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BARGAIN BARN NEWS

As usual, the Bargain Barn opened at the beginning of March for 2020. The Barn cannot be open in December-February because it is only minimally heated. Donna Saunders and some of her volunteers continue to work during these months, evaluating, organizing and pricing the donations which are received, but they can select their times and avoid the coldest days when it is not safe to work.

Donna Saunders has informed the FSRC Board that she wants to resign as Bargain Barn Manager. She will continue to work with the Linens section and in the Sorting Room, but she does not want to continue to manage the facility. Donna and Melvin Findley began volunteering in the Bargain Barn as substitutes in 2011, and she agreed to replace Beverly Marcault as Manager in 2012.

President Byron Gilbreath and Treasurer Cliff Jones have begun interviewing possible candidates for Barn Manager. The Manager schedules cashiers and volunteers who work in different areas of the Barn. Richard Homeyer schedules the times for approved workers, and he has agreed to continue serving in this position. Peg Crawford has also submitted her resignation; she replaced Beverly Marcault and has sorted donated clothing for the Barn and the Thrift Shop for some time.

The Barn has volunteers who work in specific areas sorting and pricing items for their sales areas, such as Books, Sports Equipment, Linens, Kitchen Equipment, etc. These workers can come at any time during the week; their work time is not scheduled. Cashiers work three hour shifts from 9:00-12:00 or 12:00-3:00 on Thursdays, Fridays,

and Saturdays of the weeks the Barn is open. Most of these workers have indicated that they would be willing to continue to work.

We are very grateful to both Donna and Peg for the many hours of work they have contributed. During the years Donna has managed the Barn, its income for the FOJ has increased dramatically.

If you are interested in filling either of these positions, you should contact FSRC President Byron Gilbreath. He and Cliff Jones will discuss the positions and can answer any questions you may have.

BARGAIN BARN HISTORY

The FSRC accepted responsibility for the Bargain Barn on April 5, 2005 when Brookdale purchased this community. Previously, it was called the Annex, and furniture and other items to be sold at the Fall Festival were stored there during the year. Dale Miller was the First Manager of this facility. He also worked with Yvonne Paysinger and Norma Lilja to research the creation of the Thrift Shop, which opened in May, 2006. Dale decided to retire as Barn Manager in 2006, and Sam Ferguson became Barn Manager. Sam, along with Lloyd Wilkerson, Ray Young, and some others, worked to reorganize the Sorting Room and organized the areas where volunteers in the various sales areas could store their items, price them and place them in their sales area in the Barn. Sam also installed the heating and cooling units in the entrance of the Barn where the cashiers work. Sam was succeeded as Manager by Gene and Bonnie Frazier. Gene had previously managed the Furniture tent at the Fall Festival. Beverly Marcault was our first clothing sorter, and she worked with the Fraziers, finally

becoming Barn Manager. When she decided to retire from this position, she continued to work in the Barn, but Sam Ferguson managed the Barn again in 2011. Donna Saunders accepted this position in 2012. These Barn Managers have organized the facility and scheduled workers. Each of our Barn Managers has made special contributions to this facility; They have not all managed in the same way. Donna says she works there about 20 hours a week, but Sam Ferguson did not go to the Barn to supervise either cashiers or managers of different sales areas. The Barn Manager can work with the volunteers and the FSRC Board in developing the best way for him/her to administer the Barn.

COVID-19 CHALLENGES

The Thrift Shop and Gift Shop were opened in January following the Christmas holiday, and the Bargain Barn opened at the beginning of March. However, because of the virus, we had to close all of our fund-raising venues. Donna Saunders and some of her Barn volunteers have continued to sort and price items donated to the Barn. They also sort items they cannot sell and prepare them for the regular monthly pickup by Big Brothers & Big Sisters. The Barn will not open again until the first week in March, 2021.

Yvonne Paysinger, Al Morse, Lew Longhenry, Priscilla Darling, and the Thrift Shop/Furniture Garages volunteers have also worked to organize and sort donated items so they will be ready to open when it is safe and possible. Brian Petersen has told them he does not think we will be ready to open such facilities here until early in 2021. They also separate items that can be given to Big Brothers and Habitat for Humanity if we cannot sell those items. They can accept small donations. Their storage areas for furniture are full now, and they cannot accept more furniture donations unless some of the furniture is donated to Habitat for Humanity or some other similar charity.

Gift Shop Managers Joyce McKiddy and Linda McNeil have continued to work in the Gift Shop, hoping that it can soon be open to residents as conditions permit. The Gift Shop may be the first venue to open because it can be limited to residents, and they can also limit the numbers of shoppers in the shop. All of these workers are wearing masks and socially distancing when they work.

Yvonne Paysinger has been able to sell some items on EBay, and Al Morse and some of our gardeners are selling produce they raise in their gardens; some proceeds from this activity are dedicated to the FOJ.

Of course, our income has been significantly reduced by our inability to operate our fund-raising venues. We also are receiving fewer donations for Memorials, Honoraria, and Donations. Most donations have come during this time from apartment residents. The rest of us cannot provide donations in the FSRC box in the Community Building and cannot place such correspondence in our outdoor mailboxes.

Fortunately, our investments continue to produce income to help residents who qualify for FOJ assistance.

Treasurer Cliff Jones reports the following concerning our assets: American Century, \$3,706,345; Christian Church Foundation, \$1,236,657 for total investments of \$4,377,135, and total assets, including our bank account, of \$5,013,281 as of June 30, 2020.

MEETING BY ZOOM

The Foxwood Springs Residents' Council Board has 15 members. We have not been able to meet since Covid arrived, but the Officers, President Byron Gilbreath, Vice President Barbara Peden, Secretary Marjorie Slavens, Treasurer Cliff

Jones, and Financial Secretary Linda McNiel have met by Zoom. Many groups and businesses are using Zoom or some other similar program for their meetings and webinars because they cannot meet in person at present.

Linda is our Zoom host. She schedules the meeting on the net and sends an E-mail to the other participants, inviting them to join her at a specific time. The participants click on the link to her site for the meeting, and she gives them permission to enter. Although this system provides us with a safe way to communicate with each other at present when we cannot meet in person, meetings where we can speak to each other directly are certainly preferable. We sent the Minutes from our meeting to the other ten members of the FSRC Board

Zoom is a free program for groups like ours. There may be 100 people who attend such a meeting, but the free version is limited to 40 minute sessions. This is a program which may be downloaded by residents and used for communication with family members if you cannot meet in person.

Marjorie Slavens, Editor

DONATIONS, JANUARY 1-JUNE 30, 2020

MEMORIALS

March, 2020

January, 2020

James, Mollie/Lois & Elisha Keeler
Virgo, Beverly/C. L. & Hazel Duxbury

Cummin, Jeanne A./Nathaline George
Gilbreath, Byron & Suzanne/Lois Wahaus
Jones, Cliff & Margaret/Lois Wahaus
Longhenry, Lew & Donna/Frank Stathem
Parish 14/Jack McCarthy
Parish 19/Frank Stathem
Peden, Barbara/Joanne Spainhower
Peden, Barbara/Nathaline George
Virgo, Beverly/C. L. & Hazel Duxbury
Virgo, Beverly/Joanne Spainhower

February, 2020

Fisler-Hoffman, Milton & Jane/Anna Jean
Tedder
Imbler, John/Betty Doss
Parish #19/Lois Wahaus
Virgo, Beverly/C. L. & Hazel Duxbury

April, 2020

Cummin, Jeanne A./Ruth Nelson
Eubank, Dorthy/Eunice Buchanan
Eubank, Dorthy /Ruth Nelson
Eubank, Dorthy /Nathaline George
Langer, Keenan & Karen/Nathaline George
Robuck, Bob & Sally/Joanne Spainhower
Virgo, Beverly/C. L. & Hazel Duxbury
Waite, Ivan L./Frank Stathem
Waite, Ivan L./Joanne Spainhower
Waite, Ivan L./Jack McCarthy
Waldron, Lamoine & Vera/Joanne Spainhower
Writt, Dan & Kim/Joanne Spainhower

May, 2020

Gilbreath, C. Byron & Suzanne/Ruth Nelson
McNiel, Linda E./Ruth Nelson
Virgo, Beverly/C. L. & Hazel Duxbury

June, 2020

George-Berberich, Dana/Nathaline George
Virgo, Beverly/C. L. & Hazel Duxbury
Waite, Ivan L./Betty K. Waite

HONORARIA

January, 2020

McClure, Mary Lou/Virginia Viani
Virginia Viani/Mary Lou McClure

April, 2020

Cummin, Jeanne A./Marjorie Croy
Waite, Ivan L./Dagmar Merrick
Waite, Ivan L./Wanda Williams Gossel

May, 2020

McNiel, Linda E./Quilters Group
Unknown/Fox Mart Workers

June, 2020

Cummin, Jeanne A./Bob & Donna Wallis
Green, Donna & James/Doris Gosney

DONATIONS

January, 2020

Oak Grove Christian Church
Raymore Christian Church
Saint Andrew Christian Church

February, 2020

Kilbourne, Sarah
Lee's Summit Christian Church

March, 2020

Barry Christian Church
Belton Christian Church CWF

April, 2020

Lee's Summit Christian Church
Nixon, Ray & Anne
Unknown

June, 2020

Disciples Women's Ministry, FCC

ENDOWMENT

Roach/Donaldson Memorial Fund
Red Bridge Christian Church Legacy Fund

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