

ON THE ROAD AGAIN.....



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FMCA CHAPTER: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®  
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From the President,

With the creation of the FMCA Chapter: Habitat for Humanity® an agreement was negotiated between the Chapter and Habitat for Humanity International®. This agreement outlines each party's responsibilities and obligations and required an annual renewal. Over the years, technology and changing procedures on the Care-A-Vanner desk rendered many of the provisions of the agreement no longer valid.

An effort is currently underway to renew the agreement but several of the provisions contained in the agreement must be renegotiated to reflect the many changes that have occurred since the agreement was first signed. Without an agreement, our Chapter cannot continue to use our current name. It was quite clear at the annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin that the membership wishes to remain affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International and has no desire to change the Chapter's name.

The economy continues to surface as a major factor preventing local affiliates from moving forward with building plans or to finish projects already started. A dramatic example is the two homes that our Chapter's build teams raised in Plains, Georgia, in March of this year. Since the team departed, metal roofs were installed and then work stopped. Most of the affiliate's staff has been fired or laid off. A recent message from a build team member indicated that there has been no further progress on the homes.

Many of our members winter in Florida or other warm climates in the South. If you are one of those fortunate enough to escape the cold of winter, **you could be of help to the Chapter**. If you would contact the local affiliate of HFH where you winter and they are interested in hosting a Chapter build team, let me know and I will follow-up with the affiliate and do my best to make it happen. February and March are the months that most of us head back north and could work a build into our travel plans.

Alan Schmiedt has been appointed as Chair of the Nomination Committee and is seeking candidates to stand for election of Chapter officers at the FMCA Convention in Indianapolis, August 2012. Alan needs at least two others to assist him in locating and reviewing potential candidates. August 2012 may seem a long time away but we all know how time flies.

*Fred O'Donnell*

**February, 2012: Brooksville and Dade County.** Efforts are being made to secure builds following the SEA Rally. Brooksville most likely will involve the painting of homes under the "A Brush With Kindness" program. Look for the next edition of the newsletter for further information.



**March 11-26, 2012: Columbus, GA.** Parking is free with electric and water, pumping service provided. Build may involve 1 week collegiate build. Build Team Leaders: Fred & Ronda O'Donnell. Sign-ups begin: 10 am EST December 16, 2011, call (704) 965-8107 or e-mail: [fodonnell1@earthlink.net](mailto:fodonnell1@earthlink.net).

**March 2012: Americus, GA.** Collegiate Build over 2 week period. Parking in Plains, GA \$11 per night. As additional information is developed, it will be announced.

*PLEASE, PLEASE KEEP YOUR E-MAIL UP TO DATE WITH THE CHAPTER SECRETARY so we can keep you informed as builds develop between newsletters.*

SIGN-UP PROCEDURE – Sign-ups will be listed for each build.

BUILD PARTICIPANT CANCELLATIONS – If you find a need to cancel after acceptance on a build team, please call the same person you signed up with to cancel. Thank you.

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National Director's Report of the FMCA Governing Board Meeting  
Madison, Wisconsin --- August 11, 2011

Out of a total of 487 possible credentials, there were 373 credentials received during the morning session and 368 received during the afternoon session. The two most important items to be covered were: the budget and the election of officers. The proposed 2012 budget was passed with one modification in the amount of \$56,480 in expenses, which was made as a result of the Governing Board voting not to receive their \$155 travel allowance for the convention in Indianapolis. In an effort to further control spending, the Governing Board voted to make changes in Policy and Procedure # 2031D. The changes would reduce the amount of money paid to the advance crew. I voted in favor of these two changes.

National officers elected: Charlie Schrenkel, President; Allen Rein, Senior Vice President; Vicky Ferrari, Secretary and Will Young. If their campaign commitments are held up, FMCA has leadership in place that will focus on the needs of the membership while remaining true to their commitment for fiscal integrity.

The Governing Board approved completing the acquisition, and transfer to a new outside hosted information system structure. The cost of this system, \$143,000, will be taken from FMCA reserves with an additional ongoing cost of approximately \$5,000 per month. This action was necessary in order to upgrade the IT system so that the organization can run more efficiently. These changes are predicted to be cost-effective.

FMCA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is planned for Hutchinson, KS in 2013. The theme is "Mile Marker 50" and the committee is looking for mascot ideas. They are requesting that these ideas be brought to the 2012 convention at Indianapolis, IN scheduled for August 27-30, 2012. A selection will be chosen from those submitted ideas.

Let's all keep up the good work in recruiting new members for FMCA and our Habitat Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Schmiedt, National Director



Sue Salter Memorial Build in Ft. Smith, AR

As I was putting this newsletter together, Marion & I were working on this build. The Ft. Smith Affiliate has dedicated a house to Sue and it is PRIMARILY a Women's Build. The first week was very enjoyable as well as productive. There were 18 Villa Nova College students, mostly young women, who went from learning how to hammer properly to nailing sheeting on the roof in just one week! During this first week, we with other Chapter members who are also Collegiate Support Chapter members coached these students in the skills of house-building. The Affiliate and some home-owners revealed to them the components of HOME-building!



#### The Team

Leaders: Charlie & Marilyn Hudson

Dave Salter    Joe Hipp

Tom & Marion Braum

Corbett & Connie Pool

Mark & Donna Crick, 1st timers

During the second week, we put in doors and windows, finished the roof, wrapped and prepared for the siding which 30 local women will do on Sat. The Affiliate had a Memorial ceremony on Friday for Sue who with Dave had worked for this affiliate for 5 years. Many of Sue's family members came in for the ceremony which was lovely.

Three days of the second week, we also worked on another house which will be dedicated on Oct. 29. We built a shed, a porch, finished siding, landscaped and took care of many finishing touches in closets, baths and bedrooms.

This picture to the left is the first team meeting at the site IN THE RAIN. But, most days were good and we felt we had accomplished a great deal. The two new homeowners we worked with were hard-working, deserving women; it was a pleasure meeting them and contributing to their new lives!





## Announcing the Winner

A quilt like this one was been made by Arlene Kaminski from Habitat T-Shirts. It was raffled at the FMCA Convention in Madison in August.

Vicky Ferrari, new Chapter member and new FMCA national secretary won the quilt!

Thank you, Arlene, for your work on this beautiful quilt!



**SEND DIGITAL PHOTOS THAT YOU'VE TAKEN OF HFH BUILDS TO TOM@BRAUM.COM SO THEY CAN BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!**

### CHANGE IS INEVITABLE - WHAT DO YOU DO?

All changes to personal information, addresses, e-mails, etc., should be sent to the VP - Membership at [kaypiperok@gmail.com](mailto:kaypiperok@gmail.com) or by snail mail to our Chapter address at 3590 Round Bottom Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

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FMCA CHAPTER HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MADISON WI

AUGUST 12, 2011

OFFICERS PRESENT: President Fred O'Donnell; VP of Communications Tom Braum; VP of Membership Kay Piper; National Director Cheryl Schmiedt

INVOCATION: Given by Cheryl Schmiedt

THE NATIONAL ANTHEMS : Sung by members (Canadian and US)

INTRODUCTION of OFFICERS: Fred introduced chapter officers as well as guests, Past FMCA President, Connie and Corbett Pool and newly elected National Secretary, Vicky Ferrari. Barbara Thum was nominated and elected Secretary/Treasurer due to the unexpected death of Sue Salter earlier this year.

A message to honor Sue Salter was presented by Fred O'Donnell, then many personal stories and tributes were shared by members. A memorial brick honoring Sue has been purchased at Global Village and a memorial plaque will be sent to Dave. Sue will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes and approve as written in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Business Basic Checking \$13,351.40. Project Code 1108012 held for HFHI in Americus GA \$7619.34. Note: Balances are as of 2010 fiscal year end by Chapter members Bob Mills and Cheryl Schmiedt who audited the books in March 2011, at Perry GA.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kay Piper reported 211 members. 150 have paid dues to 2011, 58 have paid dues to 2013, 3 are associate members.

NATIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT: The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be celebrated at the FMCA Convention in Hutchinson, KS, details will be published in a future newsletter. Due to the lack of an Assistant ND, the ND will be allowed dual responsibilities.

VP - BUILD COORDINATOR REPORT: Given by F. O'Donnell. The Madison build was cancelled due to the high cost of campgrounds. The Sue Salter Home will be built in Ft. Smith, AR and is scheduled for October 10-22, 2011. Many family members as well as Habitat members have expressed their desire to participate. A build (maybe with college students) is possible in March 2012 in Columbus, GA. Also an Americas, GA build is possible in 2012. Watch for future builds in the newsletter and on the Chapter Website,

NEW BUSINESS:

VP - Build Coordinator position remains open due to no volunteers or nominations from the floor.

Discussions to amend by-laws to revise the 2-year term limit and to allow dual responsibilities for officers. Marion Braum and Connie Poole volunteered to head a by-law committee. Alan Schmiedt volunteered to head the nominating committee for the July 2012 election of officers.

The future of HFHI/ FMCA Chapter's affiliation is in question because the letter of agreement is due for renewal. Discussions will be conducted by Vicky Ferrari on our behalf. Depending on the outcome, additional discussions may be needed.

RAFFLE: A beautifully hand crafted Habitat-themed quilt was donated by Arlene Kaminski. The winner was Vicky Ferrari. Joe Hipp was the recipient of an Arlene-made bag with a handle made of a Habitat tie. Proceeds benefit the Chapter's treasury.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted:  
Barbara Thum, Secretary/Treasurer