Community Service Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 17, 2009, 7:00pm

Nominations For Volunteer Recognition Awards Due Wed, Mar 18
Email to Cynthia or dropped off in her office

Habitat For Humanity: Kyle Mattson & Michael Doo
- Returned from Spring Break trip to John’s Island, SC
  - One site for week
  - 14 people
  - Worked w/other schools at other sites
- Running “Build Week” for GM Week
- Hammering Competition on Wednesday of GM Week
- Home Run For Habitat after GM Week
- Will be doing something with facts about homelessness and handing out granola bars
- Selling ceiling tiles in the Games Room as a fundraiser
- This Sunday & next weekend: Tabling at River Rats hockey games
- Sleepout for Homelessness: April 22-25 with Alpha Phi Alpha
  - 72hr sleepout by the Union
  - Kyle & 1 or 2 other Habitat members will participate
- Newsletter being printed

Alpha Phi Omega: Christine Roe & Michael Doo
- Raffle on Wed/Thurs/Fri to benefit AIDS Research Society
- Sunday: St Baldrick’s Shave Fest volunteering
- Tue, Mar 24- Community Gardens envelope stuffing
- Sat, Mar 28- Volunteer at Capital District Special Olympics basketball tournament
- Meanest Man on Campus begins next week
  - Proceeds benefit Heifer Project Intl. this year
- Will be having Safe Zone training
- April 11: Frear Park Cleanup with NROTC and Phi Mud (maybe with Tau Beta Pi)
  - They’re in touch with Bram VanHeuveln

Relay For Life & Colleges Against Cancer: Daniel Hogan
(Apologies for not having the numbers presented at the meeting- here are updated numbers as of 3/22)
- 75 teams,
- $3,2019.09
- 629 registered participants
- Luminaria Sale ongoing until March 24
  - Only $5 until then.
  - Buy online at www.relayforlife.org/rpi or offline using forms found on website
  - Turn in offline forms at next Team Captain’s Meeting on March 24, 7-8pm in Ricketts 203
- Strive For 25 Raffle
Earn raffle ticket entries for an iPod touch and other prizes by sending emails and collecting donations. See website for details
  - Sending emails is a big push this year. More emails = more $$$ raised
- Designed to support RPI in the Million Click Challenge
  - Competition between NY&NJ colleges to see who can send most emails through Relay website
  - RPI currently in 4th place with 6448 emails. UAlbany in 2nd place.
- CAC is supposed to be the newer parent organization of Relay
- Focuses more on mission and advocacy events
- The arm of the American Cancer Society on campus
- Working on a t-shirt sale fundraiser idea
- If interested in joining contact Sam Mellema or Kate Naske

Publicizing Relay fundraisers that teams putting on
- Spelling Bee hosted by the Breast Savers
  - Thursday March 26, 7:30pm
  - DCC 324
  - $5 to enter or donation requested at the door
  - celebrity RPI judges, tasty treats, and prizes
  - contact extonm@rpi.edu or melles@rpi.edu to sign up
- Concert featuring Greek bands hosted by Delta Tau Delta
  - Friday, March 27, 7-10pm
  - 133 Sunset Terrace
  - $2 donation requested to attend
  - Contact derank@rpi.edu
- Pancake Sale!
  - Hosted by NROTCURPI & Delta Phi teams
  - April 6-7, 10am-4pm
  - DCC Great Hall
  - Contact paless@rpi.edu

IFC: Ken Hutchinson
- Legislation work is keeping them busy right now
- Parade during GM Week- floats (with trucks?)
  - Make sure to get permits from Troy first!
- CD drive for the Giving Circle
  - Radio host Bryce kept running a radio station during Hurricane Katrina
  - Salt water damaged CDs
  - Needs support

Circle K: Jacquie Fable
- Flood The Union for World Water Day
  - Tape paper droplets on windows
  - Circle K/UNICEF working for Six Cents
- Oral rehydration salts to prevent dehydration deaths
- Six Cents Event runs from tomorrow until Friday
- **Saturday:** Other Circle K and Key Clubs groups from region volunteering at food bank
  - Social event back at RPI afterwards
- **Bake Sale for Relay For Life from April 8-10 (Wed-Fri) in DCC Great Hall**
  - They emailed Sam Mellema about it
- **Got the Vanderheyden Award plaque last night**
  - Cynthia can get it in display case by Union Bookstore
- **Elections next week**

**Reports/Updates from Cynthia**
- From last meeting: Rep from American Diabetes Association came and gave info about annual drive in October & a walk to occur on Oct 3 in Colonie
  - Hosting event here on Halloween?
  - Kyle was voted as president of this event, but he wasn’t here to accept it
  - IFC really interested in walk
  - Dean Mark Smith thought it was a great idea
  - Hockey game that night vs. Army
  - Cynthia still likes the parade
  - maybe do something following up at the hockey game
    - mini-parade or costume contest at rink??
  - Cynthia needs to be home that night, not available on campus
  - need to think about maybe doing something at hockey game, but focus on an afternoon parade
  - Announcement about this as a big event to come after Relay is over
- **Tue 24th: Volunteer Recognition Dinner in RSDH**
  - Wants one representative from all CSC organization there
  - 5:30-7pm
  - We eat for free
  - Get dressed up
  - President speaks
  - Cynthia will intro herself & us to President Jackson
  - We will have to:
    - Introduce President before we go into awards
    - Talk about awards
    - Talk about community service striving, using 5-6 bullet points
    - Give out awards to recipients, including the big plaque award
    - Introduce ourselves as the CSC (~6pm?)
  - **Meeting at Mon, March 23rd at 6pm to rehearse in DOSO Confr. Rm**
    - Daniel can’t be there because of exam
  - Kyle can introduce President
  - Ken will talk about service hours
  - Michael will talk about awards
  - Jacquie, Dan & Christine: Say 2 things about recipient, give out the awards and shake hands.
- ~6-8 awards
  - Rick Hartt and John Kolb will be serving up the spaghetti
- Please update your hours on the website by tomorrow
- Phi Kappa Theta went to New Orleans over break and created a website about what they did. They were on the news and featured online. See the Community Service website for links.
- Rensselaer County Habitat For Humanity having a dinner at Brunswick Elks Lodge
  - Raffle items & dinner
  - Fri, April 3rd
  - Public service internship class- Kyle selling tickets for it

Next CSC Meeting on April 7 in DOSO Conference Room