



The Informer, *special edition*

Meet the new CHAOS Associate Relations Committee

Associates: we would like to hear your ideas, comments and questions. Contact the new Associate Relations Committee (ARC) anytime at:

ARC4U_@hotmail.com

In this special issue of The Informer we are focused on our Associate membership. Your feedback is encouraged so, please let us know what you think.



Actives: (L to R) Meg Gott, Marguerite Park, Pam Kredel. Associates: (L to R) Judy Scioscia, Carol Weir, Susan Nitzberg and Marcia Gordon. Absent: Pam Vaughan, Christine Kardong (Associate), Nancy Sansom, and Carol Schurman.

Associate Announcements

Associate Coffee

at Marguerite Park's house, November 8 at 10:00 AM, 8 Way Hollow Road

Associate Toast & Group Photograph

at the Ball, November 17, 7 o'clock sharp, go to check-in table page 4

New Mentor Program

sign up with Carol Weir and Carol Schurman to mentor a provisional, page 2

Associate Volunteer Bank

sign up with Judy Scioscia at jscioscia@comast.net or 412-741-9425, page 3

Sweetwater Holiday mART

Wednesday, November 28 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, CHAOS exclusive viewing!

"Gifts" Campaign

contact ARC or Nancy Kury to learn more, see the tri-fold insert

Actives & Associate holiday luncheon and Yankee swap

December 14, following the monthly meeting, at Tania Cordes' home, Blackburn Road

A.R.C. is here to serve our Associates

CHAOS legacies and Associate Relations Committee (ARC) co-chairs, Marguerite Park and Meg Gott, would like to take this opportunity to elaborate on President, Beth Rom's recent announcement of this new committee. ARC is currently five Associate and six Active members strong. Our primary initiative is to actively seek out and include our Associate membership in all aspects of CHAOS, treating each of you like the valued alumni that you are. We enthusiastically announce several new programs created to fulfill our mission; the Associate Mentor Program, the Volunteer Bank, and fun new events like the Associate toast and group photo at this year's CHAOS Ball. Please join us at the fall Associate Coffee Thursday, November 8, 10 am at Marguerite Park's home, 8 Way Hollow Road, to discuss ARC and to catch up with your CHAOS friends! Contact ARC at: ARC4U_@hotmail.com.

The new Associate Mentor Program



The Associate Relations Committee has begun a new Mentor program that pairs volunteer Associates with a new Provisional. As Associates, your experience is invaluable to a new Provisional member. A cup of coffee, or walk around the neighborhood, are fun ways to make someone feel welcome, while imparting the tradition of volunteering time to CHAOS. If you think you might be interested, please contact Carol Weir at 412-741-1234 or cweir640@comcast.net. This special role is greatly appreciated.

My favorite CHAOS moment.....is a new addition to The Informer. We are looking for great stories, funny moments and heartwarming tales of your times with CHAOS. We know you have a few, so send your story to ARC4U_@hotmail.com. All comments and suggestions are welcome at this email address as well. Don't be shy, we want to hear from you! Of course, you can always put your story on paper and send it to the CHAOS office. We would love your permission to read it to the Active membership at a monthly meeting.....how inspiring!



Associate Volunteer Bank Takes Shape

Another great idea from last year's Whine & Cheese was the creation of an associate 'volunteer bank.' There are various opportunities throughout the year for an Associate to volunteer her time 'on her own terms.' Recently, Associates Eliza Nevin and Karen Smith volunteered their time at the Betty Galey Vision Screenings for the Quaker Valley School District. Occasionally, committee chairs will submit requests to Associate member, Kitty Gross, who will in turn email the Associate membership. If you think you might be interested, then please contact Judy Scioscia at 412-741-9425 or jscioscia@comcast.net. What a great way to reconnect!



Endowment Update

Dick Worth to address the membership at the May 2008 meeting. Associates are encouraged to attend. Spring Actives and Associates' luncheon to follow.



A mini history of the CHAOS Endowment Fund: 15 years ago a committee comprised of Active and Associate Members joined together to create the Child Health Endowment Fund. We had an initial investment of \$285,000 from proceeds of cookbook sales. Our objective was to have that investment grow and also to add funds from a percentage of future cookbook sales, a portion of the profits from spring projects and balls, as well as individual contributions. Through these additional funds and investment growth our endowment has grown to \$965,000.

In 1992 we foresaw that someday "in the future" Child Health might need additional monies to supplement CHAOS' yearly allocations. That someday came in December 2005, when the Endowment Committee sold assets of \$50,000 to fulfill CHAOS' pledge to the War Memorial Park Playground. In May 2006 and again in May 2007 \$41,000 in assets were sold to fulfill the Endowment Fund's commitment to contribute 5% of our portfolio value each year to Community Research for allocations.

This fall Child Health has made a \$100,000 pledge to the Quaker Valley Recreational Association. Pledge payments will be made over a three year period. "This is an opportunity to touch 750 district families and thousands of children." (Nancy Kury, Child Health Vice President in the Sewickley Herald 10/25/2007)

How fortunate we are to have had the foresight to create an endowment that enables Child Health to supplement allocations to many wonderful organizations in Western Pennsylvania.

Report by Associate Endowment Committee Chair, Gretchen Burnham.

Associate toast & group photo at the Ball



Come one.....come all, for an Associates' toast at this year's Ball. Join your buddies at the Allegheny Country Club at 7 o'clock sharp! Special toast given by CHAOS President, Beth Rom. Then, huddle around as we take the first Associate group Ball photo. Mingle with other Associates....maybe someone you haven't seen in a while! Proceeds from this year's Ball will be split with QVRA.

Welcome the new CHAOS Provisionals!



Fall 2007 provisionals: (L to R) Leslie Ashburn, Elisa DiTommaso, Lauren Licastro, Linda Taylor. Absent, Jessie Barnes.

The fall 2007 Provisionals hard at work in the CHAOS office, updating the bluebook to include the year Associate members became Active.



Next edition: enjoy an update from the Community Outreach Committee, find out which Associates volunteered for the new Mentor program, and view the Associate group photo from the Ball! More suggestions? Contact us at: ARC4U_hotmail.com

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