Community Service Committee
September 8, 2008

Introduction to Community Service Committee meetings

Habitat for Humanity
Kyle mattsk@rpi.edu
- Home Run for Habitat in the Spring
- Builds this year every Saturday (weather permitting)
  - excluding 9/13/08
- Will need extra volunteers 9/20/08

APO
Brandon, Service Vice President
- Fall Rush
  - 3 events completed
    - Park Cleanup
    - RM house
    - Food Bank
  - 2 events coming up
    - Habitat 9/13/08
    - Bird Houses 9/9/08
- Other events
  - Food Bank 10/5/08
  - Community Gardens (Garlic Planting)
  - Probably not at Community Service Fair due to scheduling
- Joseph’s House
  - House men overnight in 6 area churches
  - 9pm-7am November-April
  - Currently turning away 300/year
  - Need 96 volunteers!
    - They train you on Saturdays
    - They request you volunteer 2 nights/month
    - Responsibilities: Set up/break down beds, security
- Contact Paul Delio

Relay For Life
Samantha Mellema melles@rpi.edu
- Relay will have a table at the Community Service Fair on the 18th for Committee, Sub-Committees, Participants, Volunteers
- First Committee meeting will be held 9/23 at 7pm, Union 3511
- Have proposed second or third week of April to Student Advisor, who will report to Administration
- Planning will begin much earlier than last year (Sept vs. January)
- Focus on increased student, faculty and community involvement
• Will recruit for additional committee members and volunteers throughout the semester

Circle K
reported by Cynthia Smith
• Volunteered at Menands Animal Shelter-sorted bottles
• Blood Drive 9/11/08 (Tabling 9/8-9/9)
• Making lunch at Joseph’s House
• Arts & Crafts with kids at Vanderheyden House
• Haunted House 10/24/08

Newman Fellowship
reported by Cynthia Smith
• Work with impoverished
• Joseph’s house
• Jema’s House (Demonstration House)

Community Service Days
reported by Cynthia Smith
• waiting til November
• 11/1/08 Park Cleanup
• 11/8/08 8-3 McNeil Room: Project Linus Quilt Project
• 12/7/08 Broadway & 4th: Victorian Stroll

Community Service Fair
reported by Cynthia Smith
• 9/18/08 11:30-2 North Lobby of the Union
• RPI: FEMREC, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Habitat for MHumanity, APO, Circle K, Relay For Life
• Community: Joseph’s House, Troy Boys & Girls, Literacy Volunteers, Vanderheyden House, etc…

Aids Walk
reported by Cynthia Smith
• Looking for walkers and volunteers
• www.aidswalk-capitalregion.org

Fall Fest
reported by Cynthia Smith
• 10/18/08
• Volunteers needed
• Clubs needed (contact Rebecca Feig –feigr@rpi.edu)

Tutor Time
reported by Cynthia Smith
• 30 Students
• Volunteers needed

EMPAC
reported by Cynthia Smith
• recruiting staff volunteers (contact Kim Gardner – gardnk2@rpi.edu)

Other Business:
• Bulletin Board outside Bookstore has space for CS Groups
• Community Service Volunteer Hour Reports
  • DOSO Website → Service and Leadership → Community Service
  • Report Hours volunteered each week
  • Include “Planning” hours for specific projects