

Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County

2003 Project: Lakeview Street, Interlaken

Just before Christmas the affiliate purchased a large lot on Lakeview Street in Interlaken.

Purchased with money from the SHOP grant we received last year, the lot is large enough that it may be split so that a second house could be built there in the future. That decision will depend on what's found when the lot, which is brush-covered now, is cleared to prepare for construction.

The Family Selection Committee has begun planning for this year's selection process. It plans to conduct two public meetings this year (we've always done one before) in an effort to expose the Habitat program and the Interlaken opportunity to as many people as possible.

The two public sessions will be followed by an evening program which will allow those planning to apply to submit

their applications in person or have any questions about the application process answered.

Visits to the homes of the applicants will follow the application submission

deadline.

A new group of new volunteers from Interlaken, Ovid and Lodi have joined the Family Selection Committee to help with this year's effort.

Meetings will be March 4 and 11

The first step in the process which will lead to the selection of a family for the home which will be built this year in Interlaken will begin with a pair of information meetings next month.

Families interested in applying to for the home on Lakeview Street in Interlaken can attend either of two meetings, at 7:30 p.m. on March 4 and March 11. The meetings will be in the Interlaken Reformed Church on Main Street in Interlaken, opposite the elementary school.

At the meeting families will learn about the family selection process and what's involved for the selected family as the house is built.

Habitat supporters can help the process by helping to spread the word about the meetings so we can let as many people as possible know about this opportunity.

Tyre house nearly done; landscaping still to come

The interior of the Black Brook Road house is now done, except for the installation of flooring.

Extensive landscaping remains to be done in the Spring. The formerly brush-covered lot had to have a well dug and a septic system installed and so the amount of work needed to create a lawn and a permanent driveway are more extensive than on our earlier projects.

With the weather this winter, there's been no opportunity to get a head start on the work.

The Partner Family, Patty Dishaw and her daughter, Stephanie and son, Daniel, are making progress on their sweat equity hours and the affiliate hopes we will be able to proceed to closing as soon as the landscaping is done.



Upcoming Dates

Executive Committee

Monday, March 10, 7 p.m.
Goulds Water Systems
Seneca Falls

Family Selection

Information Meetings

Tuesday, March 4
Tuesday, March 11
7:30 p.m., Interlaken
Reformed Church
Interlaken

Kitty Peterson chairs Development; other vacancies remain to be filled

Kitty Peterson, who has worked on various efforts for the affiliate since it was organized, has taken over the job of Development Committee chair, which had been held on a temporary basis by Menzo Case.

Kitty is working to rebuild her committee as well as work to support the existing fund raising efforts. 2003 needs to be a successful fund raising year so that we have enough money to finish the home in Interlaken we'll be building this year.

Once again the affiliate is looking for a vice president. We're hoping to find someone willing to take over as the affiliate's president when our new year starts in July.

We also need a new chair for the Family Partnership Committee.

Anyone who is interested or who would like to suggest another person for any of the jobs mentioned can contact President Marilyn McDougal or Martin Toombs, chair of the Nominating Committee.

Church Affiliations works to gain support

The Church Affiliations Committee, which consists of Wayne Lohr and Bob Nelson, has been contacting the county's churches seeking greater support from them.

They've been asking the parishes to provide a mission or social ministry

contact that the affiliate can use to pass information to the parish members.

During January, parish representatives were invited to sessions in Seneca Falls and in Ovid so they could learn more about our efforts. Although

the extremely cold weather held down the attendance, those who did attend seemed genuinely interested in helping our efforts.

The contacts should lead to additional speaking opportunities at churches in the county.

Appeal nears \$4,000 profit

The annual fund raising appeal, which involved mailing letters to nearly 1,000 Seneca County residents in December, has netted about \$4,000 for the affiliate's efforts.

A more restricted mailing this year reduced costs and allowed the net profit to exceed our first effort a year ago.

Volunteers from the First Presbyterian Church in Seneca Falls helped put the mailing together; their efforts were part of the successful effort to cut costs.

Committee Leadership

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Development	Kitty Peterson	568-2393
Construction	Ed Leonard	568-2135
Family Partnership	(vacant)	
Family Selection	Judy Toombs	568-9125
Public Relations	Martin Toombs	568-9125
Site Selection	Marilyn McDougal	539-8427
Volunteers	(vacant)	
Church Affiliations	Wayne Lohr	568-9639

Affiliate office moved without major disruption

With the changes at St. Patrick's Church in Seneca Falls, there no longer was any space available there for our affiliate office.

The affiliate will always be grateful for the parish's provision of an office there for us which we have used without cost since the affiliate was formed.

With the need to find a new location, it was determined that we would best be served by splitting the storage of records and the affiliate's telephone. As a result, a new office is being opened in space donated by the Seneca Falls Savings Bank, while the telephone line was moved to the home of Secretary Martin

Toombs.

At the same time, the affiliate also gave up its separate fax number, which had been shared with St. Patrick's. The single telephone line now serves both voice and fax needs.

The continuing support by the Seneca Falls Savings Bank is appreciated.