



Newsletter

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Assistance Provided –

- Monies Distributed CHM - \$ 4,033.56
- Monies Distributed Salvation Army \$ 1,468.65
- Number in Household –Adults/ Children 70/46

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THE VIEW FROM UP HERE
by Diane Geiselman

The Pat Party was a smash hit! Everybody had a good time, and the food was marvelous! Pat wanted a lot of red, and she got a lot of red. Several Board members were able to attend, which is always good news. I like it when Board and staff can share a cup of coffee together. We did not want to see Pat go, but at least we sent her off in style. (See attached a copy of Pat's Proclamation Award.)

We also used the gathering as an opportunity to honor each of our volunteers. CHM is not my first rodeo, as the saying goes, so I know for a certainty that our staff has developed into a very special team. We are truly led by the Spirit, and His leadership is humbling.

In terms of our office management, we have a Transition Team in place. Barb Glauer, Joan Johnston, Pat Pearl and Karen Motz have agreed to be Office Manager of the Day on a rotating basis through the end of this year, as we allow more permanent leadership to evolve. Meanwhile, these four plus our two treasurers, Karen McClure for CHM and Janice Taylor for TSA will meet monthly to review progress, solve problems and celebrate success. I feel good about this. Six strong leaders, trained, experienced and in place.

While the work we do is serious, one must appreciate humor, no matter how unintended, when the opportunity arises. Mansfield Plumbing Products donated a new toilet and sink for our bathroom update. This is a handicap-friendly toilet, taller than the usual facility. I'm told that one can perch like a gargoyle up there. Anyway, when MPP wanted me to know that my products had arrived at the warehouse, our cell phone dropped their calls. Not to be thwarted by technology, MPP went to the "Comment" section on our website. The message said, in all caps, "YOUR TOILET'S HERE!" The next message said, "What is it you people actually do?"

In other news, CHM has officially incorporated Meals on Wheels. It will continue to be operated by Pam Swain, who will manage Meals own checkbook separate from ours. Many consumers of this service purchase their own meals. The free and reduced cost meals are subsidized by a grant from Mohican Area Community Fund. MACF was notified in February that they were no longer allowed to fund Meals because of new government regulations. They had the money for their 2015 budget, but were not allowed to release it. There was no opportunity for Pam to regroup. CHM is eligible to receive grant funding because your Director is compulsive and has filed every government form that exists, including several that were not necessary. We incorporated Meals as a satellite and MACF released their check on the day of our Board meeting. Once again, we confirmed our position as Problem Solvers. Seniors and shut-ins will continue to receive meals.

I wish each of you a happy and blessed spring.



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PROCLAMATION

We, the Board of Directors of Community Help Mission, being of sound mind and body,
Hereby Proclaim
this date to be officially designated as
Pastor Pat Reiter Day!

We recognize that Community Help Mission is a manifestation of your heart and spirit. While many hands and many minds came together to breathe life into CHM, the project grew out of the need you identified at a meeting of the Loudonville-Perrysville Ministerial Association in 2011. You challenged us to address the need, we rose to your challenge, and CHM was born.

You have trained a remarkable team of volunteers who have done significant work with our friends and neighbors who are struggling right here in our own community.

Your heart for humanity was apparent when you served as pastor of the Loudonville United Methodist Church. After retiring from the pulpit, you have continued to serve through your Bible Study ministry at that church.

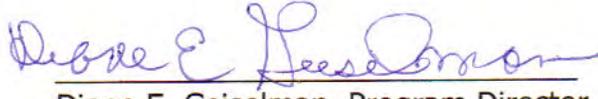
In addition to this, you founded Bikes for Kids, and were a regular volunteer at Helping Hand. You operated the original Loudonville Service Unit of the Salvation Army, after having run the Byesville Service Unit for several years before relocating to Loudonville.

Your departure for Kentucky will leave a void in the community that will be hard to fill. Our commitment to you is that CHM will continue to thrive and grow under our watch. We respect that CHM is your legacy in the community and we will honor it as such. You have done an exceptional job of training a competent transition team to provide office leadership. We will give them every support as we move forward.

May your move be uneventful! We wish you every happiness in your new home.

Blessings,


Howard E. Burnett, CEO


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