



HOUSE OF MERCY – 10 YEARS OF HELPING

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Opening: President Kevin returns to the helm after a two week respite. Can you say Las Vegas? Meeting opened with a rousing rendition of God Bless America. Invocation was by Dr. VanRoo.

Guests: Past President, Tom, brought a guest and work associate at Edward Jones, Mike Schoeder. Mike is strongly considering membership.

Students of the Month: Only Parker H.S. students Steve Feeney and Monica Strunz braved the brisk, snowy day to attend the meeting. Craig folks must have feared crossing the river.

Key Club Attendees: Parker H.S. Key Club members in attendance were Club President Nathen Burt., and members Carrlena Boldt and Beth Elland.

Announcements: The work Sign Up sheet for Pancake Day will be circulated starting Feb 23.

Several members turned in Placemat Ad money. If you haven't completed your sales, please do it before Thursday so we can get this very important part of the fund raiser completed.

Club Board Meeting: The Board of Directors met on February 15, 2006. While the minutes of the meeting were not available at meeting time, President Kevin hit the highlights.

1. The board decided to move its standing day for its meeting to the third Thursday of the month, immediately after the regular Club meeting at the Elk's.
2. Accepted with regrets, resignation of Tom Hornig and offered him Honorary Member status.
3. Approved membership by unanimous vote of Mark James, of Chase Bank, sponsored by Tom Waller.
4. Is considering a "Skip-a-Meal" meeting day in April or May, at the invitation of Kiwanis International. Proceeds for meal cost not spent would be donated to a food relief charity. (Hey, Rotary already does that?)
5. A new fund raising project has been tentatively approved and will be reported out after more leg work by the Board on details.

50-50 Raffle: Andy had the winning ticket, but drew the four of clubs. Next time Andy!?! \$694.00 rolls over to next week.

Happy Dollars: None. How sad!

Program: Shirley Van Horn of House of Mercy was our guest. The House is located in the former convent of St. Patrick's Parish on Lincoln St.



House of Mercy (HOM) has been serving homeless women and their children continually from this location for ten years. To "celebrate" their success, the HOM is undertaking many renovation projects within the house this year. After serving the many hundreds of residents, worn out things like carpeting and kitchen cabinets are being replaced and updated.

The HOM offers free shelter and support programs for women and their children for up to 30 days. Many of these women have failed before in their efforts to live on their own because they lack a support system in the community. During that time, the HOM assists the women getting back on their feet and back into a self-sufficient and stable living situation. Women residents work with a case manager to develop their own "action plan" to move out successfully on their own.

A limited staff of approximately 3-1/2 employees and many volunteers assist these women and their families at the HOM. To fund this staff and the many programs offered by HOM, the agency relies heavily on its Charity Ball, held this year on August 29. Shirley welcomed any help the club or any individuals may be willing to offer in time or donations.

Reporter's note: When boiling down the name of the House of Mercy into an acronym for the article, I noticed it only needed one more letter—"E", to make it "HOME"! Give us your suggestions for a fitting word for the "E".

Thanks to Ben Coopman for taking the notes. Members having information for future newsletters can email editor@janesvillekiwanis.org.

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