

Friends of Friendship Place

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Clifford Café Opens

With sadness comes inspiration...a dear member of Friendship Place passed away unexpectedly. Patrick's wonderfully supportive family created a memorial fund on behalf of Friendship Place. The Patrick Clifford Memorial Fund allowed Friendship Place to create a mini-makeover. We were able to purchase all new furniture for the main room, and had the walls painted with calm warm colors and pictures mounted (thank you Jeanne S.!). The room was dedicated to Patrick Clifford and is now called the Clifford Café. We are truly blessed to have known such a smart young man. We are also so thankful of his caring family.

If you have not seen our "facelift," please stop in for a look!



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Our Year of Fundraisers...

Friendship Place members geared up to participate in The Human Race (fundraiser through the Volunteer Center). Our members start planning our fundraisers in February (Tammy D. plans all year ☺). First came our very successful chili dog sale—24 chili dog lunches were sold on April 11th. Then, staff and members held a bake sale on April 18th, and raised \$124.20. Who could forget the homemade Hmong-like eggroll sale on April 25th!!!! We made and sold 700 eggrolls that cleared \$528. A Penny War was held throughout the month of April and raised just under \$200. All said and done, Friendship Place raised \$3093.72 toward our participation in the Human Race. The event was held on May 3, 2008 at Thrivent Financial. Look for our eggrolls next year! See recipe on page 3.



Candy Luedtke and the Volunteer Center's Executive Director, Julia Drobeck, at the Human Race Check Presentation breakfast held at Kimberly Clark.

"Friendship Place is my kind of place."



Community Service Club

A dedicated group of members from Friendship Place, and volunteer and board member, Kara Patterson, have coordinated and performed service community service projects throughout the year. Friendship Place has created handmade greeting cards for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day for the residents at Vallhaven. The group also hand delivered and personally greeted the residents. Other projects have included handmade cards for patients of the Children's Hospital, and serving lunch at St. Paul Church in Neenah during the community table. Future projects include singing for Vallhaven residents, serving lunch at St. Thomas Church community table, and area parks clean up. This is an ambitious group. Go Friendship Place!

Bingo is Back and So Are Saturdays!

After our members voted to be closed on Saturdays for July and August (low attendance on Saturdays during the summer months—too much to do in the community), Friendship Place will resume being open on Saturdays as of September 6. Bingo will be played one Saturday and weekday each month, and prizes are awarded each time. So, come one and come all on Saturdays. Beat the heat by hanging out at our newly remodeled and air conditioned facility.

Fun & Often Free Things to Do in and Around Neenah & the Fox Cities

We have made it a practice at Friendship Place to help our members find fun and free activities and events throughout the Fox Cities. We encourage members to take advantage of the wonderful things going on in and around Neenah. Our monthly calendar will highlight two or three "community events." So, what is there to do? Our staff and members highly suggest checking out **Neenah Public Library** (books, music, reading groups, DVDs, and free movies shown at the library, www.neenahlibrary.org), **Future Neenah** (10 major events held in Neenah each year, www.neenah.org), **Appleton Downtown Inc.** (www.appletondowntown.org), **Harmony Café** (www.focol.org/harmonycafe), **Doty Island Development Council** (free picnics at the area parks, www.dotyisland.com), and many of our wonderful trails and parks throughout the area (www.focol.org/greenways/newtrails.html).

Everyone Goes Hawaiian

On June 20, 2008, Winnebago County Clinical Services hosted a free Hawaiian Luau picnic for members of Friendship Place. The menu included ham sandwiches, snack items, delicious root beer floats, and other wonderful treats. Activities included karaoke, hula hoop contest, and photo ops. Thank you Clinical Services for hosting another great party!



Looking good Ron and Vickie



Ruth doing the hula!

Clifford Café Concert Series by Jeff Berton
Yo, what's that sound? Am I hearing things? Is the music of a local radio station in the background at Friendship Place occasionally being replaced by the live performance of local musicians? Relax. You are hearing a series of concerts performed by the hosts of 'Open Mic Night' at Harmony Cafe (programs of Goodwill Industries in Appleton and Green Bay locations) and one of their band mates.

Max Jones is a singer/guitarist who will bring you the blues in its purest form. Jake Crowe is a singer/saxophonist/guitarist/bassist who will delight with songs ranging from Smashing Pumpkins alt rock to Coltrane jazz. Bill McLaughlin is a singer/guitarist who sings his folk/blues compositions from the heart and makes you feel them deep in your soul. Carolyn Armstrong is the singer/cellist/guitarist who will sweetly sing you a Joni Mitchell tune or passionately exude a J. S. Bach ditty from her cello. Thanks to all of them from us at Friendship Place for graciously providing these wonderful auditory treats.

Call for concert schedule, 729-9975.

Recipe: Pork Hmong Eggrolls

Ingredients: 2 lbs. ground pork, 8-9 shredded carrots, 2 yellow onions chopped, 1/3 cup of fish sauce (we added a little more), 2 eggs, salt and pepper to taste, 10.5 bag of bean threads (vermicelli noodles), and eggroll wraps (the thinner the better and about 4"X4").

Soak noodles in warm water until softened (about 10 minutes). Cut soft noodles into smaller pieces—scissors works great. Mix first 6 ingredients with hands. Add soft noodles. Place 2 tbsp. of mix in corner of eggroll wrap. Wrap tightly and seal with egg white. Fry in hot oil until golden brown.

Picnic at Pierce Park

Well done team! 219 people were served in 55 minutes at the most recent annual picnic, sponsored by NAMI Fox Valley, Outreach Center, and Friendship Place held at Pierce Park in Appleton. Thank you to all of the many coordinators, volunteers, and area businesses that donated their time, talent, NEENAH patience, and goods toward this event. The weather could not have been any better. We look forward to another successful picnic in August 2009.

Life Skills Series

Friendship Place recently launched a new discussion series, the Life Skills Series. Speakers on specific topics will be invited to facilitate a discussion group at Friendship Place. To date, Kris of UW-Ext. Winn. Cty. Presented information about nutrition. Mark of Elizabeth Courts facilitated a group about how to pass a housing inspection and how to maintain your health and safety in your apartment. Some of the upcoming speakers will present on topics such as food budgeting, healthy relationships, and working while receiving SSI/SSDI. Look on the calendar for our future speakers.

Canvas, the Movie

NAMI Fox Valley hosted a free viewing of the movie, *Canvas*, at Principal Financial Group in Appleton on July 14, 2008. *Canvas* is an inspirational story (based on a true story) about a family learning to cope with the challenges of schizophrenia. The movie features Marcia Gay Harden, Joe Pantoliano, and Devon Gearhart. The movie is now available on DVD at your local library and those that attended the viewing highly recommend the movie. Thank you NAMI Fox Valley for sharing this opportunity with us and for the deliciously sweet snacks. Great job.

Donations Needed!

We are most in need of postage stamps, business size envelopes, small paper plates, 8 oz. Styrofoam cups, multi-fold towels for bathroom towel dispensers, and boxes of facial tissue. Thank you!

Special Thanks!

Friendship Place formally thanks Mary K. Riner, of Reynolds Packaging, for her coordination of 2 Donation Jeans Day and popcorn sales to benefit Friendship Place. Mary, you're great! Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 3

COMM. SERVICE GROUP PROJECT

1PM

Help clean up Doty Park. Meet at FP @ 1pm.

SEPTEMBER 12

DISPLAY YOUR TALENT SHOWCASE

12:30PM

Show off the many talents you have—dancing, singing, spoken word, collections, hula hoop, etc.

SEPTEMBER 17 & 18

LIFE SKILLS SERIES

1-2PM

Join our discussion series on topics such as Food Budgeting and Healthy Relationships.

OCTOBER 14

HOMESTEAD MEADOWS

5PM-8PM

Halloween themes—wear your costumes.

Costume contest, games with prizes, supper, treats, hayride, and bonfire.

OCTOBER 17, NOVEMBER 21, DECEMBER 19

COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING

8:30AM-?

Members of the FP garden are asked to attend this garden club meeting at Goodwill. Gardeners, Mark your calendars.

NOVEMBER 27 & 28

FP will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

DECEMBER 15

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

724 E. SOUTH RIVER ST., APPLETON, WI

5-7PM

A free holiday meal will be served at 5pm, along with sing-a-long music and a visit from Santa Claus (bearing gifts). This is a combined event sponsored by NAMI-FV, ORC & FP.

DECEMBER 24 & 25

FP will be closed for the holiday.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

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Our apologies if we inadvertently left your name out.

Prize Available

Find the hidden word, a word(s) out of place, in this newsletter and come in to claim your prize! 1 prize per person.

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