

FOREST LAKE



NOVEMBER, 1998

and Another Success Story.....

Forest Lake PEP Squad's very first **Craft Fair** and **Bake Sale** was a HUMONGOUS triumph. Through the combined efforts of Vicky O'Donnell and Jodi DeGeorge, the cooperation and generosity of local merchants, the time of numerous kind volunteers, and the patience of their families, the Pep Squad was able to raise over **\$2,000** for new park equipment. The first day of the sale, held Saturday, November 7th, drew in more than 500 people, with Sunday being a slower day, but still successful. The tables were overflowing with goodies made by our Forest Lake families, which were brought in from Friday night starting at 6:00pm, and the last parcel being dropped off on Sunday morning. The bake sale alone, brought in about \$300 dollars, WOW! Our snack bar, manned by Vicky O'Donnell, had Popcorn, Nachos, Soda, and Hot Dogs for sale. A little over half of the crafters who had booths, were from Forest Lake. We saw several of our board members browsing the tables over the weekend, and our own Laura Tetgemier had a booth with some very adorable handmade papier-mâché' clowns and animals. The adults and kids who volunteered their time to help out with admissions, selling raffle tickets, the bake sale, setup, and cleanup were truly amazing. For a more specific list, see the PEP Talk page. A very special thanks to Pat DeGeorge for helping us with the power, as we unfortunately found out the Community Center could not handle our wattage loads. Thanks to the board for donating the center at no charge, and Mark Thorne, who came in and waxed the floors before hand. To see the people of the Community pull together to help make this worthwhile is heartwarming to say the least. Vicky and I are looking forward to getting back to our normal lives for awhile, (as are our families) but alas there is no rest for the committed (maybe we should be...!). We have decided to hold a raffle to raise money at our upcoming **Winter Carnival** in February (?) and will be hitting up merchants looking for some really cool prizes. If anyone cares to help out, has any ideas or items to donate, please give us a call, or show up at the next **PEP Squad** or **Board meeting**. Vicky can be reached at 550-1619, and Jodi at 726-8815 for questions, comments, or to volunteer some time.

Out of the Pockets of Babes

As we were cleaning up after our fundraising event on Sunday, a boy about 13 or 14 years of age, walked into the Community Center and asked us for a glass of water. We gave him a styrofoam cup, and told him to please help himself, which he proceeded to do. He left, and we continued to take down tables, and fold up chairs. I walked outside to load a box into my car, and the same boy was outside, and he inquired how much did he owe us for the water. I smiled and said it was free of charge, and the next thing I know, he pressed a small bundle of bills into my hand and told me it was for our "park thing". I walked inside and opened my hand, and counted out eight dollars. I would have to say that the contribution from this young man has to be our grandest donation to date. Whoever you are, your gift means so much. Thank you.

One Voice

Your Forest Lake Community Association has approved a construction loan of up to \$40,000 to make necessary and structural repairs to the exterior of the Community Center. We plan to let the contract in January. We would welcome community input at our annual meeting in December. Also, the elections for the FLCA Board will be held at the annual meeting. The regular meeting starts at 8pm at the Community Center on Tuesday December 7th, the annual meeting follows. There are 5 board positions up for election by all Association members present. Please plan on attending this meeting, it is a very important meeting where your thoughts and input count about the community where you live..



Breakfast With the Big Guy

The annual Breakfast With Santa Event is set up for Saturday morning, December 12 starting at 10 am. Tickets are \$3 per child, and children will have a chance to have breakfast then tell Kris Kringle their heart's desires, and have their pictures taken with him. If you have never attended this event, please register now, as seating is limited to about 75 children. Call Laura Tetgemier at 438-3688 if you plan on joining us for this holiday event, or if you would like to help set up, serve food, or cleanup.



Chili Cook-off, 50/50 raffle and more. Please call if you are interested in joining the planning committee or have any ideas to share. Laura Tetgemier has been organizing the family events in Forest Lake for many years, and it is becoming increasingly difficult for her to continue to do so on her own. We would love to see more people get involved in our neighborhood happenings, especially with all of the new people who have joined our community in the past few years. Please call Laura at 438-3688, or Jodi or Pat at 726-8815, and we will coordinate a good time to get together and brainstorm to make this a wonderful event.



Just in Time for the Holidays!

Call your neighborhood AVON representative to find out about the New Holiday Exclusives!

Mary at 438-3982

In Need of Some Holiday Cash?

Kathy's Lakeside Inn is looking for a Part Time Grill person and/or Kitchen Help.

Will Train
call 438-7495

or
438-9725 ask for Kathy



Winter Carnival

Our upcoming Winter Carnival (formerly known as the Ice Fishing Tournament and Holiday Party), is now in the planning process. We are organizing a committee to help format a schedule of events (yes, the Tournament will still be held, no changes in that) that may include a Children's Skating race, Snow Sculpture contest,

P.E.P. TALK.....

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. THE P.E.P. SQUAD CRAFT FAIR WAS THE B
(I knew our name someday would lead to a cheer) (I know, kinda co
definitely worth a try!)

All I Can Say Is **WOW !!!!** Our genuine thanks to the families is Fo
gether and helped make this Fund-raiser the success it was. Jodi and
on Friday evening when Baked Goods were being dropped off by bo
crafters enjoyed themselves and they liked it so much, most have the
for next year. (Not too shabby for our First year!!!!)

We ended up with a total of 19 crafters. We have sooo many people
go... Starting with the Crafters.....

Tracey Wykel, Vince Nauss, Valerie O'Rielly, Iona Matthis, Patty R
Barb Erskine, Kelsey, Susan Sansonetti, Cathy Philippsen, Vickie Pu
Tegtmeir, Michael Soria, Theresa Sacamano, Otto Michaels, Nicole J
Ludkowski, Lenora Gerage & Lynn Moss, (some had two booths !)

The Companies whom graciously supplied or donated items are :
TARGET RENTAL, KOFFEE KUP, A.J. SMITH REGISTERS, BC
DAY INN ROLLING MEADOWS, PEPSI, TG GRAPHICS (Thanks
KATHY'S LAKESIDE, WONDER BREAD, FORSEY'S CAFÉ, GI
CHOCOLATES, LEONARDI'S, SAM'S CLUB, SIMON SEZZ, AL
TAINMENT AND SCHLOTSKY'S.

**The Bakers.... (Thank you so much for the time you took, We n
amount that was dropped off both Friday night and Saturday!) .**
Melissa Michael, Rosario Burciaga, Lynn Iwicki, Kathy Soria, Jayme
Lois Shless, Chris Passafume, Millie, Shiela Pasce, Leslie (Whole
Hatz, Barb Erskine, Midge DiNicola, Judy Pasakarnas, Lisa Rothenb
Yvonne Kaforski and many whom I didn't have a chance to get thei
all!)

The Helpers.....(What can I say.....For without you, we couldn't
Pat DeGeorge, Angel DeGeorge, Amanda Linville, Nicole Linville, F
Jayme Nett, Lisa Rothenberg, Judy Pasakarnis, Amanda Glow, Bren
Dave Beigel, Matthew, Kevin And James (Great Job on the Hats, Bu
and Katie Hutchings and Annie Erskine.

Our total earnings brought in from this event (Drum Roll Please
This, of course, does not include the Hat Sales which totaled... \$ 274
cash back offered to The P.E.P. Squad from our very own Michael S
ing Resources.(Children's educational toy's, Thanks Michael!) totalli
Which brings the total profit to a whopping....\$2280.81.

Please join us next month at our monthly meeting on....December 8t
at the Community Center. We will be discussing upcoming fundraisi
learning what it takes to become a FULL Federal Not-For-Profit.

And remember....We are always interested in hearing

YOUR opinions. Please write to

The P.E.P. Squad c/o FLCA P.O. Box 314 Lake Zurich, IL
60047 or call me @ (847) 550-1619.

Until next time.....

Vicky O'Donnell
The P.E.P. Squad

In Due Time...

Dorothy Galuppo, our wonderful volunteer who has taken on the responsibility of Dues notices, is doing a great job, and the 1999 issue is on the way. Please note that there is now an optional category in which you can make a direct donation to the new **Park Equipment Fund**. As with the Lake Fund, etc. this is not mandatory, but if every household were to pay it's dues, and contribute a few dollars towards new park equipment, we could really put a dent in our estimated budget to make **each one** of our parks safer and more beautiful. Though the PEP Squad has been working it's tail off raising money, the fact that the board has approved the Park Equipment Fund to be included in the Dues notices is a huge help, because this comes directly into your home. The quicker we can raise these funds, the sooner we can start upgrading our (your) parks. Please think of the children who would benefit from having clean new park equipment within walking or biking distance to their homes. This is a dream that can become a reality.

Don't Feed the Fish!!

This goes out to all of the homeowners who have lakefront property. Did you know that when you fertilize your lawns, or use weed killer or pesticides on your trees and shrubs, a lot of the chemicals that are used as ingredients, are washed into the lake after a rain? Please be aware that there are living creatures in the lake that are not accustomed to these and they could be hazardous to their health. Read the labels, or ask the clerks in the store where you purchase these items and they could perhaps show you products that are more environment friendly. The ducks and fishes say thanks!

Speaking of Lawn Care...

It has been brought to our attention that many homeowners are using parts of Forest Lake as a dumping ground for their grass clippings, and yard waste. Shame on **YOU!** Not only is it rodent and insect attracting, smelly, and **morally wrong**, but it is also **against the law** to dump on privately owned ground that is not owned by the person who is dumping. Anyone caught continuing this filthy practice will be fined, and this goes as well to anyone who is using the Community Center's Dumpster for their own household trash.

FOREST LAKE GOES CYBER

Look for details next month, about Forest Lake having it's own page on the World Wide Web. We may possibly be putting up the newsletter, and only mailing it out to the select few who choose to receive it by snail mail. Clay Vollers will be helping Pat Lynn, Steve Bennett, and I with this project.

To Burn or Not to Burn by Pat Lynn

...that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler in the lungs of men to suffer the asphyxiation of asthmatic reaction or for the individual homeowner to enjoy the sweet odorousness of Autumnal ritual.

Leaf burning is a hot button issue in Forest Lake - bigger than gun control and what's her name...Monica Lewinski. This month, though, the issue is likely to be put to rest as the County Health Department and the Illinois E. P.A. present their cases for controls or outright banning to our County Board.

Burning leaves certainly have a nice smell and just a few decades - heck, a few years - ago there were not many people living in the area to suffer the ill effects. Current law makes burning in unincorporated Lake County rather a personal choice - sort of like voting for a Democrat. Unfortunately it DOES have an adverse affect on humans.....cont. on page 5

Leaf Burning cont....

Although there's no denying the pleasant, emotional feeling evoked by the sweet odor of burning leaves, it does release carcinogens into the air our children and grandchildren are likely to want to breathe.

There's also an immediate, and sometimes debilitating, effect on those with various susceptibilities: asthmatics of all ages, the elderly, anyone with severe allergies, and many others.

Although personally ambivalent (yes, yes, it's true) on the issue, I think I would have trouble living with myself (pity those forced to live with me) if I thought I was causing undo distress to other members of the community. It seems to me their need to breathe outweighs my desire to burn. My biggest fear, though, is another government overreaction where we'll find ourselves in jail for lighting a match outdoors.

Therefore, although an imperfect solution, I intend to "bag 'em and tag 'em". The bags are only a couple of dollars for a package of five (5) and the stickers are just a dollar each (call Lake Zurich Disposal at 438-6763 and they'll mail them to you).

Another viable solution, even more appealing to my nature, is to simply "mulch the entire lawn". This process involves leaving the leaves where they fall and letting nature take it's course. No muss, no fuss, and best of all: no raking!

Our County Board representative, Pam O. Newton (who won reelection quite handily), has averred that leaf burning would not be regulated without providing some kind of relief, perhaps in the form of a scheduled vacuum truck. She also stated nothing would happen this year and provided assurances that care would be given to ensure any new regulations did not outlaw ALL outdoor burning (i.e.: camp fires). In the interim, if someone wants to "bag and tag" but is in financially dire straights, please call Pat Lynn (438-0859) or Steve Norman (540-8857) and we'll see if we can't help out....

Our Favorite Charity

by Pat Lynn



And it's right here in our own back yards! (Or front yards depending on where you live.) Yes, that's right; for the fourth year in a row the Forgotten Children's Foundation is seeking YOUR help. As featured on television, this Forest Lake-based charity collects holiday "wish lists" from abused and abandoned children living in area shelters and gets as many of the presents these kids request as possible. Just what kind of wishes do many of these kids make? While our children are jumping up and down screaming "Mommy! Daddy! I want a pony!" some of these children are asking for socks. That's right: socks. Gives us all a little perspective, doesn't it? Of course, kids will be kids and some of them want Wonder Bras but wad are ya' gonna do?

There are myriad ways we ALL can help. Call Cindy or the Karens at (847) 438-6090 and select a child to buy for. Maybe select a kid for each of your own so the shopping trip can be a personal learning experience for the young 'uns. Another way to help might be to coerce co-workers into taking children's wish lists.

Simply get a Foundation Explanation sheet by calling (847) 438-6090 and post it somewhere conspicuous at work: say near the coffee pot or water cooler. You could even give out kids' names as prizes in the office football pool.

If you know, or happen to be, upper management somewhere: corporate donations are droolingly accepted. The Forgotten Children's Foundation also accepts individual donations of cash, wrapping paper, office supplies, etc.

Another vital, most excellent way to contribute, is by giving the most precious of all gifts: time. Volunteers are needed for shopping expeditions (come on, there must be SOMEONE in America who likes to shop) - after all, we're talking, literally, thousands of items here -and for the gift wrapping party (for the purchased gifts) at the Community Center on December 12 at 2:00 p.m. until whatever time it takes.

If you can, in any way, help - please do so. For what it's worth, all donations are tax deductible. The time you contribute is truly given. Remember: these children did nothing more than have the bad luck to be born into bad situations.

Thank you. Have to go wrap Junior's pony now.

P.S.: Dibs on bra shopping.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 8th P.E.P Squad Meeting 7:00pm

**Dec. 12th Breakfast with Santa
Community Center 9:00am**

**Dec. 12th
Forgotten Children's Foundation
Gift Wrapping Party
Community Center, 2:00pm**

**The next FLCA Board meeting will
be held Tuesday, December 8th
in the Community Center at
8:00pm**