

# SILO FRIENDS



Joining Hands With Senior Volunteers Of Howe-To Industries

July 1, 1998

## Finding Joy In Our Work!

I've heard there's value in taking a personal inventory of ourselves occasionally, who we are, what we have (not necessarily material things), our life stages, etc. For Howe-To Industries, this happens once a year as we close one year and begin another, and June 30 was the closing of yet another year of our intergenerational business partnership. And, for three days, a volunteer crew (composed of Paul and Shirley Hudson, Sennia Wilson, Mick Goode, and Karen Boyd) counted every product in The Barn as a part of our year-end inventory.

The inventory always reveals valuable information about ourselves, some good and some not so good. A good point is that our students, staff, and volunteers do a remarkable job at stocking The Barn with many, many creative and unusual craft products. On the other hand, a bad point is that we need to do a better job with quality control in our company groups to make sure those products will endure their shelf life in The Barn. Another downside is we need to do a better job at keeping The Barn clean! These are things we need to know about ourselves and then act on.

As the tedious inventory task came to a close, Shirley (who with Paul had been there from 8 AM till 5 PM that day) showed me the beautiful results of their labor – neat and clean shelves! You could see she was tired, but she did mention the experience had also been fun, a word I heard her also use two weeks ago during SC-ETV's filming for a "Connecting The Generations" videotape for USC's Institute on Families. During her interview by the film crew, Shirley told how much she had learned about problems today's youth experience, then she added in her closing comments that she would encourage other volunteers to get involved so that they could have fun, too, a word she also used to describe her involvement with Howe-To Industries.

This reminded me of a quote I read recently, "*Where our work is, there let our joy be.*" I believe this is the very valuable and useful message that you, our volunteers, are conveying to the de la Howe youth with whom you work. And who better

to do this than you who know firsthand the benefits from having experienced this joy in your work places that are now behind you?

As students and staff, our own inventories would reveal how truly grateful we are for every fun minute our valuable volunteers spend with us! Our joy comes from working with all of you!

♦ Linda Kidd, HTI Coordinator

**Happy Birthday!** Nine of our Volunteers celebrate birthdays in July. They are: Paul Hudson – July 1, Polly Prather – July 3, Lesley Harrison – July 4, John Prather – July 10, Anne Shriver – July 10, Kathy Dulaney – July 18, Ron Jones – July 23, Julia Campbell - July 27, and Margaret Brice – July 28

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF YOU!**

## Committee News

Accounting Committee: The Accounting Committee met June 9 to verify total Barn sales for the month of May (\$938.84). Next Accounting Committee meeting is July 7 at 3 PM.

Activities & Events Committee: The A & E Committee did not meet in June. This committee will plan to meet on Tuesday, July 21, to evaluate this year's Dairy Festival. Input from any and all volunteers involved with this event will be most helpful at this meeting. Evaluation forms are being mailed out to all Dairy Festival volunteers with this newsletter. Volunteers who can attend the meeting and share their input will be most welcome to attend the July 21 meeting; however if you cannot attend, please be sure to send your evaluation in so that we may have your comments and suggestions. This year's Dairy Festival, by the way, was our best one yet – thanks to all who helped and/or attended!!

Product Involvement/Inventory Control

Committees: The Product Involvement/Inventory Control Committees have not formally met in June. Any products that are manufactured during Summer Production will be placed in The Barn on consignment as has been done in the past. A complete inventory of all products in The Barn was taken on Saturday, June 27, Sunday, June 28, and Monday, June 29. Special thanks to Paul & Shirley Hudson for coordinating and heading this up and to

Mick Goode and Sennia Wilson for assisting with the count! This was a tremendous job for you all to do, and we want you to know you are appreciated! Staffing/Transportation Committee: This committee met June 13. Bill and Barbara Edmondson helped students working in The Barn tabulate the total number of volunteer hours for the month of May which came to 401! Thanks to ALL VOLUNTEERS! Next S/T mtg.: July 18, 10 AM. Training & Evaluation Committee: This committee did not meet in June. Plans are for the Training & Evaluation Committee to meet on July 16 at 3 PM. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee did not meet on June 16 prior to our Board of Directors meeting. Next Executive Comm. meeting: July 14, 2:30 PM.

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

SUMMER PRODUCTION PROGRAM: Sara White, Paul & Shirley Hudson, Rufus & Russell Sawyer, Paul LeRoy, Catherine Thomas, Sennia Wilson, Kathleen Price

MARKET OPERATORS: Eileen Coleman, Susan Powell, Rufus Sawyer, Paul & Shirley Hudson, Mick Goode, Sennia Wilson, & Bill & Barbara Edmondson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Cat Hanna, Lil Caudle, Sennia Wilson, Susan Powell, Paul & Shirley Hudson, Bill & Barbara Edmondson

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Fran Williams, Sennia Wilson, Cat Hanna, Paul & Shirley Hudson

BIBLE SCHOOL HELPER: Susan Powell

AMERICORPS MEMBERS: Demetris Reid and we had a new AmeriCorps member begin working with us on June 29, Karen Boyd, who graduates from Piedmont Technical College on July 30! Welcome!

DAIRY FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS: Bill & Camille Steenson, Paul & Shirley Hudson, Susan Powell, Lil Caudle, Catherine Thomas, Cat Hanna, Sennia Wilson, Kate Dorn, Eileen Coleman, Jean Sohl, Deeya Cockrell, Demetris Reid, Jean Brewer, Janis Lindsey, Betty Hill, Bobby & Ernie Bureson, Mick Goode, Rufus & Russell Sawyer, Sara White, Kathleen Price, Gloria Sams, Ronnie Kidd, Tillie Freeland, & Mary Hoffman

SUMMER STUDENT INTERNS: Lauran Harvey (Coker College, Hartsville, SC), Chantay Reese (Piedmont TEC, Greenwood, SC)

## **And Special Thanks**

**To ...** All Dairy Festival volunteers listed above plus all who entertained us that day and all who came to this special event ... Rufus Sawyer who took down Dairy Festival signs ... Sara White & Shirley Hudson for new product ideas for Summer Production Program ... all volunteers who

participated in SC-ETV filming on June 22 (especially Susan Powell who came to be interviewed but had to leave for Bible School before they could get to her) ... Bill & Barbara Edmondson who helped students figure May volunteer hours on June 13 and who let us know they can't be with us in July & August ... Eula Godwin who provided opportunity for students to attend Chatterbox Club Laryngectomy Support Group meeting May 17 ... Paul & Shirley Hudson who delivered Summer Production supplies, also donated paper cutter, old books, jewelry display rack, and wrapping paper to Barn June 13 ... Sennia Wilson who put handles on SLV newcomer bags while working in Barn alone with students June 13 ... Jean Sohl who brought treats for her company's last meeting ... Paul LeRoy who helped PaSCO students extract honey from bee hives on June 20 (tasted great!) ... Sennia Wilson who filled vacant Barn duty spot June 20, working alone ... Rufus Sawyer who helped students clean upstairs Barn auditorium June 20 ... Susan Powell who helped tag new Summer Production products June 20 ... Cat Hanna who brought her neighbor Mary Hoffman to help at the Dairy Festival ... Noreen Gale who donated craft supplies ... Paul & Shirley who brought treats for all Summer Production Program participants at the end of Summer Session I ... Sara White who let us know she can't be with us the first two days of Summer Session II ... Susan Powell for helping coordinate this year's "Joy Explosion" Bible School ... 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 June!!!

*Special Thoughts* Barbara Edmondson had

knee problems in early June, but we were glad she could join us for her June Barn duty. Sara White's son had eye surgery. Helen Jenkins had eye surgery the first week in June. Kathleen Price had a couple of deaths in her family in early June. Please know all of you are in our special thoughts and prayers.

**CONGRATULATIONS** are in order for Sara White on the birth of her new great grandson and to Sennia Wilson who has a new great granddaughter! Jean Sohl was the lucky winner of our Dairy Festival's "Wonderful Week On The Freshwater Coast" Door Prize! Ruth Metts' husband Bill was named "SCSEA Retiree of the Year" for the McAbbwood Chapter recently!