

ON THE ROAD AGAIN.....



Official Newsletter of the
FMCA CHAPTER: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®
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LET'S BUILD TOGETHER Bill McLaughlin, President

Greetings,

Much has happened with the Chapter since our last newsletter.

The FMCA Convention was held Feb. 25 – 28 at the Fairplex, in Pomona, Calif. Our Chapter took full advantage of the opportunity to have a Habitat for Humanity International® (HFHI) display table in the Information Center during the convention. Many Chapter members were on hand to work the table, talk with FMCA members about HFHI, and encourage them to get involved. As a result, several new members were signed. A heartfelt thanks to all who helped out.

The Chapter Fair, held on Monday, provided a good opportunity for recruitment.

On Tuesday at the convention, Lynn and Linda Laymon presented a seminar, “Making a Difference Through Habitat for Humanity.” The seminar was well done and did a good job of acquainting FMCA members with the work of HFHI. Thanks Lynn and Linda.

The minutes of our Chapter meeting on Thursday are included in this newsletter, please read them. The new officers who were elected for the next two years are a good group and I look forward to working with them to improve the Chapter.

I want to thank the out-going officers, 1st VP Build Coordinator, John Lee, 2nd VP Membership, Doug Key, and Alternate National Director Marilyn McBain. John served as Build Coordinator for 4 years. To organize the builds requires a great deal of time and energy. John did a great job and his work is appreciated. Doug was very active as VP Membership, procuring our very useful display boards, and working many Rallies and Conventions. Doug was elected FMCA National Treasurer and moved on from the Chapter. Marilyn was wonderful to have on the Executive Committee. Her input was very helpful and always appreciated. Our thanks go to John, Doug and Marilyn. Good job!

One of the exciting new things with HFHI is a program to build houses for Iraq veterans. All at the convention were very interested in this program. I will look into the program with HFHI and get the details as soon as possible.

On our way, back to Connecticut, we will visit David Minich at HFHI. Ginger Dunn, RV desk volunteer, will be leaving the end of March. The desk could use a volunteer who is an RVer who understands our needs and lifestyle. Anyone interested?

Get involved, the work is enjoyable, the friendships made are wonderful, and the rewards are out of this world.

Bill McL



2008 BUILD SCHEDULE

DEANN HARRINGTON, VP BUILD COORDINATOR



DOWAGIAC, Mich. May 25 – June 7, 2008; This build has been cancelled by the affiliate.

MADISON, Wis. June 15-27, 2008; Following the INTO Rally in Oshkosh, Wis., SIGN-UPS OPENED March 11, 2008. Team leaders are Fred and Ronda O'Donnell.

MANKATO, Minn. July 20-Aug. 1, 2008; after the FMCA Convention in St. Paul, Minn..
SIGN-UPS OPEN April 22, 2008 10a.m.ET. Team Leaders are Tom and Marion Braum.



PLANS IN PROGRESS:

NEW ENGLAND AREA: Aug. 11 – 22, 2008, after the Northeast Area Rally

ARKANSAS AREA: Before or after the South Central Area Rally in Sept. 2008.

FUTURE BUILDS -- 2009:

OCALA, Fla. February 8-21, 2009, after the Brooksville Southeast Area Rally. Team leaders are Fred and Ronda O'Donnell.

SIGN-UP PROCEDURE --- PLEASE NOTE the NEW EXT 7534 FOR the RV DESK:

All Chapter build sign-ups are done by calling the HFHI RV coordinator (the RV info desk) toll free at (800) 422-4828, Ext. 7534,, after 10 a.m. ET on or after the *SIGN-UPS OPEN* date listed for the build. E-mail and voice mail requests will not be acknowledged; you must speak with someone in the RV office.

TEAM LEADERS ARE NEEDED. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT TO BE ASKED; CALL OR E-MAIL ME WITH THE TIME AND PLACE YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD.



I am excited to be writing my first build report to you. Thank you for electing me to coordinate your chapter builds. Thank you, John Lee, for the great job in serving our chapter for the last four years. John has agreed to help me get acquainted with the job.

I have an idea to plan some smaller builds after each area rally, hoping to keep you building closer to home and help combat the rising fuel costs. To do this we need volunteer team leaders in each area. If you like or dislike this idea please contact me. Please contact me with your ideas, needs and when / where you would like to lead a build. My desire is to plan builds that suit you the members and I need your help to do it.

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Happy Building – Safe Travels! Deann



Check Web site . . .
fmca-hfh.com to
view photos and
read about recent
builds.

CHANGE IS INEVITABLE - WHAT DO YOU DO?

All changes to personal information, addresses, e-mails, etc., should be sent to the secretary at fmcafhst08@hotmail.com or by snail mail to our Chapter address at 3590 Round Bottom Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Treasurer's Report from Sue Salter \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$

Wells Fargo Checking:

Beginning Balance 7/30/07 \$ 6,885.19
Income: 1,825.00
Expenses: 467.59
Balance 2-20-08 \$ 8,242.60

AMERICUS – Project Code 1108012

Building Fund as of 2-20-08: \$ 33,112.81

CHAPTER DUES

Dues are \$15/year or \$25 / 2 years
and expire on 12/31/2008

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NEW PROJECT CODE--- DONATION INFORMATION

FMCA Chapter members can support the Habitat for Humanity mission of eliminating poverty housing worldwide by mailing their donation to:

HFHI
RV Care-A-Vanners/FMCA
PO Box 369
Americus, GA 31709

Make checks payable to: Habitat for Humanity
International. For your contribution to be
credited to FMCA, PLEASE place "Project Code
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FMCA CHAPTER: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY®
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING --- CONDENSED/EDITED MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2008 - POMONA, CALIF.

Officers present: President and 3rd VP- Membership, Bill McLaughlin; Secretary/Treasurer, Deann Harrington; National Director, Fred O'Donnell; Immediate Past President, Linda Walden **Absent:** 1st VP-Build Coordinator, John Lee; 2nd VP- Communications, Marion Braum; Alt. National Director, Marilyn McBain

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance: Bill McLaughlin **Invocation:** LaVerne Cabell

Introduction of other FMCA Officers: Nat'l President Connie Pool and Corbett, Nat'l Treasurer Doug Key and Judy, INTO Vice President, Jay Blumenthal and Donna, INTO area Secretary, Fred O'Donnell and Ronda. All are members of the Chapter.

Minutes of Redmond Meeting: Approved as printed in our newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: See above.

VP-Build Coordinator: The report was read by Bill McLaughlin on behalf of John Lee and can be seen on page 2. Bill thanked John Lee for his many hours of service and dedication to the chapter during his four years as Build Coordinator.

VP Communications: Please consider getting your newsletter by e-mail.

VP-Membership: New membership in 2008 = 8; Total = 264. 84 members need to pay dues before 4/1/08.

National Director: Fred O'Donnell referred everyone to his report in the newsletter. He added that he is now on the Marketing Committee for FMCA. He urges all members to talk about FMCA'S programs and benefits to all motor home people that you meet and help bring in new members.

President's Report: Bill McLaughlin stated that our program is active and in good shape. We all need to continue to build, one house at a time. He encouraged all members to participate and join in the good fun.

Old Business: A motion was made by Jay Blumenthal to approve our By-Law rewording as printed in our newsletter. FMCA has already approved them. (Copy of text filed with the minutes)

New Business: Chapter Audit Report: Report was read by Bob Mills on behalf of the audit committee of Linda Walden, Sue Salter and Bob Mills. All records were found in order with a balance in the Wells Fargo Account of \$8,242.60.

Volunteers for Perry in 2009: Deann Harrington volunteered to be volunteer coordinator for our chapter. Help is needed at the Perry convention since the INTO area is hosting this convention. Let us all plan on attending and helping.

Nominating Committee Report: Lynn Harrington read the slate of officers: President, Bill McLaughlin; 1st VP-Build Coordinator, Deann Harrington; 2nd VP-Communications, Marion Braum; 3rd VP-Membership, Dave Salter; Secretary-Treasurer, Sue Salter; National Director, Fred O'Donnell; Alt. National Director, Roberta Wehr. There were no nominations from the floor for any office except National Director. A motion was made, seconded and passed to close nominations for all offices except National Director. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the Secretary cast one ballot for those offices. A nomination was made by Lynn Laymon, seconded by Barb Lang for LaVerne Cabell as a candidate for National Director. Both National Director candidates were given time to speak to the chapter. A very close paper ballot election was held with Fred O'Donnell the winner.

Corbett Pool made a suggestion that we elect a temporary delegate ready for the convention in St. Paul, Minn. in case our representatives could not attend. Paul Ferrenti made a motion that LaVerne Cabell be our temporary delegate, seconded by Jay Blumenthal and passed. LaVerne accepted and will be ready if needed. Jay Blumenthal spoke about the Oshkosh INTO rally. HFH will be the official charity at INTO rally and a booth will be provided at no cost.

Announcements: Bill McLaughlin thanked all who helped to make our HFH booth a success.

There will be no build team meeting, since the San Fernando/Santa Clarita, Oxnard and Prescott, Ariz. affiliates had to cancel our builds with them. Deann Harrington thanked all team members for their patience during all the changes and disappointments as the Build Coordinator and leaders tried to make a build happen.

Meeting closed at 2:20 p.m.

Submitted by: Deann Harrington, Past Secretary



TIME IS UP! DUES ARE DUE FOR 2008!

THERE ARE STILL 82 MEMBERS WHO NEED TO PAY THEIR DUES. I WILL BE CONTACTING YOU; DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN!



DAVE SALTER, VP - MEMBERSHIP

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