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COME TO FALL FESTIVAL, SEPTEMBER 17-18

FALL FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

This year's Fall Festival, under the direction of Fall Festival Committee Co-chairs Lee and Lillian Hankins and Charlotte Allen, promises to be one of the more diverse in recent years. There are many new activities and new products for sale this year.

They have arranged some special events for us. Lillian says, "At 8:30 a.m. Friday, September 17, the color guard of the Revolutionary War reenactors will parade from Stone Blvd. down Mott Drive to the flag pole. The flag will be raised while Foxwood resident Karen Yount sings everyone's favorite patriotic song, 'God Bless America'. A special flag presentation will be made at this time. Mayor Juan Alonzo will be present and will say a few words about the Festival. At the conclusion of this brief ceremony, all shops will be opened at 9 a.m. On Saturday morning, September 18, the color guard from the Raymore Christian Church Boy Scout Troop will repeat the raising of the flag at the main entrance at 8:30 a.m. All shops will again open at 9 a.m.

Dancers from Donna's Dance Studio in Belton will be here at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday to dance and sing for our residents and friends. They will perform under the canopy of the main building, and chairs will be available for the audience. The program will last about 30 minutes. We are hoping for a good turn out from our residents and friends for this entertainment.

During the Festival, John Chronister and other guitarists will be outside the Thrift Shop in the mornings. He will be playing and singing country and gospel music for the delight of all the customers in the area".

Homes and apartments will be open throughout the Festival, and our realtor, Al Benz, and Wendy Lemos

and our Marketing staff will be available to give tours.

This Festival promises to be one of our best, and we are all looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new visitors.

LAST CALL TO CANDY MAKERS

Shirley Cox

This is our last call for Fall Festival help from candy makers. We suggest that you make your candy during the weekend (September 11-13) before the Festival to allow adequate time for flavors to blend, and for packaging in our handsome tin boxes.. Foxwood residents, after you have made your candy, I will pick it up at your home . Please call me at 331-3313. Keep a record of your cost, since that will help us with our pricing.

REMINDER: Even a novice can make Candy. Ask me for an easy recipe of your choice: Peanut Clusters, White Peppermint Crunch, Turtles, Spider Drops, or Microwave Peanut Brittle.

We invite everyone to visit our booth to purchase our delicious homemade candy. See you at the Festival!

FURNITURE AND TOWELS

Norma Lilja, Co-manager of our Thrift Shop has, as usual, come up with some creative ideas for reusing donated items. Norma and her helpers, including Andy Anderson, Cal Lungren, Yvonne Paysinger, and Hugh Palmer, are painting and reupholstering dining room chairs to make them more unique and cheerful. Some of the chairs had little or no color, and they are painting them bright colors and using patterned fabric with different designs to give them a new image. They are also doing tables, benches, chests, and garden furniture.

These items will be available in the Furniture Garages across from the Thrift Shop.

Norma and her sewing team, Betty Corder, Jean Hopkins, and Donna Saunders, have taken old curtains, towels, and other fabrics and are creating tea towels and finger tip towels with bright colors and designs. Marjorie Cahill has embroidered some cheerful sayings that Norma can put on the towels. These towels come in various fabrics, designs, and colors, and they would make excellent gifts. Jean Hopkins is making pot holders and aprons.

BAKE SHOP

Earl and Janice Cooper are again managing the Bake Shop. They have a dedicated group of volunteers who are preparing baked goods, relishes, etc. for sale at the Festival.

Come early to purchase our cakes, pies, cookies, breads, relishes, etc. At the Bake Shop. Our bakers and cooks have been working for weeks to prepare these items, and some have special orders from regular customers for their favorite items. Betty Wilkerson, Norma Lilja, Martha Lambert, Jo Ann Allen, Marie Snyder, Al and Dorothy Morse, Yvonne Paysinger, Cynthia McCrae, Betty Miller, Louise Horner, and others have full freezers and cabinets of items already prepared. However, because we sell these items in the Bake Shop and they are also available as desserts for lunch, many items are needed. Betty Wilkerson said they have special need for more apple and cherry pies. She says they always run out of cherry pies before the demand runs out. Bob and Esther Wertenberger have again provided blackberries for pies and cobblers.

This is a very popular venue, and you may want to check it out early while there is still a wide variety of items to purchase.

PENS FOR GIFTS

Lee Hankins has crafted some beautiful ballpoint pens for the Fall Festival. The parts for the pens are purchased from companies that specialize in woodworking supplies.

He says, I try to walk a fine line in purchasing the wood

in that I want exotic woods, but I do not want illegally obtained wood or endangered species. I seek companies who advertise that they handle only renewable resources. One is in Ohio and one is in Arizona.

I begin by cutting the wood 3/4 x 3/4 x the length of the brass tubes, then drill it lengthwise to insert and glue the brass tubing. The wood is then turned and shaped on a mini-lathe, followed by the assembly of the finished pen. Everything must be exact in length and diameter or the pen will not fit together. Wood may vary in texture, grain, color and weight for "beauty is in the eye of the beholder." Wood that I use may come from the U.S., Mexico, Central or South America, India, Africa, Australia or the South Pacific. Pen parts come in many sizes and shapes and with a wide variety of prices, as does the wood. I can buy parts for as little as \$5.00 (in quantity) or as much as \$79. each. I can buy wood for as little as \$2.00 a blank or as much as \$8.00 an ounce. Of course, the cheaper parts and wood are not as durable nor as attractive as the more expensive. Therefore, I do not purchase those on the cheaper end - and I doubt I could sell a pen that cost me over \$100. just for parts, not counting the cost of the mandrels, bushings, etc. I will try to have a "middle ground" variety available through the silent auction and at the Wood Shop across from the Thrift Shop.

Two of the pens are available through the Silent Auction, directed by Rosemarie Goos. Additional pens may be purchased in the Wood and Craft Shop in the Furniture Garages. They would be excellent gifts for friends and family members.

Lee adds, "Darrell Hampton will also donate some of his carvings for sale at the Wood Shop. A cane with a face carving and a bark carving will be among his donations. We are grateful to Darrell for donating these carvings to add to the donations by Cal Lundgren and Andy Anderson. Chairs and other refurbished items, made possible especially by Norma Liltja, Hugh Palmer, Andy Anderson and others, will also be found in the Wood Shop. We want to encourage all of our readers to check out the expanded Wood Shop.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH

Shirley Divelbiss is again supervising our lunch on both Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be served from 11:00

to 2:00 in Holmes Hall. Chefs Sam Ferguson and new resident Lew Longhenry, will be grilling the meat. Sam has been performing this service for some time, and those of us who eat lunch at the Festival are very grateful to him and Lew, as well as to Jim Spainhower and Bob Williamson, who have previously helped with this task. This year, David and John Allen, sons of Charlotte and Bob, John's wife, Linda, and Charlotte's grandson, Ross are going to help in this area.

Join us for lunch for a modest price in Holmes Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu will include grilled chicken, brats, hamburgers, and hot dogs with cole slaw, baked beans, potato salad, chips, and fresh homemade desserts. Charlotte Phillips will supervise the dessert area.

RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE

Raffle Committee Chairman Frances Marsden and her sales staff are selling raffle tickets in the Fountain Room the weeks of September 6 and 13. Tickets will also be available during the Festival with the drawing on Saturday afternoon. The items to be raffled are a beautiful full size 60 year old quilt which is white with purple lilacs and green leaves; a stained glass picture, a sun catcher, with a cardinal; and a two story doll house. Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

FALL FESTIVAL INVITATIONS

In August, Lee and Lillian Hankins, Charlotte Allen, and Marjorie Slavens have been visiting area churches to tell people about the Fellowship of John and invite them to come to the Fall Festival. They have visited the New Vision, Blue Springs, Good Shepherd, Overland Park, Harrisonville, Hickman Mills, and Red Bridge Christian Churches and have been received warmly in each of the churches. We encourage residents to invite people from their own churches to join us for the Festival. We can provide speakers for programs on the Fellowship of John throughout the year.

ALL VENUES OPEN

The Gift Shop, managed by Ferne Briscoe, Thrift Shop, managed by Norma Lilja and Yvonne Paysinger, Bargain Barn, Beverly Marcault, Manager, and

Furniture Garages, Al Morse and Lee Hankins, Co-managers, our venues which are open throughout the year, will be open as usual on Thursday, September 16, but they will also be open on Friday and Saturday for the Festival. The Gift Shop is in a new location in Apartment 112C, and there is also an outside door across from the Thrift Shop and Furniture Garages that will be accessible to our visitors.

Plants and Woods and Crafts will be sold on Friday and Saturday in the Thrift Shop-Furniture Garages area.

EDITORIAL: FELLOWSHIP OF JOHN

The Fellowship of John is a benevolent program which provides funds for residents who have outlived their resources and need some assistance in paying their expenses so they can continue to live at Foxwood Springs. Residents may apply for FOJ assistance after they have lived at Foxwood for two years. They must qualify for assistance according to FSRC regulations that are similar to Medicaid requirements. We provide financial help to homes, apartments, and assisted living residents; health care residents are eligible for Medicaid assistance, and they may not receive both Medicaid and FOJ financial support. Application forms may be requested from Marlyn Anderson, who collects the applications and documentation and submits them to the Application Committee. According to the FOJ policy, "The Application Review Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Application Committee") shall be organized under the direction of the Christian Church of Greater Kansas City, (Disciples of Christ). The Application Committee shall consist of four (4) members: the Regional Moderator, the Regional Moderator-Elect, the Regional Minister/President, and the Finance Manager of the Region who shall be an ex-officio member without vote". Foxwood residents do not have access to the financial records of applicants; FSRC Board members only know the recipients by number.

Now in its 29th year, The Fall Festival is our major single fund-raising event for the FOJ program. The venues which operate throughout the year continue to be very successful. In the first eight months of the year as of August 30, they have raised the following:

Gift Shop	9,519.60
Ebay	6,419.55
Thrift Shop	60,028.67
Bargain Barn	16,986.62
Total	91,954.34

Total Assets of the Foxwood Springs Residents' Council, which administers the FOJ program are \$2,300,841.10. Our funds are invested with American Century and the Christian Church Foundation, as well as the Community Bank of Raymore. In addition to our venues, other resources are provided by our loyal donors, for Memorials to honor friends and family members who have died; Honoraria to honor those who help our residents in a variety of ways; and donations which are not specifically designated to honor individuals.

Memorials	13,000.00
Honoraria	1,180.00
Donations	12,785.96
Bequests	5,025.65
Endowment	7,246.32

As of August 30, 2010, we have raised through the various sources \$145,614.71.

Our operating expenses are minimal. We have no paid staff members. All of our venue workers are volunteers who are primarily residents, but we also have some very valuable volunteers from outside the community who work for us. At present, our operating expenses, including construction for renovation of our facilities, are \$4,541.75

A large percentage of our assets are restricted, and we can only use the interest from these accounts. Our major expenses are the fees we pay to Brookdale on behalf of our FOJ recipients. At this time, we have paid 127,005.02 for a monthly average of approximately \$15,000.00.

Over 120 residents work throughout the year for the Fellowship of John, and we also have some very valuable friends who are not residents but give us invaluable assistance in our venues. During the year, in addition to being Co-managers of the Thrift Shop and selling for us on EBay, Norma Lilja and Yvonne Paysinger sort items in homes and apartments that family members donate to the FOJ following the death

of their family members or that residents who move to areas with more restricted space donate to us. This work is very difficult and is done under all kinds of weather and working conditions. We receive the donations, which can be sold for the FOJ, and families or residents who are moving have the benefit of having their former living space cleaned of items they no longer need or want. Some of our workers assist in transporting

some of the smaller items to the Thrift Shop, Bargain Barn, or Furniture Garages, but we need the assistance of Brookdale for moving large or heavy items our people cannot lift.

If you think you see the names of some of our volunteers in several places, you are right. These are wonderful, caring people; at Foxwood, we live in a retirement community like no other! Additional volunteers work in the venues and on special projects during the Fall Festival. There is no personal financial gain for anyone who works for the FOJ in administering the program, managing and operating the venues, planning and implementing special programs. We are volunteers and are very pleased to be able to help our neighbors. Some of us may be recipients in the distant future, and we would like to see the program continue to function for those of our residents who need financial assistance. We benefit from the satisfaction of knowing we are helping our neighbors and from the association with our fellow volunteers. (M. S.)

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