

Friends of WomenSafe

December 2007 Newsletter

President's Report

As 2007 draws to a close and Friends of WomenSafe concludes our 10th month of existence, it seems appropriate to review our accomplishments. In just ten months we have signed 26 members; netted \$24,150 from 4 events; raised \$776 from new member fees; and presented \$18,000 to WomenSafe. In July, at the request of Renee Petro, we made a \$20,000 pledge to sponsor the Resource Library in the Green House. (To date, we have paid \$ 14,000 against that pledge.) At the cusp of the New Year we are in the planning stages of four events for 2008, while actively looking for new ideas for special events. What a fantastic beginning for our new organization! I want to say a special thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to help make this dream a reality, and offer congratulations on a job well done!



Raffle Chair, Nancy Zamrzla starts the 2007 raffle at the Maple Festival.

2007 Quilt Raffle

Our most successful fundraiser began with the donation of a lovely quilt from the Chagrin Valley Quilters. Chair of the Quilt Committee Nancy Zamrzla took this quilt to 34 events through the year that generated \$12,282 in raffle ticket sales. We owe a big **Thank-You** to these people who manned the quilt booth all year: Jane Burt, Cathy Cole, Barb Colin, Larry Colin, Linda Collins, Taffy Eberschlag, Rhonda Fiehler, Tony Fredericks, Peg Gaggini, Myriam Gilson, Kim Gregory, Marilyn Harman, Deb Ing, Marge Janki, Cheryl Kaba, Penny Kirby, Deborah Kowal, Carol Lee, Lisa McNish, Gayle Nemeth, Renee Petro, Andrea Pollock, Diane Robinson, Laura Rozek, Valerie Rozik, Mac Sauer, Sue Schmidt, Rachel Schwartz, Claire Simms, Theresa Smalley, Sue Smith, Robin Steinbeck, Rachel Swartz, Nancy Temple, Donna Williams, Roger Willis, Jerry Zamrzla, & Nancy Zamrzla. Please contact Nancy Zamrzla if you are willing to be part of the Raffle Committee for 2008! nanzam@alltel.net or #440-285-2285.

2007 Luncheon

May 9, 2007 was the date of the year spring luncheon. 156 guests enjoyed a slide show and talk by local attorney, photographer and world traveler Paul Newman. The committee consisted of Jane Burt, Melissa Dahlhausen, Peg Gaggini, Marge Janki, Mac Sauer, Nancy Zamrzla and co-chairs Sheila Heller and Nancy Temple. The event netted \$7,99.61.



Luncheon Co-Chairs Nancy Temple & Sheila Heller drawing the door prize winners.



Peg Gaggini's beautiful display of Chinese Auction Items.



5/9/07 Luncheon Chinese Auction Items

2007 Christmas Tea

November 25th was the first Christmas Tea. Held at St. Mary's Banquet Room it featured various Artisan's, holiday music, individually decorated Christmas Tree centerpieces, a small holiday themed Chinese Auction, tea sandwiches and sweets. We had 56 guests, netted \$1,840 and came away with many ideas to improve the tea next year. If you're interested in serving on the Tea Committee contact Nancy Temple at #440-564-1009 or gtemple@windstream.net.



Seashore Tree created by Jane Burt

2007 Theater Party

Thanks again to the generosity of Ed Babcock and Junction Auto Sales, Friend of WomenSafe was able to host a theater party on December 16th at the Chagrin Valley Little Theater for a performance of "HONK!". Despite a ferocious snowstorm that kept nearly 1/3 of our guests away, we were able to net \$2,365.14. The committee for this event was made up of Marilyn

Burns, Rhonda Fiehler, Gina Holk, Gayle Nemeth, Debbie Reiter & Nancy Temple. We served 77 dozen delicious home-made cookies, coffee & hot chocolate to about 95 guests. We conducted a Chinese Auction, 50/50 Raffle and had author Alyson Denny selling and autographing copies of her new book "The Killian Star". Alyson donated \$3 from the sale of each book to Friends of WomenSafe. The Chagrin Valley Little Theater is issuing passes for the people who had pre-paid their tickets but had to miss the show due to the weather. A kindness we had not anticipated, but truly appreciate.



WomenSafe Volunteer Recognition Award

At the WomenSafe Annual Board Meeting Renee Petro honored Nancy Zamrzla for her outstanding success with the quilt raffle this year. Renee told the audience how much the staff appreciates Nancy's quiet determination and willingness to help wherever and whenever that help is needed. As an added surprise Nancy's husband Jerry was on hand to see Nancy receive her plaque. Last spring WomenSafe also honored Nancy as a United Way

Spotlight Volunteer. Both honors very well deserved! Congratulations, Nancy!!



Renee Petro and Nancy Zamrzla at the WomenSafe Annual Board Meeting in the Green House.

Coming Events:

The spring luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7th, 2008, at St. Mary's Banquet Hall in Chardon. Sheriff Dan McClellan is our featured speaker and will talk about personal identity theft protection. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Nancy Temple at #440-564-1009 or gtemple@windstream.net

Nancy Zamrzla is looking for raffle committee members. The raffle this year will feature a \$1,000 Shopping Spree, among other items. If you are able to serve on this committee, or are just able to man the booth at an event, please contact Nancy at #440-285-2285 or nanzam@alltel.net.

Peg Gaggini is planning a fashion show. The committee will decide details of the fashion show. If you are interested in joining this committee call Peg at #440-286-4468 or pgaggini1@windstream.net.