

Making a Difference



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"It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in Autumn."

B. C. Forbes

A Time of Harvest

Happy Fall, Everyone!

I am so thrilled to be here at Degree of Honor, serving you as Community Service Director. I am drawn to this organization by its match to my values, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

On the right I am pictured with my new (and first!) grandson, Erik. It was a joy to share in his first trip to the pumpkin patch last month and to snuggle with him as his Mom and Dad picked all the apples and pumpkins!

Fall is the time of harvest, and to me, the quote on the left by B.C. Forbes speaks to the harvest of our Lodges and Clubs. You have each planted seeds in your communities,

and have nurtured them with your time and attention. You are reaping the harvest of a happier, healthier community for your efforts. We thank you for all that you are doing in the name of Degree of Honor, and wish you joyous days of leaf raking and evenings of pumpkin carving and warm apple cider!



Fran Lyon-Dugin
Community Service Director

Collectors Extraordinaire!

Like many other clubs, Silver Lake Club 182 has been busy collecting things for the good of the community: pill bottles to support a mission trip to Guatemala, pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House, paper for the Knights of Columbus paper drive supporting the swimming pool, postage stamps for local organizations, greeting cards for the senior center, and labels and milk caps for local schools....WHEW! Keep up the great work, all you collectors!



Let's Hear it for Red, White and Blue



The Indiana Gopher IT Service Club sold lighted puffy balls, lighted wands, sold Disabled American Veteran hats, and raffled off two bicycles as Fourth of July fundraisers for Ronald McDonald House and The Salvation Army.

Degree of Honor Discounts on CPR Kits

We are teaming up with the American Heart Association to save lives! Get a \$7 discount on an adult or infant Hands-Only CPR kits for Degree of Honor members, families and friends. See the Fall 2011 Honor Magazine, page 5 for more details. Sample kits are being mailed to local and state organizers in November to help promote these kits among the Lodges and Service Clubs.



Did you know?

Volunteers numbering 62.8 million adults served almost 8.1 billion hours through organizations in 2010, providing powerful economic and social benefit.

Source: Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)

Degree of Honor Foundation

Don't forget donations to the Degree of Honor Foundation in your year-end giving plans. Funds from the Foundation help provide scholarships and grants to students and families in need.

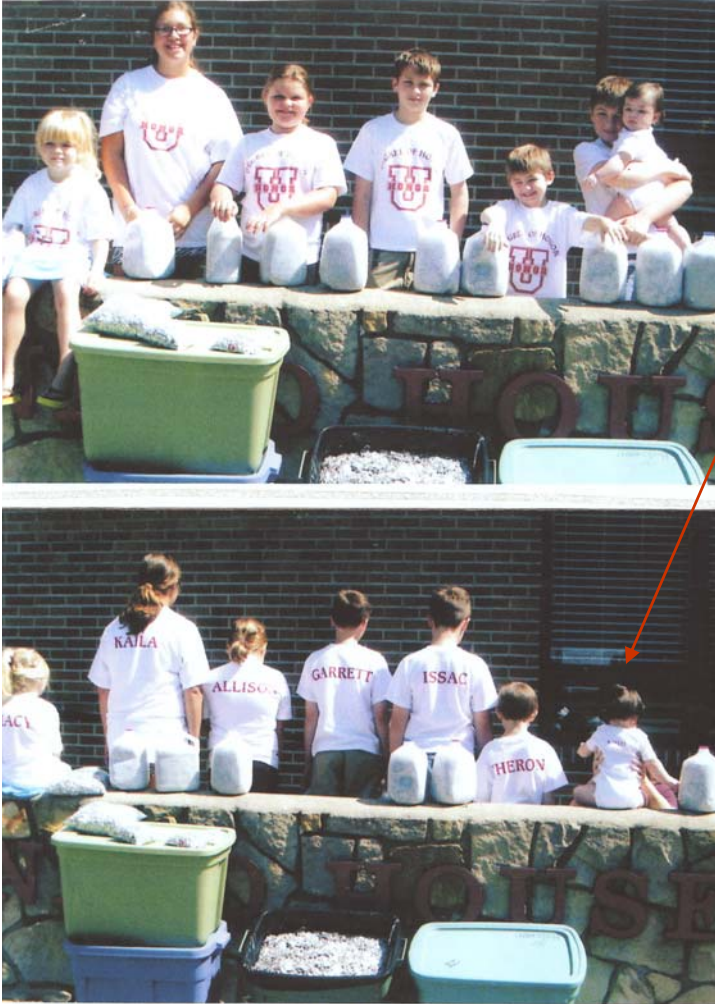


Local Charities

Looking for ideas for local charities to support with Degree of Honor activities and events? Here are some of the local charities that our Lodges and Clubs have chosen in 2011:

Meals on Wheels
Local Community Centers
Humane Society
Local Nursing Homes
Senior Centers
Local Food Bank
Honor Guard

Youth Front and Center!



Beckley Youth members (West Virginia) contributed \$1800 worth of pop tabs to the Charleston, Ronald McDonald House, proudly wearing their Degree of Honor t-shirts—even a “onesie” shirt for their youngest member, Kaylee Ballard! The Register-Herald paper gave them special recognition with a “Thumbs Up” award.

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Thumbs up ... to Degree of Honor Protective Association Beckley Youth members for a pop tab collection drive.

The kids amassed \$1,800 in tabs for the Charleston Ronald McDonald House, a national organization that provides homes near medical facilities for seriously ill children and their families.



Did you know that family support, a caring neighborhood, a community that values youth, service to others, and positive adult role models are some of the key developmental assets that help young children grow up healthy, caring, and responsible?

(Source: Search Institute)

Crafty Ladies of Pennsylvania



Kim Songer, Mackenzie Griffiths, Sue Schepp, and Mary Beth Jones (not pictured) of Pennsylvania Middlesex Lodge made tray favors for a local personal care center owned by member Nancy Buzzard (right) to help residents celebrate the Fourth of July. They sure added sparkles to the day for many seniors!



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Reminders from the Home Office

As you look forward to your Christmas meetings and celebrations, please take some time to finish up and complete your Local and National Charity Project and fourth quarter event forms. **These are due by Dec 13, 2011.**

New procedures and forms will be coming out late in the year, so watch your mailboxes! We hope to make lodge and club business even easier in 2012.

If you need Degree of Honor aprons to wear at your events, or stickers to put on your donations, please notify Fran Lyon-Dugin at 651-228-7650 or flyon-dugin@degreeofhonor.com. Thank you for ALL you do in your communities in the name of Degree of Honor.