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# *Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County*

## Work on Ovid home under way

Spring weather brought the start of construction on the affiliate's second project, the reconstruction of a home on Route 96A in Ovid.

The Construction Committee has set a schedule for the year's work which began on April 17. Like last year, construction will take place on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

A work schedule which has been prepared — and which will be changed as the project progresses — calls for the home to be finished in early fall.

One advantage of rebuilding an existing home is that we won't have to wait until the ground dries out before beginning work. In fact, the sound roof and exterior structure of the home mean that work can carry on despite any bad weather we may yet have this spring.

For those who are unfamiliar with the project, the affiliate purchased the one-story home on Route 96A in the village of Ovid at a reduced price. Parolees from the Willard Drug Treatment Center and some other volunteers gutted the home last fall, removing all the walls, ceilings and even the floor to clear the way for planning the new project.

The home, which is just under 1,000 square feet, will become a two-bedroom home during the project.

Some work on the exterior also



is planned, including new roofing and a paint job for the siding.

The first job will be to frame the floor in the home, followed quickly by rough plumbing. Then the work will move to building the interior walls and the related work that involves.

The entire work schedule has been posted on the affiliate's web site (<http://www.habitatseneca.org>) and it will be updated as the project proceeds. So those who really want to get involved in sanding drywall

don't have to worry about missing the fun.

Volunteers will be needed for each phase of the project and they will be welcome on any of the three work days.

The construction committee also could use individuals who are willing to take on leadership roles by supervising groups of workers, or acting as an instructor for volunteers who aren't familiar with the job at hand.

## Annual Dinner will be May 19 at NYCC

The affiliate will be having an Annual Dinner on Saturday, May 19, in the administration building at the New York Chiropractic College.

The dinner will be a fund raising event for the affiliate. Tickets are \$40 per person and will include

hors d'oeuvres and a dinner with a choice of prime rib or chicken Kiev.

Master Magician Jonathan Blades will provide entertainment at the dinner.

There also will be information on Habitat as we use the event to build support for our efforts in the county.

Only 100 tickets will be sold, and the event's organizers have sold 20 of them before they were printed.

Tickets will be available from board members or from Lucille Cook at St. Patrick's Rectory., 97 W. Bayard St., Seneca Falls (315)568-5203.

The event is being put together by Sue and Menzo Case and Mary Ellen and Robert Kernan, with support from the Seneca Falls Savings Bank. Additional supporters for the dinner are being sought, and they will be acknowledged in the program for the evening.

### Upcoming Dates

#### Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, May 14, 7:15 p.m.

Goulds Water Systems, Seneca Falls

#### Annual Dinner

Saturday, May 19, 6 p.m.

NYCC Administration building

## Regional training program available May 5

The annual regional Habitat training program for our area will be on Saturday, May 5, in Corning.

The event, which runs from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., will include eight sessions concentrating on various parts of the Habitat effort.

Family Selection, Family Support, partnerships with various groups, building a development committee,

and affiliate marketing are on the agenda. There's also a day-long program on construction management as well as a session on church affiliations.

The \$20 per-person cost includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registrations are due 10 days before the event.

The day's agenda and the registra-

tion form are available on our web site (<http://www.habitatseneca.org>).

If that won't work for you, e-mail Marty Toombs ([marty@toombs.com](mailto:marty@toombs.com)) or otherwise tell him you are interested and he will get you details on the event and a registration form.

The seminar will be at Corning West High School on High Street in Painted Post.

## Fund Development events being planned

Fund raising is an essential for the affiliate; without that there will be no construction.

The affiliate's development committee has a new chair, Ann Heizmann of Canoga, who agreed early this month to take on the job. She can be reached by e-mail to [fundraising@habitatseneca.org](mailto:fundraising@habitatseneca.org)

Ann, who is replacing Thomas David who stepped down from the job, will be seeking additional volunteers for the committee, which has a plan of activity laid out for

the year.

One of the first events will be the Annual Dinner (see the article on the front page of the newsletter). The affiliate's third annual Golf Tournament will take place on Wednesday, June 13, at Silver Creek Golf Club in Waterloo.

We'll also be participating in the Canal Fest on June 9-10 in Seneca Falls again this year, "selling" lumber to people who want to support our effort. We may need volunteers for other activities that weekend as well.

A direct mail campaign also is in the planning stages.

The affiliate also has committed itself to serving two dinners at the annual dog show which will take place at Sampson State Park the last weekend in September.

We will be serving a chicken barbecue on Sept. 28 and a ziti dinner on Sept. 29.

The buyers of the dinners will be people who camp at the park for the dog show, and the event promises to be a profitable

one for the affiliate. Volunteers will be needed to help serve the dinners on both evenings that weekend. More details on that event will be available as the date gets closer.

Lucille Cook will be organizing our effort for the dog show.

We also have two ongoing projects. Kitty Peterson is working on the collection of deposit bottles and cans, and Donna Sparrow is working to put those little yellow houses in key spots to receive donations.

## Family selection process nearing completion

The process of selecting a family for the Ovid house has been delayed while some legal problems were resolved. An announcement about the family which has been selected

should be made soon.

Following the announcement, a "groundbreaking" will be scheduled at the house. Since we won't have to break ground for the project, the

ceremony will be a little different than last year's, but it will be an official kick-off for the project.

Check the web site for the latest information on what's happening.