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Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County

Barbershop music to benefit Habitat

The Finger Lakes Chorus, a local group that performs Barbershop music, will present a concert to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Seneca County on Thursday, Dec. 4.

The event, which will be at 7:30 p.m. at Main Street School in Waterloo, will feature barbershop music that so many people have come to appreciate. The Chorus will perform both as a chorus and some quartets also will sing during the evening's event.

As a result of the scheduling, there will be some Christmas music as part of the event.

The chorus is providing the show free of charge to Habitat, so we'll benefit from all the proceeds for the event. Tickets are being sold in advance for \$4 for adults and \$2 for students; at the door that night, they each will be \$1 more.

The Finger Lakes Chorus recently won a competition and they are known throughout the area for the high quality of their performances. Please make plans to buy your tickets and attend.

Tickets are available from Bonnie Morlang at the Seneca Falls Savings Bank, 568-5855.

Annual fund raising appeal under way

The affiliate's annual fund raising appeal is under way. All those who receive this newsletter also recently got a letter seeking your support.

The appeal is one of our three major fund raising efforts of the year and its success is a key part of our efforts to complete the house on Lakeview Street in Interlaken as well as have sufficient funds to continue building homes in Seneca County. Please consider making a gift.

There is a major difference between a donation to Habitat and other charitable donations you can make. While we do have some expenses for operating the affiliate (postage for this newsletter, for example) nearly

all of the money we raise is spent on home construction. Since the amount spent on the house is paid back to us through the mortgage held by the Partner Family, it's then available to invest once again in another house. In fact, the mortgage payments we are receiving from the three houses we have sold so far now are a significant source of revenue for the affiliate.

This year we have been faced with having to look at the amount of money on hand before we have been able to order supplies for the house in Interlaken. The success of this year's annual appeal will be a major factor in our ability to continue on our construction plan.

Interlaken house construction pauses

Work on the Interlaken house will pause during the winter.

Volunteers have been working hard on the house since July and the exterior of the home is done, and a good start has been made on the interior. But the approaching cold meant that if work continued the house would have to be heated all winter to prevent insulation and wallboard from being ru-

ined.

With the holiday season and winter vacations approaching as well, it was decided to finish up some electrical and other details and then give the volunteers some time off before the final push to finish the house.

With the supervision of Chuck Bosman, the site supervisor for the job, the project has been moving along

well and except for the final landscaping which also will take place in the Spring, the house appears now much like it will when it is finished.

The Farrells, Randy and Sandra and their son Dakota, have been busy working at the site and are looking forward to the house being done.

Chuck hopes that work will resume about March 1.

Habitat will be getting a new logo

Habitat for Humanity will soon be changing the logo which it has used for many years.

The logo, shown here, doesn't belong to Habitat, but to a children's hospital in Pittsburgh. The hospital has allowed Habitat to use it since the two organizations are in different fields, but the lack of ownership has meant that Habitat has been unable to enforce rules regarding the logo's use. There have been stories about businesses putting the logo on their stores in an effort to benefit from Habitat's good name, and Habitat was legally unable to do anything about it.

The effort of designing a new logo



has been going on for several months, and Habitat supporters have been invited to enter designs for consideration. Legal and other issues have to be decided before any designs if selected, but a winner is due to be picked near the end of this year.

Habitat probably will ask affiliates to begin switching over to the new logo

quickly and work to make sure people come to recognize it as representing Habitat for Humanity International and its work around the world.

If you are interested in looking at some of the suggested replacements, they can be viewed online.

To take a look, go to <http://work.hadw.com>. In the box looking for an e-mail address, just type in NewLogo@hfhi.org. Then enter a password of "habitat" (lower case, without the quotes) and click on Log In.

At the bottom of the page you can add your comments on the various designs. It's all anonymous.

Volunteers help affiliate With mailing projects

We've benefited from time to time from efforts by volunteers who take on tasks other than those at the construction site, and those contributions need to be acknowledged.

For the past several months this newsletter has been folded, labeled and prepared for mailing by participants in the Day Habilitation Program operated by Seneca Cayuga ARC on Clinton Street in Seneca Falls. The 475 newsletters have been efficiently prepared by the participants, who are developmentally disabled. Megan Woods has coordinated the effort for us there.

The Annual Appeal mailing was assembled by residents of Kid's Peace in Romulus as part of their community service program. Nearly 700 letters were put together. The major job was completed in just two days by a group of volunteers. Activities Director Anne Marie Beachel coordinated the project for us.

We also need to thank the Seneca Falls Savings Bank, which printed all the letters for the Annual Appeal mailing and paid the postage for the mailing as well. The bank also provides copying services for the newsletter, and assistance with other parts of the affiliate's program.

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New secretary elected

At the October Board of Directors meeting Elaine Scott was elected secretary for the affiliate. Elaine, who was involved in Family Selection for our current project, will be a board and executive committee member as a result of her election.

The secretary's post had been vacant since July 1.

The affiliate still needs a Volunteer Coordinator and additional assistance with grant writing and fund raising efforts. Anyone who is interested can contact Marty Toombs or any board member.