

FRIENDS IN DEED

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Annual Dinner is Huge Success

More than 150 friends and supporters attended FID's annual dinner on April 29 at Ypsilanti's First United Methodist Church.

Angel Food Catering prepared the delicious meal, using ingredients contributed by several food stores (listed on page 2). Members of St. Luke Lutheran's Tuesday evening Bible Study Class served the meal and set and cleared tables.

Attendees gathered to celebrate accomplishments of the past year, recognize outstanding volunteers and bid on more than 60 silent auction items with a total value in excess of \$5,000, as well as a tempting array of desserts engagingly auctioned by Peter Fletcher.

The program featured a spirited musical performance by the Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic, directed by Pam and Bob Phillips and presented by Tommark Inc. and Anderson Paints. These delightful teens offered a fast-paced virtuoso presentation of selected folk, mountain, western swing and Celtic numbers, several with both dance and instrumental elements. Audience members provided plenty of toe-tapping accompaniment and awarded the group a richly deserved standing ovation.

Helena Prince, FID's Executive Director, reminded all present that FID depends upon the time and energy contributed by volunteers. They were rec-



Kirstin Jackson, FID program manager, shows off one of the desserts auctioned off at the Annual Dinner. / **More Pictures Inside**

ognized in three groups: Board volunteers who give many hours to board and committee meetings, participation in FID events and support of FID program; Field volunteers who deliver furniture, provide transportation, do minor repairs on appliances, autos, and housing, and perform other services for clients in need; and Office volunteers who answer phones, do intake verification and assessment of requests, and help with

various clerical tasks.

Three FID volunteers, representing all those who help make the organization work, received special recognition. Rita Kieras of St. Francis Catholic Church was acclaimed for extraordinary efforts over the past two years in establishing a new and improved accounting system for FID.

Joan Hall was cited for exemplary activity in the office. She first contacted FID to donate furniture, and when response to her

offer was slow to arrive, she came in person to volunteer, reasoning that help was needed. She now regularly spends two days each week in the FID office, helping callers to obtain needed assistance and doing many tasks to facilitate office operations.

Robert "Bob" Burandt of St. Luke Lutheran was named as this year's recipient of the Stan Harbison award, recognizing those who share their love, time, resources, and skills for Washtenaw County persons in need. Bob has been a member of the FID Board of Directors since 1996, and through service on the Congregational Outreach committee is actively involved in informing others of FID's work. He has adopted the annual dinner as his special project, sending out personal invitation letters, soliciting businesses for silent auction items, and recruiting his wife and Bible study class to perform setup, serving and cleanup tasks for the dinner. His careful attention to detail and his unfailingly positive attitude impress all who know him.

Thanks to the generosity of many donors, listed on page 2 of this issue, and of the attendees at the dinner, Friends In Deed realized more than \$18,000 from the evening's activities to help fund its services. Next year's dinner, in keeping with a location rotation plan, will be in Ann Arbor at a place and date to be announced.

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Executive Director
Helena Prince and
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Very special thanks to ...

• **Aid Association for Lutherans, Branch 4015**, who awarded FID an \$800 matching grant.
• **Tommark Inc. and Anderson Paints** for sponsoring the **Saline Fiddlers Philharmonic**
• **James Johnson** for covering the balloon costs and **Jody Gladden** for providing the balloons.
• **St. Luke Lutheran's Tuesday evening Bible Study** for serving, setting-up and cleaning up for the dinner.

Mobilizing Resources to Help:

A F I D S p e c i a l t y

Friends In Deed's strengths include maintaining networks among local social service agencies and facilitating cooperation to help people in need. An additional strength is the dedication of volunteers who often demonstrate compassion and concern "above and beyond" usual expectations. The following story from the past February illustrates these strengths.

With a phone call, the Area Agency on Aging referred to FID the case of a woman using a wheelchair and living alone who needed repairs to her range and washer. FID in turn called Dick Stuber, our principal appliance repair person, who visited the woman's residence.

He determined that the range was not only worn out and not worth repairing,

but also dangerous. The woman had to reach across the burners (and risk catching her clothing afire) to operate the controls.

He visited the Ann Arbor Re-Use Center and located a safe range in good working order. Conversation among Dick, FID and the Re-Use Center followed, leading to an agreement to donate the range to the woman. Dick transported and installed the range (with FID purchasing small parts needed for connections), and also repaired the woman's washer.

The network really works, and together with caring volunteers like Dick, really makes a difference in the lives of our needy neighbors.

Please continue to help us "keep up the good work."



Dick Stuber provides a helping hand.

Attention All Congregational Partners

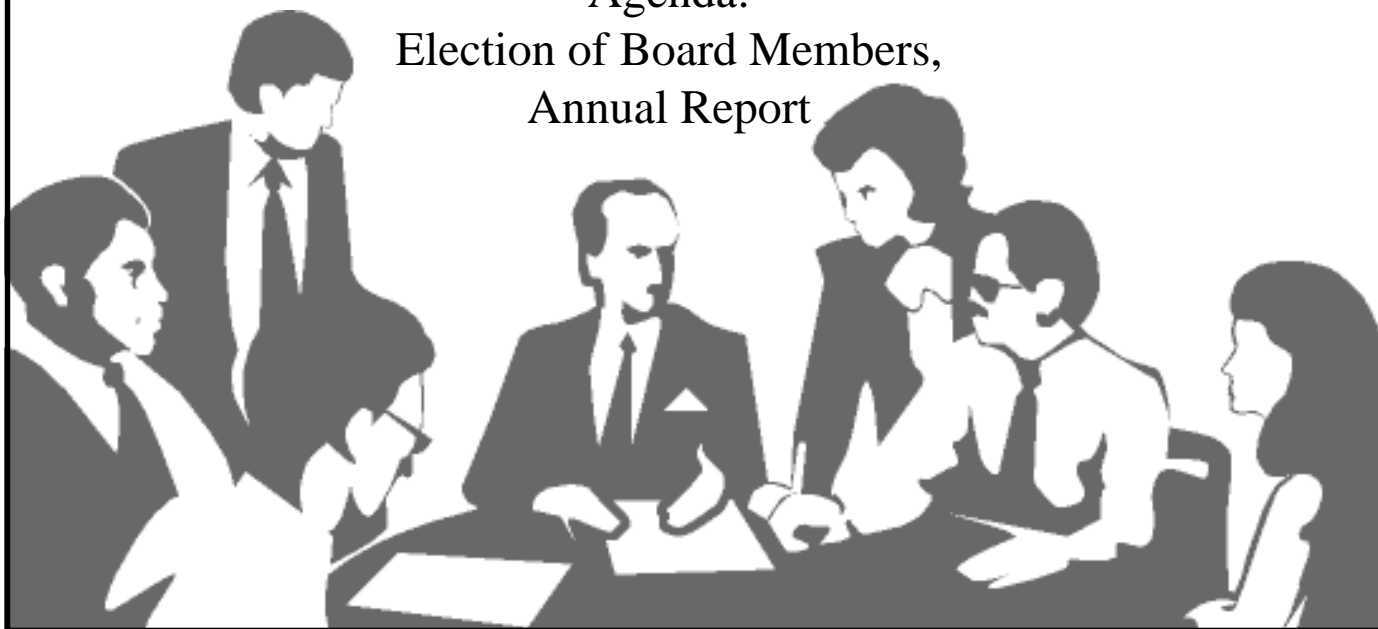
You are invited to attend the FID Annual Meeting

7 p.m., Monday June 10, 2002

St. Luke Lutheran Church, 4205 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor

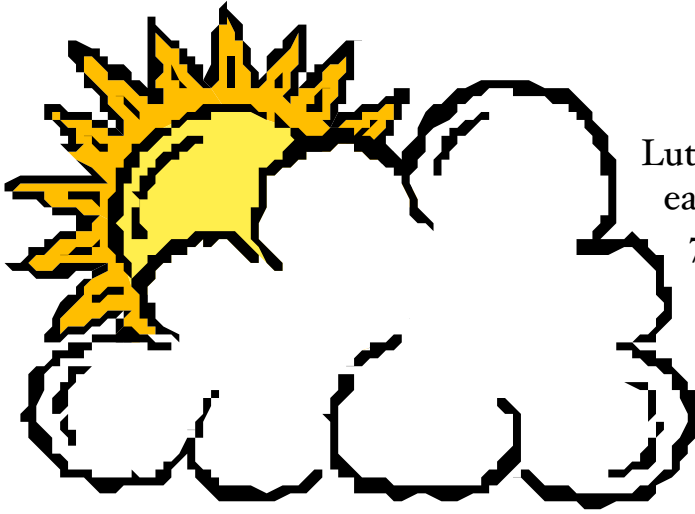
Agenda:

Election of Board Members,
Annual Report



Great Late Summer Rummage Sale

August 9-10, Friday & Saturday



Join us in the Great Room of St. Luke Lutheran Church, 4205 Washtenaw (just east of US-23 and Carpenter Rd.) noon-7:00 p.m. Friday and 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Saturday. Call Kirstin Jackson at the FID office (485-7658) for information about volunteering, donating and dropping off items for this event. Last year's sale raised more than \$2,000 for FID.

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