

EXCHANGE CLUB OF ROCKVILLE NEWSLETTER

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SPRING HAS ARRIVED



The Wednesday, March 18, 2009, was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Secretary, Candie Niemann and Treasurer Susan Spellacy. Twenty Seven members were in attendance and two guests (Dave Engleson and Ernie Everett). The invocation was delivered by Mike Riley. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

SICK CALL: No sick call was given.

KIDSAFE WISH LIST:

Gameboy and games, Playstation & Nintendo games, Plastic Storage Containers, Crib Sheets, Area Rug (10x14), Queen Sheet Set, Twin Girl Sheet Set, Pole Lamps, Sleeping Bags, Curtains, Gift Cards for bowling, mini-golf, game room, Bags of Mulch, Large Tent, Bookcases, Dressers.

KIDSAFE PROGRAMS:

Parent-Aide Program: Currently working with 21 families, a total of 38 children.

Temporary Care Program: Children who are in transition between foster placements or have been suddenly removed from their homes by DCF and are awaiting available foster home are cared for during the day at Kidsafe House instead of sitting at DCF office.

Mentoring Program: 19 Mentors and 19 Mentees matched.

Cornerstone Community Center: Currently working with 100+ children who visit the Teen Drop-In Center on a weekly basis.

Piece by Piece Group: 8 week parent education program.

Cooperative Parenting & Divorce Program: Teaches parents how to give their children the gift of a strong co-parent relationship even when the parents are not living in the same home.

Bowl-A-Thon: This is scheduled for April 4, 2009. Please consider being a sponsor or getting a team together. For more details, speak to Jerry Bundy.

COMEDY NIGHT: We will be hosting our very 1st Comedy Night on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Georgina's Restaurant in Bolton. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR.** It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you do your best in selling your tickets, this event replaced our Wine Auction and we need to sell as many tickets as possible. **Ticket deadline is April 6, 2009,** if you are unable to sell your tickets, please return them to Sue or Candie as soon as possible. It is important that we get an accurate head count.

GUEST SPEAKER: David Engelson, Executive Director of Hockanum Valley Counsel spoke about the services they offer such as Dial –A-Ride, Tri-Town Panty which services 1000 families during the holiday season and on a weekly basis. Counseling for Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Thrift Store called Good Cents Treasures located at 30 Lafayette Square, which provides people in need of clothing & furniture, Teen Services – teens hired to do chores for the elderly such as yard work and house cleaning.

DOUGH WAGON: Conrad spoke about the upcoming dates of the dough wagon such as 4H Fair, Jesus Fest and July in the Sky. Dates will be posted in the next newsletter.

CAN DRIVE: We will be collecting non-perishable foods at the first meeting of each month, which will go to Kidsafe.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at Theo's. Cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Bring a friend. We will be having a guest speaker, Angie Hickel, the Co-coordinator of the Mentoring Program at Kidsafe.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 15, 2009 – meeting
April 18, 2009- Comedy Night
May 6, 2009- meeting
May 20, 2009- meeting

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out” (Walter Winchell)