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Ovid house nearly complete

Work on the Ovid house is nearly complete. The floor coverings have been installed, the new sidewalks poured and the kitchen cabinets hung.

Final work on trim and door hanging is the major part of the work left. The project is winding up almost exactly on the schedule set last spring

by the Construction Committee.

The same core group that built the home on Adams Street in Seneca Falls has done most of the work in Ovid. They've been joined by some new volunteers who have helped push the project forward.

Work continues on Tuesdays,

Thursdays and Saturdays until the job is complete.

The dedication ceremony and closing on the house have yet to be scheduled. You can check on the status of those events on the affiliate's web site, <http://www.habitatseneca.org>.

50/50 raffle tickets now being sold

The affiliate is conducting a 50/50 raffle this fall as a way to raise some additional money.

Tickets are available from board members. If you aren't on the board but would like to sell tickets, contact Marilyn McDougal (539-8427) or Ann Heizmann

(549-7033).

In order to build our third house in 2002 we are going to have to raise additional funds. The raffle is being scheduled at this time because we don't have any other major fund raising under way.

The dinners this weekend (Friday,

Sept. 28, and Saturday, Sept. 29) at the Wine Country Dog Shows at Sampson State Park also are an important opportunity for us to raise some money.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the Executive Committee meeting on Nov. 12. Tickets are \$1 each or \$2 for 3.

Habitat's 25th Anniversary celebration was subdued

Events in New York City and Washington D.C. kept Habitat for Humanity International from having the type of 25th anniversary celebration it had planned.

The Indianapolis, Indiana, convention had already started when the attacks took place on Sept. 11, and the decision was made to go forward. Those who had died and those who were searching for survivors were never far from people's minds as they participated in the convention.

Many noted that the terrorist attacks were examples of man's inhumanity to man and it was important that the best humans are capable of — building homes for their fellow man — should not be seen to be defeated by it.

Many who had planned to attend or were scheduled to speak were unable to do so due to travel restrictions. There were no complaints about the constantly changing schedule.

The largest session was the gala celebration planned for Saturday evening, which was highlighted by the man introduced as Habitat's most famous volunteer President Jimmy Carter.

Carter, who received several standing ovations, commented on the events elsewhere as well as noting his continuing support for Habitat.

Some pictures from the event have been posted on the affiliate web site.

Upcoming Dates

Board Meeting

Monday, Oct. 8, 7:15 p.m.
Goulds Water Systems
Seneca Falls

Affiliate operations being reviewed

Our affiliate is undergoing a Triennial Review by Habitat for Humanity.

Even though we're slightly less than two years old, Habitat officials asked to conduct the review this year in order to ease their scheduling.

The review is based in part on surveys completed by board members. The results will be presented to the board at

a meeting on Monday, Oct. 8.

The review will cover all the aspects of our operations, including family selection, site selection, construction, fund raising, as well as our compliance with Habitat guidelines and the operational plan we completed two years ago before we were accepted for affiliation.

Several committees need additional members

In 1999 when we were preparing our affiliation application the affiliate's committees were all meeting on a regular basis to write their portions of the affiliate application, which of course is our operating plan.

The committee work didn't end when the application was written. Several committees have continued meeting on a regular basis, while others have had difficulty holding their members together and continuing to meet.

The activity pattern for the committees vary. Some, such as Development and Family Partnership, need to meet on a continuing basis. Others, such as Family Selection and Site Selection, tend to become very active for periods of time and then have a long period before they need to meet again.

There are many Habitat supporters in the community who don't plan on construction work but who can still play a vital role in the affiliate's operations by

Committee	Chair	Phone
Development	Ann Heizmann	549-7033
Construction	Ed Leonard	568-2135
Family Partnership	Joyce Sinicropi	568-5933
Family Selection	Judy Toombs	568-9125
Functional Groups	Lucille Cook	568-8133
Church Affiliations	Rev. David Gramkee	568-5203
Public Relations	Martin Toombs	568-9125
Site Selection	Marilyn McDougal	539-8427
Volunteer Recruitment	Kitty Peterson	568-2393

committee involvement. Even if construction is your interest, service on a committee is a good way to make sure that the building work has the proper supports behind it.

If you aren't currently participating in a committee and would like to join one, you can contact the committee chair to see when the committee meets so you can participate. All com-

mittees will welcome new members, although the Development committee may be the one most in need of members at this moment.

The committee chairs and their home phone numbers are listed above.

You can get more information on the responsibilities of each committee by clicking on the How to Help button on the affiliate web site.

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