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Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County

\$10,000 Grant to help with Tyre home

A \$10,000 grant has been awarded to Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County to assist the group's construction of a home on Black Brook Road in Tyre.

The grant was awarded by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, based in New York City, a private corporation which serves its member banks. The money will come from the bank's Affordable Housing Program, which supports efforts to make affordable housing avail-

able to low income families.

The grant was sought on the affiliate's behalf by the Seneca Falls Savings Bank, which is a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

"I am pleased that the Home Loan Bank and your institution will be able to work together towards meeting the important goal of increasing the availability of affordable housing or lower income families," wrote Alfred A. DelliBovi,

president of the bank, in a letter to the Seneca Falls Savings Bank.

"The Seneca Falls Savings Bank is pleased to provide funding for such a worthwhile organization," said Robert E. Kernan Jr., the bank's president.

"Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County is building one house per year in our county, and we believe that such efforts reflect the bank's core values," he said.

Strategic Planning to continue

All Affiliate supporters are invited to participate

Affiliate Support Manager Paul Hoffman will meet with the affiliate's Board of Directors on Aug. 12 to continue our strategic planning effort.

The meeting will begin at an earlier time than usual, 7 p.m., to allow the discussion to take place on the same night

as the regular board meeting.

Any affiliate supporter who wants to take part in the planning session is welcome to attend.

The planning effort began in April at a Saturday meeting. Those participating identified the affiliate's strengths and

weaknesses and began the process of setting goals to resolve the problems we face.

The Aug. 12 session will pick up at that point. The meeting will be at Goulds Water Systems on East Bayard Street Extension in Seneca Falls.

Framing work under way At Tyre Habitat home

Work on the Tyre home began in earnest even before the groundbreaking ceremony.

The Wednesday following the ceremony the basement was installed for the home, and the work of putting the frame for the first floor then took over.

Very hot weather and some timing issues have delayed progress somewhat. Another slowing factor has been the lack of construction volunteers, with as few as three workers on the site some days.

Work is proceeding on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and more volunteers are needed. Feel free to show up on any work day and contribute to the effort.

For the next few weeks, framing will be the primary activity, followed by roofing and siding.

More information on the progress of the project, including pictures of the work so far, are always available on the affiliate's web site, www.habitatseneca.org.



Upcoming Dates

Board of Directors

Monday, Aug. 12, 7 p.m.
Goulds Water Systems
Seneca Falls

Executive Committee

Monday, Sept. 9, 7:15 p.m.
Goulds Water Systems
Seneca Falls

Murder Mystery Dinner Scheduled for Oct. 19

We will be sponsoring a Murder Mystery Dinner on Oct. 19 at the Seneca Falls Country Club as a fund raising event.

The murder mystery is being put on by Private Eyes Unlimited, a group that specializes in the events. The evening will have a 50s theme and those attending will be able to dress in costumes from the time as part of the evening.

Tickets are \$50 per person for the evening. A silent auction will take place

at the event, and there also will be a program book.

Donations of items for the auction are being sought, as are advertisements for the program book. Prices for advertisements start at \$25 for sponsor ads and go up to \$300 for a half-page advertisement on the cover.

For further information, contact Menzo Case or Dorothy Thompson at 568-5855.

Habitat has been visible in the county

Habitat was part of several events in the county recently.

In addition to our own Golf Tournament, the affiliate had a booth at the two-day CanalFest in Seneca Falls, and at all three evenings of the St. Patrick's Church Festival in Seneca Falls.

The affiliate also was part of the Interlaken Home

Days at the beginning of June, and at the end of June, the First Methodist Church in Waterloo hosted a speaker from the affiliate at its regular church service.

Habitat also had a booth at the chicken barbecue July 21 which benefited St. Francis Roman Catholic Church in Interlaken.

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	Chair	Phone
Development	Menzo Case	568-1880
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Family Partnership	Joyce Sinicropi	568-5933
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Church Affiliations	Rev. David Gramkee	568-5203
Public Relations	Martin Toombs	568-9125
Site Selection	Marilyn McDougal	539-8427
Volunteers	Lucille Cook	568-8133

Volunteers needed for all affiliate activities

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of our Volunteer Skills Form. This is part of an effort to update our volunteer database.

We ask you to fill out the form and return it to the affiliate's address, which is noted on the form. We ask you to do this even if you filled out a form back in 2000 when we first began collecting volunteer information.

While we are in need of

construction volunteers, please note that other kind of volunteers are needed as well. To the right are listed some very specific jobs and responsibilities the affiliate needs to have filled.

If you would like more information, or to volunteer, contact Lucille Cook at (315)568-8133 or by e-mail to volunteer@habitatseneca.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ Make lunches for construction volunteers
- ◆ Chair the affiliate's Development Committee
- ◆ Help the development effort by refining mailing lists. (Mainly involves checking addresses in the telephone book.)
- ◆ Join a committee. (Information on committee responsibilities is available on the web site. Committee chairs are listed above.)
- ◆ Help schedule volunteers for various construction and non-construction jobs.

Golf Tournament successful despite competition

Wet weather and a decrease in the number of golfers put a damper on this year's Golf Tournament.

The golfers who did participate had a good day and except for the rain gear they dragged around the course, there

was no difference in the spirit of the event.

Competition from another tournament on the same day cut down the number of golfers participating. That kept the golf committee from beating its record for

profits from the event for the fourth year in a row.

Support from hole sponsors and others was good and the committee is hoping that the number of golfers will increase next year.