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Habitat for Humanity—Update

This fall the staff and volunteers of the Institute led the way and helped organize IUN's partnership and involvement with a two house build in the Glen Park area. Due to several complications only one house was completed, but the second one, with the foundation already in, will be completed this May. Thanks to Miranda Luttell, Jackie Dooley, Juanita Bass and Dan Shih for their exemplary leadership and sacrifice as they organized, made presentations, raised funds and showed great enthusiasm. Thanks to all of you who volunteered and made donations, a family has a home and will be moved in soon.

Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming Events...

- January 31, 2003
Membership Induction
4:00-7:00 PM
- February 10, 2003
Hoosiers for Higher Education
All Day Event
- April 4, 2003
Spring Fundraiser-
Miniature Golf
6:00-10:00 PM

**A Special Thank You To
Fall 2002 Speakers, Hosts
and Members!**

Habitat History

We were honored to have Pam Pazera, Executive Director, Northwest Indiana Habitat for Humanity provide an inspiring update at the Leadership Development Program's November 5th meeting. She spoke about Habitat and how it started in 1986 and is now in 87 countries, having built 133,000 homes worldwide. In Lake County during 2001, 14 homes were built in Hammond, Gary, and Cedar Lake.

The houses are purchased with no interest by families who are selected based on need. The prospective owners put in hours of work, called "sweat equity." As the volunteers grow to know the homeowners, they see the needs, first hand. Many of the volunteers give from their heart and offer furniture and home items to their new friends. In nine years, only two families have been considered over income.

The local chapter's largest project was a "ten house build" in Gary during 2001. With 300 volunteers being used per day, Pam labeled the one week build as "God's Project". One of those homes was the 40,000th house built in the U.S. and one was a house where many IUN students and staff worked. Juanita Bass, Chair of IUN's 2002 Habitat Build said, "HfH volunteers receive more than they give."

At the meeting we were also honored to meet one of the newest homeowners, Kathryn Noreen, who spoke about the cramped, cold surroundings of her rented apartment, and how she had walked in faith in order to get her new home. She talked about how nice all the volunteers were, her learning experiences with roofing and dry wall, and how great it felt to "use my own hands to build my home."

Thank you for sharing your wisdom and leadership experience with us. We will remember your words, heed your advice and put into practice what we have learned.

Guest Speakers

George Miga Dan Lowery
Jim Fleming Maggie Spartz
Faye Tippy Michael Griffin
Lou Martinez Chris Morrow
Mike Griffin Gayle Van Sessen
Steve Leurck

Guest Host

Stan Wigle Marilyn Vasquez

Keith's Corner



Do you realize how inspiring YOU are? Many times we underestimate our impact on others. YOU, the students, members, speakers and resources to this Institute have stories. They are stories of challenge, loss, triumph, defeat, recovery, and discovery. As you tell them the listener gains understanding and is able to translate your experience into his or her life. The holiday poem that we sent to you and many community leaders contained actual stories from your lives. Share yourself with those around. You may never know how a part of you may touch another life.

Junior Achievement Needs You!

Guest Member

Joe Alessi Brenda Grey
 Carolyn Jones Eric Robinson
 Judy Zeilenga Jennifer Guziewicz
 Juanita Bass Esther Rothstein

We are in need of volunteers to present in our local schools. The Institute has made a commitment to encourage our students and members to use JA as a wonderful opportunity to share their stories of leadership, serve as role models and inspire our youth to want and need to achieve. Your participation can have a major impact on the lives of kids in our area. Call the Institute for more information or talk to Ernestine Johnson, our volunteer coordinator for this effort. Many of our Institute members and students have had incredible experiences being a JA volunteer.

Upcoming Opportunities

Franklin School is still accepting books for their young readers. Contact Beth Eldridge at 219-661-0121, to find out what types of books are being accepted. Cash donations are also being accepted. Watch for other programs in local schools that promote reading and collect books.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



From the Leadership Institute Staff

Happy New Year!



Leslie

Keith

Trish

Happy New Year!

Medria

Kathleen

Carrie



Student Snippets

Beth Eldridge: has a new job, working with the March of Dimes as the Community Director. She is responsible for covering all of NWI area improving lives of babies by helping to prevent defects and infant mortality. She has been coordinating their fund-raising activities. Congrats, Beth!

David Northern: is the proud papa of a new baby girl, Dasanie Atrice, born November 12, 2002.

Nate Remaly: is the proud papa of a new baby boy, born just before Halloween.

Joy Robinson: suffered a hard loss, after her house fire. The Leadership Institute participants extended a helping hand to Joy, by helping to relieve some of her financial pressure. Anyone desiring to extend encouragement and additional help to Joy and her family may reach her at 985-6856 or send a donation to the office and we will get it to her.

Tina Rongers: was able to teach a class of sixth graders, for a full week, for the Junior Achievement projects. She has been accepted in the Master of Urban Policy and Planning program at the University of Illinois-Chicago's College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, in hopes of pursuing a Ph.D. in urban planning.

Sandy Van Prooyen: recently underwent surgery, and

Member News You Can Use

Patty Dunham: now has a new position as Sr. Product Development Manager for FTD, Inc. in Downers Grove, IL. Her responsibilities include designing all FTD exclusive product lines for floral, gift and gourmet, and FTD Logo products.

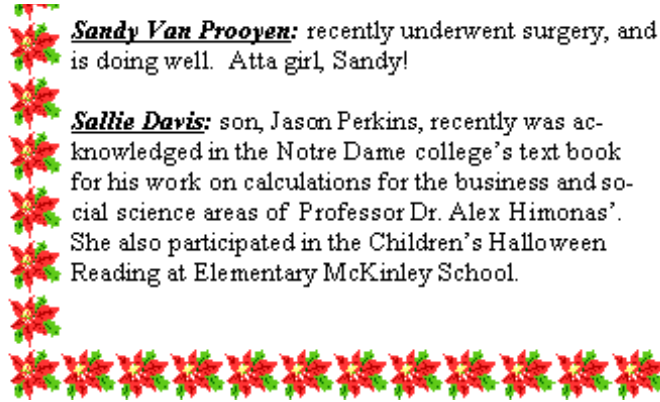
Denisa Falcetta: has accepted a full time position at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. She is an assistant to Dr. Steven Rosen, the Director of the Cancer Center, and Genevieve Teuton, Professor of Medicine.

Mike Kessie: has accepted a position as police officer for the New College of Florida/University of South Florida police department, in Sarasota, Florida. New College is an honors college, and USF is similar to IU. Contact the office for his new address, and phone number.

Ben Rouse: recently received an FBI promotion in Detroit.

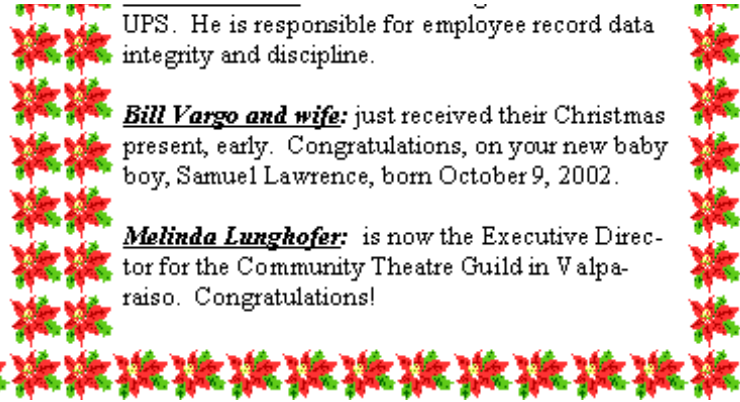
Dan Shih: sold his first home in real estate in September, and his second in October. Slow start, says Dan, but now it's picking up. Congrats!

Derick Theilbar: is now handling labor issues at UPS. He is responsible for employee record data integrity and discipline.



Sandy Van Prooyen: recently underwent surgery, and is doing well. Atta girl, Sandy!

Sallie Davis: son, Jason Perkins, recently was acknowledged in the Notre Dame college's text book for his work on calculations for the business and social science areas of Professor Dr. Alex Himonas'. She also participated in the Children's Halloween Reading at Elementary McKinley School.



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Bill Vargo and wife: just received their Christmas present, early. Congratulations, on your new baby boy, Samuel Lawrence, born October 9, 2002.

Melinda Lunghofer: is now the Executive Director for the Community Theatre Guild in Valparaiso. Congratulations!