Thunderbird Clubhouse October 2007 Newsletter

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Check Presentation — A Celebration!
What a great day it was! On September 20th, Steve and Barbara Owens presented a check for $125,000 from the Steve Owens Foundation. This check represents what was made at Steve’s annual fundraiser and a personal contribution from Steve and Barbara. In addition to this generous check, the Cleveland County Bar Association donated $13,000 from their annual bowling tournament. We appreciate all of Dave Stockwell’s work on this event.

A third and final donation was made by Ken and Connie Zorger. They thanked the Clubhouse for the support provided to Christi Wilson, their daughter. Christi has been a member of Thunderbird Clubhouse for four years and has become an integral part of the Clubhouse. The Zorgers contributed $25,000 to our Capital Campaign.

We are so excited by our upcoming groundbreaking (hopefully to occur by the first week of November). We want EVERYONE to join us for this event so watch your mail for information on a date and time.

Thunderbird Clubhouse Mission Statement
To build a community that offers respect and opportunities to adults living with and recovering from mental illness, enabling members to achieve their social, financial, vocational, and independent-living goals.

Barbara and Steve Owens presenting the check to Pam Sanford (far right) for Thunderbird Clubhouse.

Ken and Connie Zorger with daughter Christi Wilson (far left).
“The tables were draped in purple tablecloths with candles glistening in handmade centerpieces. I had finished the welcome sign and it was in place at the front door. The tickets for our "Potato Bar" were being sold briskly with purchases being made for $2.00 for members of the Clubhouse and $5.00 for others attending the benefit for the United Way. I got my ticket and got in line. The wait was short and I shot through the line picking my potato and garnishments. I loved the evening, the meal, and the event.”

~ Mike Cordial

“Speaking of potatoes, they made a potato bar event. I went with Liz and Mike on a 'tater' run to different staff and members' houses to pick up the baked potatoes. I think that we had a great turnout. Good job everybody- we did fantabulous!”

~ Jeannie Baker
**Clubhouse Welcomes Social Work Intern Amy Phillips**

Amy is a Social Work student at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma. She decided to do her internship with us because she is planning on focusing her career in the mental health field. Amy has just fit right in with all of us and we sure do enjoy working with her! Also, congrats are in order as she was just married in September. **Again, Welcome Amy!**

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**Reviewing the New Building Plans**

Dave Boeck, architect, goes over the plans for our new Clubhouse facility. We appreciate his patience and hard work to listen to our wishes and help them come true!

Pictured left to right are: Everett McIntosh, Mike Cordial, John Bare, Kelley Beaulieu, and Dave Boeck.

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**“SAY CHEEEESE”**

Our friend Jenna McIntosh will be at the Clubhouse on Oct. 11th and 12th to take group and individual pictures. So put on your best, come see Jenna, and she’ll do the rest!
October's List of Events and Socials

Wednesday, 3rd  Program Meeting 10:15
                 Celebration Dinner @ Golden Corral

Thursday, 4th:  Philosophy Meeting 2pm

Saturday, 6th:  Penn Square Mall, p/u 9-10

Wednesday, 10th: Program meeting 10:15
                  Board Meeting 5:30

Thursday, 11th:  Philosophy Meeting 2pm

Friday, 12th:   $1.50 Movies, be at Clubhouse that afternoon

Wednesday, 17th: Program meeting 10:15

Thursday, 18th:  Philosophy Meeting 2pm

Saturday, 20th:  Bingo at Clubhouse, p/u 9-10

Wednesday, 24th: Program meeting 10:15

Thursday, 25th:  Philosophy Meeting 2pm
                 Employment Breakfast 8:30 am @ Clubhouse

Wednesday, 31st: Halloween Party & Costume Contest 5-7 pm @ Clubhouse
**Thunderbird Clubhouse Speaker's Bureau**

We have several new members in the Speaker’s Bureau and have decided to identify some places in the Norman community to speak about Thunderbird Clubhouse.

Earlier this month, John Bare and I spoke at the School of Social Work at OU about a consumer driven program (Clubhouse) verses a non-consumer driven program. I also talked about my involvement at Thunderbird Clubhouse.

The Bureau has decided that after each speaking engagement, we will go to discuss our speaking session over a cup of coffee or soda. For instance, John and I went to Braums after our speaking engagement at OU.

~ Leanne Brackett

**Thunderbird Clubhouse Education Report**

Did you know that you can get your school loan discharged or deferred? Come by the Clubhouse and we’ll help you out with the application.

**OU Couch Cafeteria Dream Team!**

Pictured above are Kim Hyden, Matthew Muir and Akufor, (standing) and Vera Masters and Yvonne Campbell (kneeling).

We have been busy exploring opportunities for new Transitional Employment (TE) positions in the community due to new merchants and businesses moving into our area. We are hoping to expand our TE program and provide a wide variety of job opportunities for our members. We will keep you updated!

**October Birthdays**

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**Employment News & Updates...**

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Please Join Us On the First Wednesday evening of Every Month!

Pictures from Celebration Dinner @ Golden Corral Sept. 5th, 2007

Harold Davis is meeting Pam's new kitten, Dexter.

Sam Richeck and Alan Smith are showing off their great style!

Top row: Sharon Hensley, Jan Travis & Marion Jacobs. Bottom: Larry Henley, Jane Anderson & Marcus Lamb.
I stay busy at clubhouse. And yeah, I’m ALWAYS doing something, but at the same time, I am making friends. I like to talk. I talk to just about anybody within earshot, even if they don’t want to. But that helps them to get to know me and trust me, and that it helps ME to get to know them, their goals, and to learn SOMETHING about them and for them to learn something about me. Other than the fact that we are mentally ill and that there IS a person underneath the diagnoses. Together we can wipe away these stigmas!

Tera C.

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**The Stars**

Who owns the stars like you
You can collect them
In the open of night
List them in your heart
Memorize them
Recognize their twinkle
Name them one by one
Pattern out their outlay
Organize such meaning
As you can give them
Ask their favor on a wish
Wish well of them alone
Or join within a friend
In wishing them the best
Count them in every evening
Keep them in your heart
Everyone owns the stars at night
By David Terry

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**The Fourteenth International Clubhouse Seminar**

Pam Sanford, Mike Cordial, Stacy Salem and Christi Wilson will be attending the 14th ICCD International Seminar on October 13-18th in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The seminar is being hosted by the Grand Avenue Clubhouse in Milwaukee and will include Clubhouses from all over the world.

The seminar will focus on a host of Clubhouse issues and participants will be able to actively participate in the process of considering revisions to the International Standards for Clubhouse Programs.

We will share more information on what we learned at the seminar in the November newsletter.

Stay Tuned!
CONTRIBUTIONS

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* General Operational  
* Capital Campaign  
* Social and Recreational Account  
* Dental and Eyeglass Account for Members

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