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The Kerr Foundation Challenge

From now until March 2009 we have been challenged by the Kerr Foundation to raise \$25,000. If we are successful, they will match our \$25,000 with another \$25,000! The idea is to get as many people as possible involved and you can help! All the money will go to help us build and furnish our new Clubhouse facility. If you want to help, simply make a donation and in the notation or memo part of the check write "Kerr Foundation Challenge". We will keep you posted on our progress as we move along! Thanks for your help. ~ Pam

Annual Garage Sale April 17, 18 & 19 Fundraiser for Camping Trip!

We need your donation items!
 Please drop them by the Clubhouse before or during the garage sale!!

Board of Directors Annual Meeting

**April 9th
 5:30pm**

If you would like to attend, please call Pam at the Clubhouse.



A Visit from Crossroads Clubhouse

In late March, a group of staff and members from Crossroads Clubhouse in Tulsa, OK, came to Thunderbird for two days. The Oklahoma Clubhouse Coalition, consisting of members and staff from Crossroads and Thunderbird, decided a few months ago that it would be a great learning opportunity for each Clubhouse to spend two days at the other Clubhouse and join right in the unit work. Crossroads' visit really gave us an opportunity to learn new ideas and ways of doing different things. Everyone was in agreement that this was a real learning experience and all are looking forward to the next one. Our Clubhouse is planning on going to Tulsa this August. *Thanks again to Crossroads for the visit!*

New DVD Collection!

We now have 550 DVD's that we will be renting out to Clubhouse members. We are developing a system to track the rentals and make it user friendly. **Thanks to Bob and Lidia Sanford for donating their DVD collection!** Call the Clubhouse for more details. Ask for Quentin. 😊

April's List of Events and Socials

- Wednesday, 2nd: Program meeting 10:15
 Celebration Dinner @ Golden Corral 4:30
- Thursday, 3rd: Philosophy Meeting 2:00
- Saturday, 5th: Medieval Fair, p/u 9-10**
- Wednesday, 9th: Program meeting 10:15
 Board Meeting 5:30
- Thursday, 10th: Philosophy Meeting 2:00
- Saturday, 12th: Garage Sale Preparations, p/u 8-9**
- Wednesday, 16th: Program meeting 10:15
- Thursday, 17th: Philosophy Meeting 2:00
- Saturday, 19th: No Social**
- Wednesday, 23rd: Program meeting 10:15
- Thursday, 24th: Employment Breakfast 8:30
 Philosophy Meeting 2:00
- Saturday, 26th: Norman Music Festival, meet at Clubhouse at 10:30 am**
- Wednesday, 30th: Program meeting 10:15

We would like to wish all of
you a very Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays

Alex Harnack	4/1
Rick Bowen	4/3
Craig Hearon	4/4
Michael Trusskey	4/4
Karen Hines	4/9
Charles Manning	4/10
Hung Nguyen	4/18
Cliff Robertson	4/19
Steven Dushane	4/20
Brenda Robertson	4/20
Shauntay Mabin	4/22
Jerome Pinkeney	4/23
Gwin Ray	4/23
Rex Morgan	4/28
Jason Barnes	4/30

Card Making Class

We had an awesome card making class on Saturday March 15, taught by Nancy Kruckeberg, the mother of Linn Kruckeberg, one of our interns. I made a pretty handmade green and purple note card. Then we ate sandwiches. Thanks to Nancy for the donations of card making and scrapbooking supplies!

Jane A.

Kitchen Unit Update

We are **proud** of our unit and all of our hard working members.

We would like to welcome Jeannie Baker to the Kitchen Unit.

We would like to thank Jason Barnes' family for our new vehicle. A 1996 Ford Explorer was donated by Jason's family and we want to express our gratitude!

Clerical Unit Update...

We would like to welcome Joanna and Harold to the unit. Joanna is one of our interns, previously in the Kitchen Unit and Harold also comes from the Kitchen Unit.

We would like to thank Quinton Ellis for all his hard work creating numerous databases and spreadsheets that really helped with statistical and financial record keeping. This will really come in handy when applying for grants.

**~Thank You to Everyone For
Their Hard Work~**

Kelley's Magic Broom

Hey Kids, guess what's new? I am starting up my cleaning business and that means time to Spring Clean my friends! If you'd like help or just leave it up to a professional, then call me at 366-6052. Rates are reasonable because I use your equipment and cleaning products. So think it over but don't wait too long—my calendar is filling up. Hope to see you soon!

~Kelley Beaulieu~

We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us. ~ Marcel Proust



Pictured L-R: Donna Lee, Dana Bonnin, Writers Jim Hyde and Marcus Lamb.



Pictured above are OU Marketing students presenting the website, including all of the individual artists pages.

Artist Collective Website Launch Party— Big Success!!!

On Monday, March 10th, the Thunderbird Artists Collective held an evening gala at Sarkey's Foundation to celebrate the launch of the Artists Collective web site. Artists exhibited their paintings and some of the literary artists read their poetry.

Rodney Newcomb, Angel Vick, Michael Cordial, Harold Davis, Jan Travis, Lori Hill, Kelley Beaulieu and Karin Fain all exhibited their visual works of art. Sharing their written works were Marcus Lamb, Jim Hyde, Angel Vick, Dana Bonnin, and Jan Travis.

Before the writers read their creations, slides were shown of the home page and the cover page of each artists' web page. Each artist had his own biography and list of works on their page. In the future, there will also be the option of purchasing works that are for sale.

The development of the Thunderbird web site was engineered by the following OU marketing students: Elizabeth Uremovich, Annie Libonati, Maggie Tarwater, Elise Bueter, and Rachel Barnes. The Thunderbird Artists Collective would like to thank these young women for their excellent effort and donation of their time in helping create the web site.

Other thanks are in order. The event was sponsored in part by the Norman Arts Council. Thank you.

The website address is www.thunderbirdartistscollective.com. Please note that the website is still under construction.

The Artist Collective art show and web site launch propelled talents of members to a new consciousness. Some found joy, others recognitions, and still others money! We all had a blast. Many people from different origins and talents were showing their work. The OU marketing students proved they were able to help us with their skills and it is still appreciated. —Mike Cordial



A Cow
Medium: Magic Marker
Harold Davis

\$50 For A Cow

I had three pieces of my artwork in the Artist Collective Show on March 10th. A lot of people walked around looking at the art and meeting the artists. One man really liked my drawing "The Cow". He asked me if I would take \$50 for it and I said I'll go for that! The man was Lynden Wilcoxson and he wrote me a check for \$50. I was so excited that he really, really liked my art! The news of my sale quickly spread around the party and several people came up and congratulated me. My sister told me that she was very proud of me. She said that's "Awesome". The next day I cashed my check and bought some new art supplies. I also wrote a Thank You note to Lynden for buying my art. I would also like to thank Pam for helping me frame my art. This was all very exciting and I can't wait for our next show. We will be in the Mayfair Art show in May. I hope to see you there!

~ Harold Davis

Clubhouse Standard #9

Clubhouse staff are sufficient to engage the membership, yet few enough to make carrying out their responsibilities impossible without membership involvement.

There is a total of 36 standards that our clubhouse abides by. The standards serve as our "bill of rights" for the whole clubhouse community.

Standard #9 is one of my favorites. This standard takes all the standards and summarizes what our clubhouse is: members and staff.

There are plenty of staff members that "engage" the members to help keep the clubhouse running smoothly. What a lot of people don't understand about clubhouse is:[the] responsibilities [are] impossible without membership involvement.

Sometimes there is a misunderstanding that staff is to do everything and that members just "hang out." Clubhouse is nothing like that, especially at our clubhouse. The members at our clubhouse keep the staff and director running smoothly. Without the members (membership involvement) our director and staff would be lost – because there would not be a clubhouse.

Membership involvement is the strongest foundation of the clubhouse. I feel that we are very blessed to have staff and members who work there and that really cares. Our director started our clubhouse with hope and dreams, and has kept that alive with compassion. This kind of compassion has rubbed off on all of us, and now the staff and members are co-workers, and lives have been changed in a way that no one will ever understand. We just trust each other, our standards, and our clubhouse.

Because of abiding by this standard, our clubhouse is making great strides in improving our clubhouse community and our member's health.

Without membership and staff involvement, we wouldn't be here, and you would never get a newsletter with our awesome achievements, writings, and my picture.

~ Tera Cordes

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

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Thunderbird Clubhouse, P.O. Box 1666, Norman, OK 73070

www.thunderbirdclubhouse.org

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