

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT



July 2013

New View of Volunteering

A new bulletin board offers FSCers everything we need to know about volunteering opportunities at FSC, all in one place. The bulletin board, which is next to the FSC board in the lobby, is divided into four sections:

- 1. FYI: Current Projects** is simply a list of ongoing projects to give you an idea of an area where you might like to volunteer.
- 2. Suggested Projects** is the sheet where you can write down services that you'd like to see implemented. If you'd like a call back on your idea, add your name and number.
- 3. Those Willing to Help** is where you sign up to volunteer. You can just list your name and number and you'll be called as needed or you can add areas of interest or useful skills if you want to be a bit more specific.
- 4. Available Sponsors:** This category is a real innovation. If you are willing to sponsor someone in your 12-step program(s), list your name, number and the 12-step recovery you offer (eg, AA, OA, etc.). This will enable someone who hasn't been able to find a sponsor among his or her acquaintances to have an additional source of sponsors to pursue. What service!

Wanted: One Coordinator of Volunteers

Dave J. ("Coffee Shop Dave"), chairman of the Hospitality Committee, has been temporarily serving as organizer of volunteer recruitment at FSC, and he's responsible for the new bulletin board. Thanks, Dave!

But Dave has his hands full with Hospitality and is hoping someone will step up to take over the new position of Coordinator of Volunteers. Now that Anchor Property Management is overseeing our cleaning personnel, the coordinator's job will not be as daunting as previously predicted. To learn more about it, contact Dave, 608-852-3153 or see him in the coffee shop.

April Sets Record!

In April, for the first time in recorded history, there were more than 6,000 (SIX THOUSAND) visits to the Fitchburg Serenity Club! That's an average of 200-plus attendees a day. Nellie L., our faithful envelope tabulator, reports that visits recorded on donation envelopes for April totaled 6,138.

However, we know that more people than that actually attended the clubhouse during that period because often attendance is not thoroughly counted on donation envelopes. When you're the meeting leader, be sure to count *everybody* -- including those who leave early and those who arrive late.

July 4th Party a Great Success

This year's Independence Day bash was the best ever, thanks to the Hospitality Committee as chaired by Dave J. and to grillmaster Chuck L., Culver's Verona who donated the frozen custard, everybody who brought food and/or pitched in to clean up and even the weather, which was perfect.

Fellowship was the order of the day, as well as eating, attending AA and AlAnon meetings, singing, and game playing. And eating. Dave estimates that about 150 people attended, at least a third of whom were from other clubs in the area, including Monona, Northport, Monroe, Janesville and Baraboo.

Thanks to the generous contributions of FSCers before the event (hat passings at meetings) and at the event, the Hospitality Committee even came out about \$40.00 ahead of expenses -- money that will be applied toward the Labor Day bash.

Can't wait!

Procedure to Sanction

From time to time an issue of behavior arises at FSC that the Board is forced to deal with. Even though the Board is always ultimately comfortable with its decisions (although almost never happy), it has never had a formal, written policy that members could turn to to understand why the Board did or didn't take action on an issue and whether or not it was true to its own policy. Until now.

At the June meeting of the FSC Board a *Procedure for Sanction* was unanimously adopted by the Board and will be a permanent addition to the FSC website where anyone is welcome to check it out.

Also unanimously adopted by the Board were a *Procedure to Contest Sanction* and a *Procedure for Reinstatement*. Thus there is a formal, public procedure to cover any issue of behavior from the first allegation of misconduct to the final reconciliation of the individual with the clubhouse.

Hot Enough for Ya?

Even though our new, state-of-the-art HVAC control system is a vast improvement over the old set-up, it's not perfect yet. It seems that such systems are designed to accommodate average weather conditions, not extremes, which is why some of our rooms have been uncomfortably warm on occasion. The situation will be greatly helped if the morning groups will pull down the shades before leaving their rooms. And please don't open the windows!

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