

Si-Lo Friends



Joining Hands With Senior Volunteers Of Howe-To Industries January 1, 1999

Of Circles And New Beginnings

John Folk, Agriculture/Vocational Teacher at John de la Howe, has told me time and time again about how he feels our volunteers "complete the circle" or else we offer at de la Howe for children and families. I couldn't agree with him more. John's perception comes primarily from his interaction and involvement with Rufus Sawyer, our valuable Howe-To volunteer who we lost suddenly on December 14. A former de la Howe student himself from 1943-51, Rufus placed foremost in his mind the goal of re-creating for current students the meaningful experience he himself had.

He did this first by his example, his faithfulness and commitment as a volunteer. Secondly, he worked hard to see that the time he spent with students was valuable. The shop area of the campus school once was a source of great pride for Rufus who, as a student, worked there each day learning a hobby that brought him much satisfaction during his later retirement. With the help of his Church Family, Rufus saw to it that today's shop has new tools (that are safely locked away when not in use) to create that same peaceful atmosphere for students to have this experience. Then he came each week to help provide that opportunity. He also pulled a Saturday shift working in The Barn with students, coordinated our "First Ever" Students' Fun Fishing Tournament, and continually sought more opportunities to help students as President of the JdH IS Alumni Assn.

Yes, Rufus "completed the circle," as John Folk says, and he will truly be missed by us all. What Rufus did, however, is what so many more of you, our Howe-To volunteers, do. I see a circle completed each week during Company Time, each month during committee and Board meetings, and on Saturdays at The Barn. The holidays are a good time to feel the completion of this circle - when else but committed volunteers would come in the day after Christmas Day and the day after New Year's Day to work in The Barn? Sure, we could close, but is that what the real business world does? If we're modeling that to students, then we have an image to uphold!

Completing circles reminds me of new beginnings because as we help de la Howe children and families to hopefully complete the circles of their lives, we also open doors for new beginnings, new healing within relationships. You, our volunteers, create these kinds of opportunities for children, families, and even us staff. As we welcome a New Year, we thank you for your gifts to us of completed circles and new beginnings! God Bless you all!

— Linda Kahl, HTI Coordinator

Happy Birthday! Three of our volunteers celebrate January birthdays. They are:

Bobby Burleson - January 17

Paul LeRoy - January 17

Catherine Hanna - January 31

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU! Committee News

Accounting Committee: The Accounting Committee met Dec 1 to verify total Barn sales for the month of November (\$1,032.05). Next Accounting Committee meeting is Tues, Jan. 5, 3 PM.

Activities & Events Committee: The Activities & Events Committee did not meet in December. There was, however, good contact among members in finalizing Christmas Open House at The Barn on Sat., Dec. 5. This committee thanks all who helped make this year's Christmas Open House our best one yet! Next A & E Committee meeting: Tues., Jan. 19, at 3 PM.

Product Involvement/Inventory Control Committee: The Product Involvement/Inventory Control Committee met on Dec. 1 to receive more Christmas products. These committees did not meet as scheduled on Dec. 15 due to students' having exams. Products were, however, turned in, and we appreciate Paul and Shirley Hudson making special arrangements to receive them at The Barn. As we begin a new year, our next PIC/ICC meetings will be Tues., Jan. 5 and 19, at 1:30 PM in the Media Center.

Shipping/Transportation Committee: This committee met on Sat., Dec. 12, at The Barn. No students were sent to work that morning, but volunteers, Bill Thompson and John Woodson, got the job done of computing November volunteer hours! Thank you! And we thank all of our volunteers who gave a total of 302 hours! Next S/T Committee meeting: Sat., Jan. 9, at 10 AM.

Training & Evaluation Committee: The T & E Committee did not meet as scheduled in December. Next meeting: Thurs., Jan. 21, 2 PM.

Quality Control Committee: Our Quality Control Committee rec'd information from its Nov. 10 meeting to de la Howe's Administrative Team for information and consideration. Next meeting TBA.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee met on Dec. 8 prior to Board of Directors meeting. Next Exec. Comm. meeting: Jan. 12, 2:30 PM.

Bits and Pieces Thank you for all your December volunteer contributions as:

COMPANY ASSOCIATES: Sara White, Sennia Wilson, Polly Holloway, Barbara LeRoy, Paul LeRoy, John Scherer, Susan Powell, Eileen Hofstatter, Helen Jenkins, Tillie Freeland, and Catherine Thomas
MARKET OPERATORS: Eileen Coleman, Susan Powell, Paul & Shirley Hudson, Elizabeth Link, Bill Edmundson, John Woodson, and Sennia Wilson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Cat Hanna, Lil Caudle, Sennia Wilson, Paul & Shirley Hudson, Bill Edmondson, and John Woodson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: John Woodson, Sennia Wilson, and Susan Powell

CLASSROOM ASSISTANT: Ron Jones

CHAPEL HELPERS: Susan Powell and John Prather

ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY: Eileen Hofstatter and Paul Leroy

INTRAMURALS ASSISTANT: Ronnie Lamb

LIVING LIBRARY LECTURER: Paul LeRoy

And Special Thanks

To ... John Scherer who called in December to let us know he could not be with us due to dental appointment ... Barbara Edmondson who called re Holiday Shoppe and sent finished painted birdhouses to campus by husband Bill for placement in The Barn (your touch was just what the birdhouses needed, Barbara – thanks!)... volunteers who contributed recipes to Transit Company's upcoming cookbook: Eula Godwin, Tillie Freeland, Anne Sizer, Elizabeth Link, Noreen Calc, Louise Blankenship, Margaret Price, John Scherer, and Eileen Hofstatter ... Cat Hanna who brought grandson Nathan to shop at The Barn ... Kate Dorn who called to say she couldn't make A & B Comm. mg. ... Paul & Shirley Hudson who worked all afternoon Dec. 3 & again on Dec. 4 (with Hester & Exchange Co. students) setting up Barn for Christmas Open House, receiving new products, cleaning and re-arranging shelves, etc. ... Eileen Hofstatter who gave each Wilderness camper individual photos riding horses ... all Holiday Shoppe donors ... Pete Young who donated his time and money for ingredients to our delicious chicken stew for 1998 barnYard Party! Paul LeRoy who called ahead to set up arrangements/delivery of 50 birdhouses to S. C. Forestry Commission after helping students construct the birdhouses for this special service project ... volunteers who helped with our Dec. 16 Volunteer Luncheon: Susan Powell (registration), Sennia Wilson (set-up), Lesley Harrison (luncheon), and John Woodson (welcome) and to all volunteers who joined us that day! ... Cat Hanna who called to let us know she and Cat Schumpert could not make our Dec. 8 Board meeting ... Sennia Wilson who offered to work the food Saturday morning, Dec. 19, with Susan Powell and to Sennia who also worked all day that day, working the afternoon alone ... Marilyn Meyer who delivered left overs from McCormick UMC Bazaar to de la Howe campus for children's Holiday Shoppe ... Betty Roe for her kind letter in November – we miss you, Betty, and Hank just ... Pat Perkins who visited campus in December to deliver craft supplies and Holiday Shoppe items (great to see you) ... Shirley Hudson for taking October, November, & December sales and preparing Inventory Control Committee reports for these months ... Paul & Shirley Hudson and Elizabeth Link for working the day after Christmas, Elizabeth for working alone that afternoon ... Eileen Coleman who worked The Barn alone on the day after New Year's Day ... Ron Jones for his

class ... Helen Jenkins who went with the Exchange Co. for missing horse Christmas Party ... Susan Powell who helped with Christmas Party for Spanish Class at Mrs. McKinnon's home ... Eileen Coleman who called ahead to let us know she could not be with us on Sat., Dec. 5 ... all volunteers who helped with this year's Christmas Open House on Dec. 5 at The Barn: Kate Dorn (refreshments & stage crew), Paul Hudson (Santa Claus), Mick Goode (waffles & working all day), Susan Powell (refreshments & working market), Shirley Hudson (helping Santa & working all day), Sennia Wilson (refreshments & working all day), Carolina Bluegrass Choppers (& our own HTI volunteers in this group, Kate Dorn, Sara White, & Paul Hudson), McCormick Community Chorus (& our own HTI volunteers in this group, Bobby Baleson and Juan Azavedo), and the Savannah Laies Promoters (& our HTI volunteer in this group, Barbara Ebert), and to all our HTI volunteers who joined our festivities that day (John Scherer, Lil Caudle, Catherine Thomas, Ron & Noreen Gale, to name a few) ... Paul LeRoy for presenting two Living Library Lecture presentations to Wilderness Program students on Dec. 9 ... Jean Sohl who shared idea with Classy Ladies Co. for gingerbread men and orange slice wreaths which the girls made in December while Jean was gone (they made one for you, too, Jean!) ... Paul & Shirley Hudson who reduced consignment inventory on Dec. 16 (and Shirley wrote up computation scale for volunteers to figure 20% after Christmas reduction on Barn products ... and the BIGGEST THANKS OF ALL GOES TO ALL OUR HOWE-TO INDUSTRIES VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US! We missed all who could not be with us in December!

Special Thoughts We were sorry to hear that Kathleen Price continues to have health problems and that Jane Cameron had an accident over the holidays. Eula Godwin experienced some health problems in December. Eileen Coleman had a minor accident right before the holidays. We were glad to hear that Lil Caudle received a good doctor's report. Our special thoughts and prayers are with you all.

CONGRATULATIONS go to Pete Young on the recent birth of his new grandson, Zach! Thanks for stopping by and showing us his photo, Pete! Congrats also to Lesley & Marie Harrison who celebrate their First Anniversary on January 4!

Sympathy Our sincere sympathy and love go out to family members of two of our Howe-To Industries volunteers whose deaths in December sadden us all, Rufus Sawyer and Janita Curtis. You read about Rufus' volunteer activities with us earlier in this newsletter. "Mas Jovita" blessed us at the piano when she attended our Howe-To Industries volunteer luncheon. They both will be missed greatly, but we remember fondly their time spent with us!