



The Prez Says

March 2016

Resale Store continues to set new records

We had another terrific month in February. The generous cabinet donation by International Kitchen Supply contributed to a record start to 2016. Thank you Ken Cushing for going the extra mile by picking up and delivering over 70 pallets of cabinets to the Resale Store.

Construction Update (By Mike Stevenson)

Ah, the weather Gods have blessed us with mostly sunny and dry construction days so work at our Butler School Road subdivision has progressed very nicely. We currently have five houses under construction, the most that anyone on the construction team can remember.

Our first two builds, #400 and #402 will be ready for occupancy shortly while across the street, #403 will be shingled shortly and dried in (windows and doors) which will allow us to work inside when the weather is less than cooperative. #405 has been decked (subfloor down) and framing and walls are going up and #406, our 100th house, has its sill plates down on its foundation.

We've had a great turnout of our regular volunteers and have picked up several new folks. Thank you ladies and gents for all your hard work!

We expect that we will have all five houses completed by the end of the year!

The Holzhauer Education Fund

Some of our volunteers may not be aware of a great program that we offer to our families. In 2011, the BOD's approved the creation of a fund to encourage post high school education for any Habitat family members. It was titled the Holzhauer Education Fund in honor of long term volunteers Bill & Grace Holzhauer. The initial financing came from the proceeds of several special events, such as an annual jazz concert and a significant donation from the Dreyfus Fund.

Originally the stipend provided was \$400 per semester, with successful completion of each semester's work required to qualify for the next stipend. To date, the program has assisted 29 family members (23 children and 6 adults). Their areas of study have ranged from nursing to graphic design at schools such as Clemson and Virginia Intermont College. The stipend has gradually been increased to its present value of \$750 per semester per student.

Bill Holzhauer, when advised of the education fund stated that "My philosophy of Habitat for Humanity has always been that if we can improve children's opportunities to study effectively they will get a better education and then better jobs thereby breaking the cycle of poverty so we won't have to build for them in 20-30 years. This program enhances that possibility."

You can support this fund by requesting that your individual donations to Habitat be earmarked for this purpose.

New Homeowners - Lucas and Naomi White



We had a dedication for our most recent homeowners, Lucas and Naomi White on March 13th. There was a good turnout of volunteers, board members along with the White's family and friends.

Board of Directors News- meet Greg Buck our newest Board member

Greg graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree. He moved to Athens, Georgia in 1971 to accept a position with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Greg retired at the end of 2003 as a Senior Bank Examiner after

32 years of service. Duties were primarily to conduct safety and soundness examinations of banks in the southeastern United States with an emphasis on commercial loan review, including loan documentation and compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and secondarily training of junior examiners. After retirement he worked as a sub-contractor doing commercial loan reviews and as the proprietor of a loan review consulting firm. He was asked to re-join the FDIC to assist in commercial bank examinations for a year until they moved to the Upstate in the fall of 2008.

After moving to Salem Greg joined the Board of the Riverstone Homeowners Association, and presently is on the Board at FOLKS where he serves as Chairman of the Endowment Investment Committee. Greg also volunteers at Oconee Memorial Hospital several days each week where he was the past Treasurer of the Auxiliary.

Since 1968 Greg has been married to Judith, a retired high school administrator with a Doctorate in Education. They have three children and four grandchildren.

The following is a Board of Directors update with Greg included:

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Safety Update by our safety coordinator (Mike S)

.....Stay Hydrated. Drink...Water!

Spring is just a few short days away and already we've seen outdoor temperatures into the mid-eighties and with the sun getting stronger every day, it's a good time to think about outdoor safety and in particular, staying hydrated.

So, if you plan to work outside in the heat, start drinking water before you even get outside and while you are outside, keep a bottle of water handy to stay properly hydrated. There's a saying that if you feel thirsty, you are probably dehydrated.

Why is it important to keep your liquid intake up when working in the heat? Simply, if you become sufficiently dehydrated, your blood pressure can drop and a loss of balance resulting trips and falls can happen and in extreme cases, you could even pass out. If you bend over and suddenly become dizzy, there's a good chance you're dehydrated. If you're sitting while you work, stand up and suddenly become dizzy, you could be dehydrated. If you are working in the heat (especially if you are doing strenuous work) and just start feeling light headed, take it easy and start drinking. You are probably dehydrated.

Drink water or sports drinks without caffeine. Coffee and that cold beer or martini (alcohol), act as diuretics and actually remove liquid from your system. If you are taking medication for high blood pressure ("water pills"), the previously mentioned symptoms can all be amplified.

So whether you are working on a roof, loading the truck, working in the store, or even out on your boat, stay hydrated and drink plenty of fluids. The hip you save may be your own!

30th Anniversary Celebration Reminder

Date: Saturday June 11th
Location: Resale Store
Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00PM

Thanks for making a difference!

Frank