

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT



December 2013
Happy Holidays!

Nominations for Next Year's Board Begin

This year (actually, *next* year, February 16) three positions on the Board of the Fitchburg Serenity Club will need to be filled. These are vice-president, secretary and one member-at-large.

If the revised Bylaws are accepted, this will be the last year that the vice-president (currently Mary F.) will automatically become president. The vice-president you elect this year will serve as vice-president, period.

You may nominate candidates to run for one or more of-
fice right up to the morning of the Annual Meeting, but the earlier the better so that FSC members have time to consider their choices.

Nominating is easy. Simply write down all those who you wish to nominate and the positions you wish each of them to run for. Also include their contact info so that a member of the Nominating Committee (Dave S., chair) can contact them to ascertain that they will serve if elected and that they have been a member in good standing (ie, dues paid up) for at least a year.

Holiday Festivities at FSC

The Jolly Season continues! Christmas Day at 2 o'clock FSC's traditional Christmas dinner will begin. All are welcome and welcome to bring family. Also welcome to bring a dish to pass! (FSC will provide the turkey, ham and potatoes.) AA and AIAnon meetings for those who want them will begin at four.

New Year's Eve will be a blast! It'll start at 7 p.m. with a talent show (sign up in the lobby), followed by a party that will run to one! Bring a snack if you can, and party on!

Membership Chair Tom L. Steps Down

Much has changed at FSC in the past 15 years, but there has always been one constant: Tom L. was our Membership Chair. Since 1998 or somewhat before that it has been Tom who kept track of our membership numbers -- percentages up or down, dues pledged, dues paid -- as well as presiding over the installation of new members and putting those notes in our cups when necessary. Tom's work has allowed the past 15 Boards to better see where FSC is going and to plan for that.

Now Tom has resigned (from Membership -- not from FSC!) and will limit himself to just guiding Elle, who is our new Membership chair.

Thank you, Tom! We couldn't have done it without you!

A Survey Is Coming Your Way

Member Matt K. -- he who did yeoman service in clearing out our back yard -- is preparing a survey that soon will be sent to all FSC members (probably by email) asking how that area can best be used. When your survey comes be sure to fill it out and return it. The Board wants our new space to please the most members possible!

Babysitting at FSC

The Board has received inquiries about the possibility of some FSC groups offering babysitting with their meetings, and it will be happy to assist any groups that may wish to do so. FSC's insurance carrier says that no money may be exchanged for babysitting services; that is, parents must serve as the babysitters.

For more information or to get the ball rolling, contact FSC vice-president Mary F.

Revised Bylaws Are Here

New Bylaws for the Fitchburg Serenity Club have been assembled by the Bylaws Review Committee and accepted by the FSC Board, but in order for them to be put into effect they must be approved by a majority of FSC members present at the Annual Meeting (Sunday, February 16).

Therefore, a copy of the proposed Bylaws has been posted alongside our present Bylaws in the hall between Rooms B and C. It is hoped that all FSC members will take the opportunity to carefully examine and compare the new and the old.

The Board wants to know what you think of them! Please put your comments and suggestions on notes clearly marked "Bylaws" in the safe. The Board will review each entry and put together a package of possible amendments to the proposed Bylaws that have been derived from your input, each of which will also be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The proposed amendments will be posted on January 11 to allow everyone time to consider them before the meeting.

Annual Meeting Approaches

The third Sunday in February (the 16th -- mark your calendar) may seem far away, but dedicated FSC members are already giving it thought. That's the date of FSC's Annual Meeting for 2014.

The Annual Meeting is for FSC members only and is a chance for them to hear the president's state-of-the-club message and to ask questions of and make suggestions to the Board. It is also the last time to nominate a candidate to run for the Board, followed by elections of directors.

This year the members will have the additional responsibility of voting aye or nay on the proposed new Bylaws.

This is what membership in FSC is all about. Plan to attend!

Still Time to Join FSC

If you want to participate in the Annual Meeting but aren't a member of FSC, there's still time to join! Simply fill out the membership envelope found on all meeting room tables, enclose your first month's dues, and drop it in the safe.

Emergency Signs to Be Posted

In response to a note in FSC's Suggestion Box, the Board has ordered official signs (about 30 of them!) to be posted in the clubhouse. They will provide directions in English and Spanish for where to go and what to do in case of a fire or tornado.

Good suggestion!

FSC Goes a Bit Greener

At FSC's request, our professional cleaning company, Coverall, will switch to green cleaning products by Shacklee on a 3-month trial basis. If the results are as good as with their current products, we'll stay green!

Board Meetings Switch to Mondays

From now on the FSC Board of Directors will meet on the second **MONDAY** of each month, 6 p.m., Grand Ballroom.

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