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Annual Meeting Completes Successful Year For Fund

The ninth Annual Meeting of The Helpers Fund took place on Sunday November 19, 2006 at Friends Lake Inn.

The brunch, the silent auction and the drawing of the 60/40 Scholarship Raffle were the highlights of the Fund's final public event of the year.

Host and Hostess John and Trudy Phillips, owners of the Inn, made sure everything went off without a hitch. There were nothing but compliments about the service, the food and the atmosphere.

The Fund holds its annual meeting on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The purpose is to thank the supporters of the Fund for their help in making the Fund a success.

The silent auction was active throughout the brunch period. It included gift certificates to local restaurants, golf courses throughout the area and gift baskets donated by local businesses.

Attendees received a packet of information which included a review of the year. It also contained information about some the cases that were dealt with this year. Also included was A proposed budget for 2007, and an income and expenses statement covering the period Jan. 1 to Nov. 1 2006 were included in the packet. The approved Budget and the Income and Expenses for 2006 were available January 1, 2007 and can be obtained by contacting the Fund.

The meeting ended with the drawing of the winning tickets for the Scholarship Raffle and the announcement of the winners of the different items in the Silent Auction.



Mary Matrose looks over bid sheet, while Al Matrose looks to the dining room. Linda Forand, third from right, and Della Shiell discuss issues.



John Palermo looks for Teri, while Flo Palermo, with back to camera talks with Milly Schutta. John Palermo, Sr. listens. Sheila Ellsworth, red sweater, looks over bid sheets

Three Winners In Fund's 60/40 Scholarship Raffle

Frank and Bonnie Tucci of Loon Lake were the first place winners of the Fund's Scholarship raffle, while George and Alice Jensen of Chestertown took second place honors and Tom & Nadine Magee of Pottersville took third prize. The raffle is one of the highlights of the annual meeting.

The raffle gets its name from the different shares awarded. Sixty percent of the sale of tickets goes into a "winner's pool," while 40 per cent goes directly into the Fund's Scholarship program. This year's drawing placed close to \$1,500 into the Fund's Scholarship Program

The Board of Directors, due to the large number of awards given each year, is considering changing the raffle to a "50/50" Raffle which would place 50 per cent of the sale of tickets in the "winner's pool" and 50 per cent of the sale of tickets in the Fund's Scholarship Program.

2007 Holiday Drive Provides Clothing And Food Credits

The Fund's Holiday Drive was able to clothe and feed 17 families in the area, a total of 88 adults and children. Those assisted received the necessary winter clothing for all members of the family, as well as food during the period from Thanksgiving to New Year.

The drive collected almost \$10,000 in donations which was a record for the Fund. This was the Fund's fifth drive and it was its most successful.

Almost two dozen stuffed animals were distributed, all to children in the area under six years of age.

Board member Edna Wells led the shopping for the families. She distributes the questionnaires that go out to families throughout the area. "She made at least three trips to Glens Falls," Carl Lamm, director of the Fund said. "On one trip there were two shopping carts stuffed with jackets,

sweaters, long-johns and other winter gear."

The questionnaires were distributed through the local schools. Lisa DeZalia, supervised in Schroon Lake, Edna Wells at North Warren and Terri Palermo in Warrensburg. The questionnaires were distributed to the most needy families in those schools, but the bulk of the questionnaires were distributed through the Chestertown Food Pantry

Some of the people sent their applications back saying they had adequate clothing, but would like to be considered for heating assistance. These requests were granted.

A number of people also received food credits that could be used at local super markets. The total assisted did not include families that received help by the Fund during the year

Changes In Fund Raising Activities Scheduled For 2007

The Board of Directors of the Fund has been discussing changes in the Fund Raising activities for 2007, with a few changes having been adopted at the January meeting.

This year the Fund will have its Golf Tournament in June, which will be the 10th Annual event, but there will be a year

off for the "Dinner For Two Raffle," which will not be held this year, but will be scheduled for 2008. The Summer Silent Auction, which was conducted through the mails last year will be available again this year.

The 60/40 Raffle and the Annual Meeting and Silent Auction will be on the calendar

again this year, as well as the Holiday Drive.

The Fund has resigned its seat on the Marathon Committee's Board of Directors. As a result the Fund will not be acting as the Director of the Races, but it will remain active in the overall program. Linda War-

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**10th Annual
Helpers Fund
Golf
Tournament
June 9, 2007
9:00 a.m.
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Christmas Eve Dinner At General Store

The Fund's Second Annual Christmas Eve Dinner was held on December 24, 2006 from 3 p.m. to 5p.m. at the Chestertown General Store.

Under the supervision of Doris Hensler, owner of the General Store, free dinners were offered to anyone. Special invitations went to those families

the Fund had assisted during the year.

Mrs. Hensler made her store available to the Fund for this dinner and supervised and cooked the dinner with help from family, friends and Fund's helpers. Her menu consisted of baked ham, peas

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