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BEACON Honors Volunteers

BEACON's Annual Volunteer Appreciation and Meeting was held on Friday, February 4th at Cornerstone Christian Church in Shiloh. Bad weather earlier that week held attendance to a minimum, but the event was enjoyed by those who braved the cold and ice. Board member, John Dawson spoke about volunteering and the musical gifts of Roz Stephens on the keyboard were enjoyed during a dinner catered by Main Street Café in Belleville.

Although all volunteers were recognized in groups, special honors went to Onnie Wargo, recipient of the Betty Doehler Volunteer Award, and Rev. Dr. Doug Cripe, who was awarded the Dr. Phil Auner Award for service on the BEACON Board.

During the Annual Meeting portion of the evening, John Laker was elected to a second term on the board and John Prather

to a first term. All four officers were reelected: John Laker as President, Diane Runyan as Vice President, Mickie Moore as Secretary, and Gwen Borsch as Treasurer.

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Rev. Dr. Doug Cripe and Onnie Wargo with their awards

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Board Members

John Laker, President, Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Diane Runyan, Vice-President, Faith Lutheran Church

Mickie Moore, Secretary, Westminster Presbyterian Church

Gwen Borsch, Treasurer, St Paul United Church of Christ/Blessed Savior Lutheran

Rev. Dr. John Dawson, Sterling Baptist Church

Rev. Rick Hodshire, Cornerstone Christian Church

Larry Reid, St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Church

June Wolz, Signal Hill Lutheran Church

Pearl Washington, Radiance Center for Spiritual Living

Rev. Dorothy Berry, Wilkerson Chapel AME Church

Jim Eckert, Union United Methodist Church

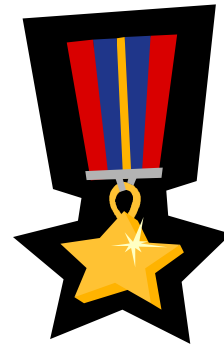
Yvonne Hayes, St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Church

John Prather, First Church of Christ Scientist, Fairview Heights

Businesses Care

So many businesses care! In addition to our two business sponsors, Dr. Reichert and the Associated Foot Surgeons and Eckert Orchards, we have other businesses that support BEACON like Joseph A Bank Clothiers. Their manager, Rita Smiley sends a box of men's clothing our way at least once each quarter. Allsup Inc. of Belleville and Commerce

Bank in Belleville provide financial support. Weekends Only in Fairview Heights donates trailer loads of furniture! Sigman Heating donated work and materials at the warehouse, while the Bank of Edwardsville helped finance the recent renovations. We are grateful for these business partners who help us do the work we do!



Murder, Mayhem, and Marshmallow Salad

The Crossroads Players, a talented and fun-loving group from Crossroads Christian Church in Caseyville will present their play, "Murder, Mayhem, and Marshmallow Salad," at Peace Lutheran Church on Saturday, March 19th. Tickets are \$15 and include dinner. The proceeds will benefit BEACON. This is the third play they have put on to raise funds for BEACON, and the March production is their third time acting this play for our benefit.

The play was presented at a dinner theater at Cross roads Christian Church in Caseyville on



Pastor Doug Cripe as 'M.T. Socket'

November 6th, and again at Union United Methodist Church on January 22nd. All the players are members of Crossroads Christian Church and the play is directed by Crossroads' member,

Jan Evans, while Roz Stephens provides the music.

Call the church office at Peace Lutheran, 234-3165, for tickets.



Mayhem?

Just In from Jade

“You should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven.” *Matthew 5:16*. You want to make a difference in your world? Be the neighbor who acts neighborly. Be the employee who does the work and doesn’t complain. Be a good steward of your resources. Be a volunteer in your community. Do your part and enjoy life. Don’t speak

one message and live another. People are watching the way we act more than they are listening to what we say. BEACON provides a light for many people in our community. However, it is our volunteers, donors, and endless prayers/petitions offered up to BEACON that sets a GREAT example of how we work together to strengthen our communities we partner with: Belleville, Swansea,

Fairview Heights, Caseyville, O’Fallon, and Shiloh. With our volunteers and donors, they provide the light so that together we can build a better tomorrow.

New Board Member—John Prather

John Prather comes to BEACON with a true variety of experience. He is a retired Air Force Officer who currently works as the Administrative Services Director for the East St. Louis Housing Authority. He serves on other non profit boards, such as LINC, and worked previously as a staff attorney for the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation.

John is married to Dala, a nurse at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St

Louis. They have two adult children, David and Laura. He is a member of First Church of Christ Scientist in Fairview Heights.

John is the newsletter writer for the Southwest Military Officers Association of America and is involved with a group of citizens who are trying to bring Urban Prep Academy, a charter school devoted to providing a rigorous pre college academic program, to

East St. Louis.

Welcome, John! We value your service and experience.



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Statistics for the months of April, May, June

	October	November	December	Total
REQUESTS	566	1023	182	1771

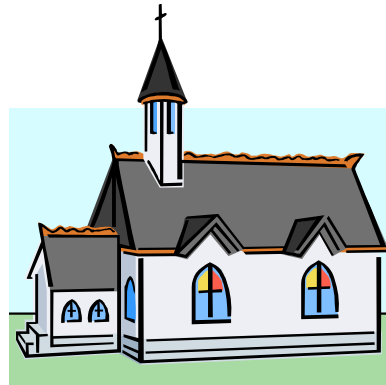
THESE TOTALS INCLUDE: Transportation —15 completed

Furniture—122 completed

**Churches Partnering with BEACON
Radiance Center for Spiritual Living**

BEACON is grateful to have the Radiance Center for Spiritual Living as a partner. They currently host our monthly board meetings. Member Pearl Washington serves on the BEACON Board and supplied the following words: “The Radiance Center for Spiritual Living became aware that its and that of BEACON parallel each other: to lovingly, compassionately and joyfully serve our fellow beings through actions and deeds. We are mindful that Jesus was capable of achieving all that he wished to achieve, but He partnered with others to proclaim His message. This, effectively partnering with BEACON, grants the Radiance membership an opportunity to

more adequately accomplish its mission and goals by being of service to those who are in need, without any bias or judgment.”



A donation envelope is included in this newsletter. If you feel that BEACON is serving God’s less fortunate in ways you believe are good, we would appreciate your financial support, or check the wish list on the back of this newsletter. BEACON operates entirely on donations and fundraising. We wish you God’s blessings. Thank you.

BEACON Trivia Night
Featuring Roger Schlueter
Saturday, March 5, 2011
Doors open at 6:30 Trivia starts at 7:00pm
St Augustine of Canterbury
1910 W Belle—Belleville
\$80 per table
Call BEACON @ 222-8942

Lines from Laurie

With the holidays over and possibly, the snow and ice, too, it's time for us to get back to work in earnest. Our furniture warehouse is fairly empty and our volunteer roster has been trimmed, as has our bank account.

We could easily get caught up in plans for summer vacation and gardening or home improvement projects. We are all looking forward to spending some time outside. And we all deserve this after the winter we have had!

But the needy among us have not gone away. Many food pantry

shelves are empty and many find their power bill a reason to feel hopeless. Illness and health concerns require rides to doctor appointments and new beginnings mean furniture and household items are needed.

Give from the heart and give in response to God's gifts: your time, your talent and your resources. We need volunteers, especially drivers to transport people to doctor appointments and phone volunteers on Thursday. We need a meal, every other month, for our Relational Ministry group (about 25-30).

We need able bodied men, women and kids to help with our furniture ministry. We also need mattresses DESPARATELY!



What gifts do you have to share with BEACON?

Honoring BEACON's Volunteers



Dick Frette presenting award to Onnie Wargo



Volunteers from Cornerstone Christian Church

Financial Matters

	Budgeted	Received	Budgeted	Rcvd
	Oct.-Dec.	Oct.-Dec.	YTD	YTD
Individuals	\$4550	\$3843	\$18200	\$23084
Churches	\$6750	\$5711	\$27000	\$30072
Businesses	\$1500	\$2625	\$6000	\$4673
Organizations	\$875	\$1101	\$3500	\$2594
Fundraising	\$3204	\$6731	\$12815	\$15720
Grants	\$1250	\$1500	\$6000	\$7739
Totals	\$18129	\$21511	\$72515	\$83882



Honoring BEACON's Volunteers



Janet, Ashlee, and Katie Hernandez



Pearl Washington and Rev. Annie Clark

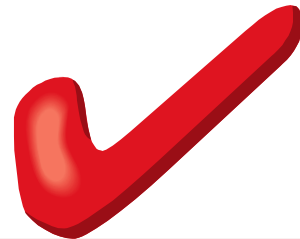


Rev. Rick Hodshire



Rev. Dr. John Dawson

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www.beaconministry.org and click on paypal**





Recent Supporters

(Nov 15-Feb 15)

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Radiance Center for Spiritual Living

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Larry Reid

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Frank & Betty Rohr

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Diane Runyan

St Augustine of Canterbury

St John United Church of Christ

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Sherry Simpson





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Union United Methodist Church

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Dale & Erma Jean VanDiver

Onnie & Joe Wargo

Pearl Washington

Marlene Weinland

Ed & Nancy Weston

Sue Whetstone

June Wolz

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Sid Miller by Gloria Miller

Phil Auner by Jan Klinger

Karen Frette by Dick Frette

Darrell Urban by the staff of
Midwestern Propane

Rosemary Johnasen and Betty
Haynes by Virginia Johnasen

Goals for 2011

BEACON hopes to make more presentations to churches, businesses and community groups in an effort to increase funding, secure new volunteers for our office and our furniture ministry, and develop new partnerships with churches. An exciting new opportunity for a clothing pantry-type ministry is being explored by our Visioning and Leadership Committee. We are also working on ways to increase and improve communication with the municipalities in which we serve. Other goals include:

Services/Programs: To provide effective services that will further our mission to the poor and marginalized.

Marketing: To bring awareness of BEACON's mission and work to the whole community.

Resource Development: To provide sufficient financial resources to carry out BEACON's mission and achieve its vision.

Organizational Development: To ensure the effectiveness of BEACON's internal and external operations and put the agency in a position to better meet the needs of its consumers, its stakeholders, and its staff in the coming years.

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Cornerstone Christian Church
Crossroads Christian Church
Faith Family Church
Faith Lutheran Church
First Baptist Church of Caseyville
First United Presbyterian Church
Grace Church
Hope Church
Life Church
Peace Lutheran Church
Radiance Center for Spiritual Living
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic

St Mary Catholic Church
St Nicholas Catholic Church
St Paul United Church of Christ
St Peter Cathedral Catholic Church
St Stephen Catholic Church
Signal Hill Lutheran Church
Signal Hill United Methodist Church
Sterling Baptist Church
Union United Methodist Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Wilkerson Chapel AME Church

Participating Churches

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
Parkview Church of the Nazarene
Redeemer Community Church (PCA)
St Clare Catholic Church
St Luke Catholic Church

St Teresa Catholic Church
Zion Lutheran Church

Supporting Churches

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church
Christ United Methodist Church
First Baptist Church of Belleville
First Church of Christ Scientist
Garden Heights Baptist Church
O'Fallon Assembly of God
Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
Prospect Park United Methodist Church
St John United Church of Christ
Swansea Church
Trinity United Church of Christ
Well of Living Water Ministries

