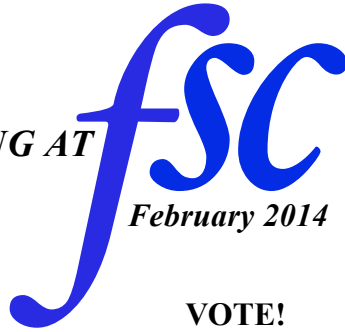


## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT



February 2014

### Harold's Presidency Ends

Harold Stafford's two 1-year terms as president of the Fitchburg Serenity Club will end this Sunday at the Annual Meeting when vice-president/president-elect Mary Forseth automatically becomes our new president. Under Harold's leadership FSC has seen many changes:

Our membership has grown from 246 to 285.

The roof has been repaired.

We have a new, improved HVAC system.

The Grand Ballroom has been refurbished.

Our back yard is in the process of being made more useful.

Our parking lots have been refurbished.

FSC continues to be debt free.

Anchor Property Management has been hired to keep things running more smoothly and economically.

The coffee shop is now a modest money-maker.

A suggestion box has been installed in the lobby and suggestions promptly processed.

Professional cleaners now keep FSC spiffy 24/7.

A *Procedure for Sanction*, including procedures for disputing sanction and for reinstatement, has been adopted.

Board-membership communication continues to improve.

Security has been stepped up.

FSC now has a website.

Our building is now equipped with wifi.

FSC's Bylaws have been revised.

Pretty successful two years! Thanks for everything, Harold!

### Mini-Conference is Coming

On February 8 board members of the Wisconsin Association of 12-Step Clubs met with FSC Board members to discuss contents of a mini-conference at FSC to be held this Spring. The Association exists to help 12-Step clubs and thereby help the 12-Step groups within the clubs, and FSC is delighted to host a conference for Madison-area clubhouses.

It was decided that the mini-conference will cover board development, fundraising and grant writing, and communications and volunteerism. More will be revealed later.

### Schedule Changes

#### New Meetings

Women-Only SAA meeting first Wednesday of each month,

6:30 p.m., Rm E.

ACA meeting, Saturdays, 2:00 p.m., Rm B, beginning March 1.

#### Disbanded Meeting

11th Step Meditation, Sunday, 11 a.m.

### VOTE!

Sunday, February 16, at 9 a.m., the Fitchburg Serenity Club's Annual Meeting will be held in the Grand Ballroom. This is an opportunity for all FSC members (all 285 of us!) to hear our president's State of FSC message, our financial report and our building and grounds report, and to ask questions and make comments. Perhaps most important of all, it is an opportunity for all members to vote!

This year members will have two voting responsibilities -- to fill vacancies on the Board and to accept or reject proposed revisions of the FSC Bylaws.

An updated list of candidates who have been vetted (i.e., checked to be sure they've been FSC members in good standing for at least a year) by the Nominating Committee is posted in the lobby, and nominating can continue right up to voting time at the meeting.

The proposed Revised Bylaws are posted side by side with our present Bylaws on the wall between Rooms B and C. If they are accepted, next year our president will be elected directly by the membership and serve a 2-year term. The new Bylaws spell out more clearly the rights of members and how to assert those rights. They will provide a protocol for the Board's online meetings. Check them out!

If you aren't an FSC member but want to participate in the voting, you may join at the meeting. Just pay your first month's dues and pull up a chair!

Furthermore, a light continental breakfast will be served.

★ *What's Happening* will publish a short page on the Annual Meeting -- reports and voting -- early next week. ★

### Survey Results In

In its effort to improve communications with FSC members, the Board recently asked member Matt K. to create a survey to be sent to all members asking how we want our back yard to be used and how we like the new coffee in the coffee shop, among other questions. In less than a month 85 completed surveys were returned to the Board. They will be processed and acted upon by the new Board. The present Board was gratified by the useful suggestions many members included with their survey and by the unsolicited approval of its actions that numerous members expressed.

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