

# FRIENDS of Friendship Place

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220 N. Commercial St.  
Neenah, WI 54956

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*"Where Friends are Family"*

## Bingo is A Favorite Activity

Bingo is one of the most popular activities at Friendship Place. Every second Wednesday we enjoy one hour of Bingo. This activity is usually well attended. Prizes are given out to winners. These prizes are items donated or purchased. Special prizes are given for 'blackout.'

Starting February 20th, Bingo will be offered during our night hours, once a month. Our Bingo games will be from 6:30 to 7:30. We're always in need of good prizes for Bingo and other games. Prizes can be small inexpensive personal or household items, books, etc. Let us know if you would like to donate prizes.

*April Blair*

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## Know your F.A.C.

"F.A.C." means Friendship Activities Committee. You might ask: "What is it?" Our goal is to plan and aid events and activities around Friendship Place. Our Committee is now seven months old. At present we consist of 6 members and we hope to add 4 more in the next month. F.A.C. members are as follows: President: April Blair, Vice-President: Jason Swiertz, Secretary and Poster-Maker: Denise V. Walber, Treasurer: Kerry, Poster-Maker: Dale Bradley and newest members Kathy Mielke, Annette, and Jeff Payne. Members meet once a week to plan and discuss events in the coming months. Some of our events include dances, games, bowling, Karaoke, movie night, cookouts and parties.



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Purpose of Friendship Place is to provide people with mental illness a safe, caring and stable environment for socialization, recreation, friendship, peer support, education and fellowship.

*How you can help  
our programming  
at Friendship  
Place*

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**OUR WISH LIST**

- CD stereo
- small chest freezer
- Bingo & Game day prizes (\$1-\$5 value)
- carpet cleaning
- event sponsors(\$2.00 per person)
- Karaoke CD's
- pinball machine
- popcorn machine
- postage stamps
- cellophane tape
- TP
- styrofoam cups
- scanner
- plastic darts
- plastic silverware
- transportation home after 8pm t-ths
- printer cartridges
- bottled water
- copier toner
- art supplies
- brochure printing
- hot dogs and buns
- fresh fruits
- sugar-free snacks
- sugar-free lollipops
- pizza oven

Call 729-9975 and speak to Dennis.

## **A Personal Story**

My name is Delores. I've been coming to Friendship Place since it opened. My counselor at the time told me about this group that was then meeting at St. Thomas Church.

I was hospitalized at that time, around 1986. I was hospitalized after my mother passed away. It was pretty devastating.

Socializing at Friendship Place has helped. I like to watch the soaps with people here. I also enjoy the snacks - yum, yum. I come here with my boyfriend Russ. I like the staff, they are

## **OUR STAFF**

Sue Carpenter, Dan Carroll, Julie Grondahl, Dennis Jansen, Candy Luedtke, Leah Schwartz.

Crafts: Karen Zettler

Maintenance: Dan Paynter

### **Friendship Activities Committee:**

Denise W., Jason S., Dale B., Kerry April B. and Kathy M.



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*Visitors are welcome at Friendship Place*

## **THANKS SO MUCH...TO:**

### *Special Volunteer for this quarter:*

BILL FALCK, NANCY KRUEGER, PENNY STROIK, and FRIENDSHIP ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

*2003 Donors to date;* MUNROE STUDIOS, SUE RAE MILLER; ST. E'S MENTAL HEALTH UNIT EMPLOYEES; THRIVENT; BADGER-GLOBE CREDIT UNION EMPLOYEES; MORTON PHARMACY; HAZEL KANE; AMUSEMENT DEVICES; CLINICAL SERVICES STAFF; BILL & LINDA FALCK; JANET LINET; JIM & MARY TRAVIS; JOHN & NANCY KRUEGER; ANONYMOUS

## **HOURS**

Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saturday as scheduled

# Horizons of Hope

by Leah Schwartz

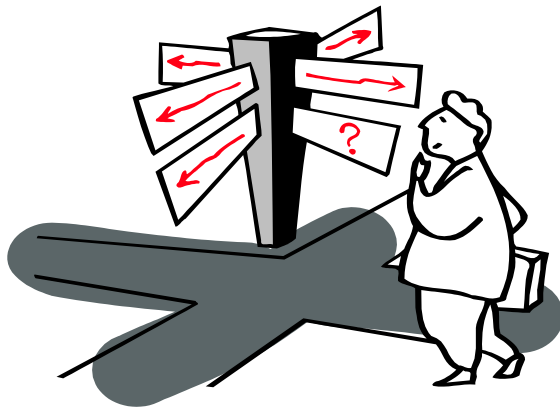
## Abilities not Disabilities

People with a mental illness as well as many without often think of it as a dead end, or maybe the end of their life. Society has a general view of people with mental illness as being mental vegetables or having sociopathic behavior.

The truth is that the majority of us can lead near normal lives. We all possess abilities and talents regardless of whether or not we have a mental illness. We only need to tap into them. Many of the new medications are doing a much

better job of controlling our symptoms. This allows us great freedom to pursue our dreams and aspirations. Yes, we have limitations; some mental and some physical. So do people with MS, Parkinsons, epilepsy, etc. They still have abilities. Why should we focus only on our disabilities?

We too have something to offer. There are many ways we can contribute through our talents and abilities, whether as a volunteer, through a paid job, or other area of interest. Having a mental illness need not be a deadend, just a limitation. What then are your talents and abilities? We all have



REACHING OUT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## Welcome to our Newsletter

Welcome to the "Friends of Friendship Place" newsletter, designed for sponsors, donors, family members and friends of our organization. The newsletter is intended to keep you informed of our program and needs. We hope it will be another aspect of our continuing friendship. Please let us know of others who might be interested in our activities.

## Highlights of Upcoming Activities

- 3/18 at the movies
- 3/19 karaoke day
- 3/20 - Bingo nite
- 3/21 crafts day
- 3/24 - Stuffed Animal/ Baby Photo Day
- 3/25 video/pizza nite
- 3/26 bowling
- 3/27 - Mystery Lunch
- 4/1 at the movies
- 4/3 games/snacks nite
- 4/4 drawing/painting w/ Penny
- 4/5 games/snacks day
- 4/7 Color eggs day
- 4/8 karaoke night
- 4/9 bingo day
- 4/10 Easter lunch & talent show
- 4/11 crafts w/Karen
- 4/14 cross-stitch day w/ Jeff
- 4/15 at the movies
- 4/16 bowling
- 4/22 karaoke nite
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- 4/24 lunch
- 4/24 bingo nite
- 4/25 crafts w/Karen
- 4/29 cookout
- 4/30 bowling

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**Please send me more information**

**SEND TO:**  
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State/Province \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ACTIVITIES AT FRIENDSHIP PLACE

- Recreation
- Education
- Concerts
- Field Trips
- Pizza Parties
- Hayrides
- Pool
- Bingo
- Lunch
- Conversation
- Parties
- Cards
- Cookouts
- Darts
- Games
- Snacks
- Art Classes
- Craft Activities
- Support Groups
- Movies
- Budgeting Classes
- Karaoke
- A chance to impact and shape the program of the facility.