



FAITH IN ACTION OF EDGAR COUNTY
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 “A Neighbor’s Independence Depends on You.”



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Christmas Hush

May the Quietness of Christmas, the calm and Holy Hush
 Of that first advent season, still our Christmas rush.

May our memories of the manger, ease the stress
 of troubled hearts in troubled times
 with His peace and quietness.

Kay L. Halliwill

Amidst all the excitement, hustle and bustle I pray that we will all slow down and soak in a moment of quietness and peace; reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas. I pray that we will truly look at the babe in the manger and see a season of miracles, a season of joy and hope. I pray that we look to the manger and see the greatest gift of all....God’s Love.

Above all else it is the birthday of our Savior! What a joyous celebration!



New Volunteer Orientation

There will not be a new volunteer orientation in December.

The next new volunteer orientation will be held:

**Thursday, January 17th
 At the FIA Meeting Room
 1:00pm – 3:00pm**



Our Need Increases for Transportation Volunteers

This past month Faith in Action welcomed 5 new care receivers. Several of our new care receivers are in need of transportation. If you volunteer for FIA and would like to consider helping with a little transportation, be sure to give us a call!

Thanks to all of our FIA volunteers we have been equipped to reach out to 311 Edgar County residents and their families! Of this number, 178 remain on our active list.

We have been strengthened by 119 volunteers with 97 still listed as active! We are blessed!



A big Thank you to all FIA volunteers who have turned in time sheets! In November, thanks to the help of Cindy, our office assistant we had 41 Volunteers to report service hours! If you have hours to report, either call them in, submit via the web site, email your sheet, or drop them by the office. We would love to hear from you.



As of today for the month of November, 2007 services recorded are:

Number of Volunteers Reporting: 41

Number of residents contacted: 153

Total Hours: 377

Total Mileage: 3,200

	HOURS		HOURS
Transportation:	113	Trips Made: 40	
Yard Work:	46	Visiting:	10
Shopping/Errands:	10	Small Home Fix-its:	2
Telephoning:	6	Administration & Fundraising:	108
Special Projects:	82	No. of Ramps Built: 3 (Other projects: 2)	

From the beginning of Faith in Action, September, 2003 to date we have recorded **over 9,900 total hours of service (we are very close to 10,000! ☺ in less than 5 years!)** and **over 79,400 total miles have been driven!**

We thank God for all of you!

WWW.fiaec.com

Be sure to check our Faith in Action of Edgar County web site. You can report service hours, contact me about someone who needs service, share thoughts and ideas, read monthly newsletters, check out the calendar to see what activities Faith in Action has going on, check out other Faith in Action programs throughout the state and nation.

It is an easy way to access Faith in Action of Edgar County. Also there is a link to www.GoodSearch.com When you use Good Search as your search engine and designate Faith in Action of Edgar County as your nonprofit recipient, FIAEC will get 1 cent for each time you do. That may not sound like a lot, but when several people use it, the pennies add up! You can even check to see how much money has been generated to date for FIA. It is a neat little thing to do that helps in a big way!



~ Creative Card Angels ~



Just a reminder and invitation to let you know our *Creative Card Angels* **will be getting together January 29th at 10:00 A.M. to “create” Cards for Valentine’s Day.** These cards are truly treasured. The joy they give to their receivers has to be second only to the joy that is had by the angels who make them. A lot of good hearted fun and laughter goes into the creation of each one. ☺ Cathy Walker and Debbie McConkey are leading this adventure. If you are planning to attend or have any questions please call Cathy 275-3500; Debbie 275-3755; or Nila 466-6388.



Pizza Hut Night



There will not be a Pizza Hut Night in December.

Be sure to plan on joining us at Pizza Hut on the Fourth Monday of January (1/28/2008).

Monte Reichenberg will be our host.

BURGER KING NIGHT



Thank you to all who came to our FIA Benefit Night BURGER KING Christmas Party!



We packed the restaurant and had a great time! The management was really overwhelmed at the response. A big THANK YOU to Jack Milam our strolling minstrel who serenaded everyone with Christmas songs while playing his guitar. Also thanks to *Doris Armour* who led our Caroling Choir (*Linda White, Andrea Sodaro, Jack Milam, Diana Acord, Cindy Soughers, Debbie McConkey, Karl Marshall, Lillie Davis, Shirley Bishop, and Edna Bright*) as we filled the air with the joyous songs of Christmas! Santa’s helpers gave out candy canes and candy kisses to

everyone who came in throughout the evening. We had a great time! Everyone who came into Burger King that evening was caught up in the Christmas Party spirit and had really good time. Because of the great turnout, Burger King will be donating \$140 to the work of Faith in Action!

In January our Burger King Benefit Night will be the second Thursday, January 10th from 4PM – 8PM. Plan to come and join us for dinner!



IT'S COMING.....Saturday, February 16th-FIA 4th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

It's time to start brushing up that favorite chili recipe and get it ready for this super fun night!

Last year's Grand Champion Chili Chef was

Monte Reichenberg.

Each year our Chili Cook-off grows bigger and bigger. The weather gave us a little set back last year, but we still welcomed 15 chili chefs and good crowd of the county's best chili critics! The competition is friendly and the evening of fun and fellowship is priceless! We are in need of at least 15 to 20 Chili Chefs who would be willing to make 3- Gallons of chili. Prizes will be awarded to the chefs who receive the most votes. Everyone who comes to enjoy the evening will receive a coupon to cast their vote for their favorite. So consider polishing up your chili recipe and join us for our 2008 FIA Chili-Cookoff! If eating is more your pleasure, it is a guarantee that for the small price, you will not find any better chili and extras, than what will be served that evening! Flyers, registration forms and ticket sales will be available in January!



Mark Your Calendars



*** 2008 FIA Chili Cook-Off ***

Date: Saturday – February 16th

Time : 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Place: Lake Ridge Christian Church Family Life Center



Coming Up



December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st – FIA office will be closed for the Holidays

January 9th -FIA Board of Directors Meeting

January 10th – Burger King Night – 4PM – 8PM Paris Burger King

January 18th (Thursday) – New Volunteer Orientation FIA Meeting Room ~ 1PM – 3PM

January 28th (Monday) - FIA PIZZA HUT NIGHT with *Karl* at Paris Pizza Hut~ 4PM – 8PM

January 29th (Tuesday) - Creative Card Angels 10AM – FIA Meeting Room

February 16th (Saturday) – 4rd Annual FIA Chili Cook-Off

Merry Christmas!

Nila Nugent, director

