with more floor space and having a bar area with sink and microwave. Then in 2006 remodeling of the 4 story building was started to turn them into condominiums. So far we have 7 condo units with the plans to eventually turn

the whole building into condos. With the down turn of the economy, construction was slowed down but hopefully we will be able to get back on track soon.



We hope to see you soon.

Vickie Bradshaw, Max and Jean Johnson and the staff of Johnson's Inn.

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