Community Service Committee
November 3, 2008

**Habitat For Humanity**
Kyle Mattson (mattsk@rpi.edu)
- 5K with Fitness Club was two Sundays ago
  - 22 participants
  - Raise ~$200-250
  - Probably repeat for next year
  - Need to advertise in advance more
- Planning Home Run For Habitat during GM Week
- Considering another GM Week event with LEGO blocks
  - Another college they know of does a building competition with LEGO blocks
  - Talk to Rick Hartt in the Union about a possible contact with Mr. Peter Eio (Former President of LEGO and 1996 Commencement Speaker) and maybe getting free LEGO blocks
- Looking forward to participating in Victorian Stroll again

**Relay For Life**
Daniel Hogan (hogand@rpi.edu)
- Preparing for Online Launch Party
  - Thursday, Nov 6
  - Tabling to promoting our event website being live (http://www.relayforlife.org/RPI)
  - Handing out birthday cake to celebrate the 25th year of Relay For Life
- Service Hour Reporting (not yet submitted online)
  - 9/27/08: Jordan Hagaman volunteered for 5hrs by tabling with ACS at the Parade of Homes
  - 10/18/08: Making Strides Against Breast Cancer at Washington Park in Albany: 6x volunteers @ 3.5hrs each = 21 Total Hours. Served water and coffee to participants at ACS fundraising event
  - 10/25/08: Daniel Hogan spent 6 planning hours preparing for an Eastern Division (NY & NJ) ACS Summit by preparing an Online Development Breakout Session facilitation guide along with another volunteer from Binghamton University
- Next meeting: Wed, Nov 5 at 7pm in Union 3502 (Bi-weekly)

**Alpha Phi Omega (APO)**
Brandon Andreola (andreb3@rpi.edu)
- Volunteered with Habitat For Humanity in Albany
  - Worked with an architecture students group
  - ~6 hours
- Thursday, Oct 23rd: Volunteered with Community Garden Work Day
- Hosted a Halloween get-together at the Approach
5 people attended
Music/cider/candy/pin the tail on the donkey & APO promotion

Saturday, Nov 1st: Raked leaves and picked up trash at Frear Park for 3 hours
- Asked to come back on Sunday (Nov 16th?) to help with trailblazing and more cleanup
- More volunteers could be used for this event
- Notified brothers about Project Linus Quilt Day
- Currently National Service Week
  - Volunteering at a senior residence tonight with chips/snacks/game night
  - Tomorrow (Tue, Nov 4): Raking at Unity Sunshine Day Care
  - They have another event (painting) planned
- Next week is Brotherhood Week
  - Possibly coordinating with Habitat For Humanity to provide breakfast on Sat, Nov 16 between 9:30-9:45am at the build site or dropped off at the Union
- Planning to go to Unity House and do some work there

Rensselaer Bengali Community (RBC)
Alex Mathew (mathea4@rpi.edu)
- Went to YMCA last week to volunteer with a 5K
- Planning to return to YMCA next week to help children with homework
- Going to Project Linus Quilt Day this weekend
  - Need to signup online for it via WEBFORM at http://doso.rpi.edu/update.do?artcenterkey=71
  - Type comments in box with group participant names & times if registering all at once
  - Encourage everyone to register individually

Class of 2011
Jessica Martinolich (martij17@rpi.edu)
- Worked on Downtown Troy mural at Flavour Café over multiple weekends
  - Abstract mural of Little Italy scene
  - Bringing life to neighborhood
  - Great turnout including students & community members walking by
  - Lots of great comments from community & students
- Went to park cleanup this past weekend
- Going to help with Project Linus Quilt Day
  - Providing refreshments for volunteers
  - Volunteers can stay all day if they’d like
  - There’s a lot of fleece to tie if volunteers would rather not sew
  - Picking up more fleece this Wednesday
  - Cynthia has tons of material in her office to use up
- Working with a group on non-Greek affiliated women (Contact: Morgan West)
  - Breast Cancer Awareness tabling in the DCC Great Hall
Selling cookies and handing out pink ribbons

Other Business reported by Cynthia Smith (smithc@rpi.edu)
- Don’t forget to record service hours online with “Document Service Now WEBFORM” at http://doso.rpi.edu/update.do?artcenterkey=794
  - Cynthia will usually confirm with you via email after you submit a report
- Online registration process via WEBFORM working well for Community Service Days
  - Over 120 registered this month (incl. last Saturday, tomorrow’s poll reporting & next Saturday)
  - Best turnout so far for registration
- Could still use a few more volunteers for tomorrow night’s poll reporting
  - Going to 5 local precincts after voting closes to do vote counting
  - Training begins at 7:30pm
  - If polls close on time, it should be over by ~10pm
  - Coming back to Cynthia’s office after gathering results & reporting numbers over the phone to help the League of Women Voters and news agencies get info about result
  - RPI has been doing this for about 10 years
- Need more volunteers for Project Linus Quilt Day
  - Setup begins at 8am
  - Volunteer timeslots run from 9am-3pm
- Victorian Stroll (Sun, Dec 7th)
  - Volunteer timeslots setup online now
  - Great time for a study break before finals. Come downtown & have some fun.
  - Selling wreaths for Joseph’s House
  - Lions Club
  - Children’s Corner
  - Gingerbread houses with Habitat For Humanity
  - Get the word out to clubs and have people signup to volunteer online early & often
- Will have another service day on MLK Day
  - Mon, Jan 19
  - School holiday
  - Project details coming soon
- Kyle Mattson taking the 4-credit 4000-level Public service internship class
  - There were 10 students registered last time he checked
  - Includes blogging and keeping a journal about a community service experience

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