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Volunteer Appreciation Luau!



Faith in Action of Edgar County celebrated six years of serving residents of Edgar County by honoring our volunteers with a Volunteer Appreciation Luau! The luau feast was held Thursday evening at Lake Ridge Christian Church Family Life Center and catered by B & J Catering. Tanner Laughlin, a very gifted young vocal talent, provided entertainment for the evening. Each guest was welcomed to the Luau receiving the traditional floral lei and presented a gift of a special, designed-for-volunteers Sports Bottle. Games which included a hula hoop contest and an Aloha Classic Relay were played during the evening. Participants in the hula hoop contest were Mellie McCollough, Monte Reichenberg, Mike Garver and Julie Garver. Entertaining the crowd through the Aloha Classic were Aaron Garver, Jacob Garver, Rita Goodman and Lillie Davis. Prizes were given to all contestants. Drawings for door prizes were held throughout the evening. A big THANK YOU to all who donated door prizes and helped in any way to make this evening a FUN celebration! (see inside article)



Nila's Corner

Director's Corner – *At some point in time you just have to slow down and take time to smell the roses....*

In August I had outpatient surgery at Regional Hospital for a little foot repair. I would like to share with you the 6 most important lessons I've learned from the top of a pair of crutches.

1. It is never good to show off a new trick...unless you have already prepared for failure with a soft place to land.
2. The self-proclaimed status of Wonder Woman does not apply when the woman of wonder is depending on one foot and pair of metal legs.
3. A trip to Wal-Mart alone may not necessarily be the best decision, no matter what bargain is drawing you there!
4. I've learned how quickly the table can turn from care-giver to care-receiver and how difficult that adjustment can be.
5. I have always appreciated family and friends, but now I realize how very valuable you all are and how grateful I am to each and everyone.

*Now drum roll please * * * * **

6. God is awesome and the power of prayer is real! I knew there were several people praying for me when I went into surgery and what the surgeon thought would take 1 ½ hours only took 40 minutes! Each time I have seen him since, he tells me how amazed he is at how well everything went! Even the healing process came along really well! I want to thank each and everyone who said a prayer, sent a card, or called to check in to see if I was behaving 😊 during my recovery. All is well and I am now getting wherever I want to go in my "stylish" walking boot! Meanwhile I have learned to slow down, take time to smell the roses and thank God everyday for all the abilities that I have been given.

God Bless ~ Nila

Welcome New Faith in Action Volunteer!

Al Englebright

Faith in Action of Edgar County is very happy to welcome our newest volunteer! Al is a retired teacher and member of New Providence Presbyterian Church. His wife Nancy is also a volunteer and member of our Faith in Action Advisory Board. Al has an interest in driving and has already been a valuable asset to us as well as a blessing to a care receiver. Thank you Al! We are happy that you have chosen to become a Faith in Action of Edgar County Volunteer!



BOARD MEMBER RETIRES

Faith in Action regretfully accepted the resignation of former Board of Director, **Debbie McConkey**. Debbie is a volunteer and joined the Board of Directors in September of 2004. She served in the office of Treasurer until October 2007. We appreciate her dedication to the board of directors and are happy that she has chosen to remain active with Faith in Action as a volunteer.

Thank you Debbie!



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Calendar of Events:

COMING in Sept & October

Sept 9 - FIA Board Seminar
Sept. 17 - Volunteer Appreciation Banquet
Sept. 28 - Pizza Hut Night with Debbie
Sept. 30 - FIA Board Meeting 8:30am
October 7 - State FIA Directors Meeting
Oct 16 - Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction
Oct. 18 - Mission Fair at Presbyterian Church
Oct. 26 - Pizza Hut Night with Diana
Reminder: Volunteers Monday Morning Coffee
Break 8:30 - 10:00
each Monday morning

LIVE UNITED



The United Way Campaign 2009 starts September 19th. Please plan to support the United Way of Edgar County. Working together we CAN make a difference!

FAITH IN ACTION VOLUNTEERS.....ON THE MOVE!

| <u>MONTHS OF</u> | <u>JULY</u> | <u>AND</u> | <u>AUG. 2009</u> |
|--|------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Service</u> | <u>July Hours</u> | | <u>Aug. Hours</u> |
| Transportation | 126 | | 123 |
| Visiting | 10 | | 21 |
| Shopping/Errands | 5 | | 2 |
| Light Housekeeping | 0 | | 4 |
| Yard Work | 56 | | 0 |
| Telephone Contacts | 8 | | 5 |
| Sewing and Mending | 1 | | 0 |
| Respite | 0 | | 0 |
| Meal Prep | 0 | | 0 |
| Special Projects | 13 | | 33 |
| Office Assistance | 40 | | 28 |
| Board Meetings/Fundraising | 8 | | 5 |
| Total Hours | <u>July 267</u> | | <u>Aug 221</u> |
| Total Miles Driven | 3,012 Miles | | 2,438 Miles |
| Volunteers reported hours for the month of July | <u>30</u> | | <u>Aug 29</u> |
| Contacts made with care receivers in July | <u>134</u> | | <u>Aug 127</u> |

THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!

If you want to drop your timesheets after hours, use our little mail slot on the inside door.