

UNIT NEWS

Kitchen Unit Update by Roy Mayhew

History is in the making. I am writing for the Kitchen Unit. Denis Boucher is greatly appreciated since finding the part to the hose. (There's only one hose in the Kitchen). The Unit did two Breakfast's for the Boss recently. They will do the TEP Employers Dinner next Tuesday. Our Unit is serving great food, but is over budget. That should get some of you hungry goblins away from your TV and over here where you belong.

Communications Unit Synopsis by Yasumasa Bray

I presently solicit tickets from various organizations for the Club members who enjoy being out doing activities. All this is a part of the Communications Unit. Jon Paulding, our leader, is an avid rock climber. He doses his Unit with the same energy and runs a tight ship. He is in the process of training Jon Adams to work on the Reach Out Program. Jon has good leadership and he is an outstanding support to the members. Thanks for having an interest in this article. And, on behalf of Alliance House: Keep on striving on; as well as not giving up when the going gets rough.

Member Services Report by Loren McGeehan

I would like to highlight some of the excellent work by some of the busy members in this Unit. Charles Moos has been cleaning the indoor area of the Clubhouse. Bruce Black has been shoveling snow and vacuuming. I have been running the snack bar in the mornings. Jerry Prickett has been helping to keep the cigarette butts picked up outside. Sandra Albertson has been keeping the Thrift Store in order. Chong Hansen has been filling in for Sandra when she isn't here. Carol Majers and John Adams have been running the Bank.

As you can see, the Unit is up and running. We would like to thank all of the members who have helped make this Unit run so efficiently. Until next month.

TEP Unit Update by Virginia O'Neil

Virginia: Are you a native Utahan. Marjean: Yes, I'm from Southern Utah; Cedar City. Virginia: Where did you go to school. Marjean: Cedar City High and Southern Utah University. Virginia: Do you have any brothers and sisters? Marjean: Yes, twelve altogether; five brothers and six sisters. Virginia: How do you get along with them, and do you keep in touch? Marjean: Good. We have a tight knit family. I have one brother in

Kentucky and I call him frequently. All the rest live in Utah. Virginia: How do you manage the stress of juggling work and home and children? Marjean: I rest and take baths. Right now I'm learning Racquet Ball. Virginia: What do you like most about your job? Marjean: Being able to work with people. I would hate being shoved in an office by myself. Virginia: What do you dislike most about your job? Marjean: Having to leave my son at day care. He's eighteen months old. His name is Cason. It takes him a while to adjust. He screams when I leave him. It hurts. Virginia: What are your plans for the future? Marjean: I would like to go back to school and get my Masters in Social Work. I'd also like to buy a big boat and go water skiing all summer. Virginia: Where do you want to go to school to get your Masters? Marjean: I haven't decided yet. The University of Utah is a possibility, but I don't want to limit it to just that school. Virginia: What would you like to see in the future for Alliance House. Marjean: TEP jobs coming in and actually having to turn them down. I'd like to pick and choose from a wide variety of quality jobs.

MEMBER COMMENTS

General Update
by John L. Adams

Hey! Members; listen up. Quite a few things to report. Our TEP's are moving along very nicely. We are really jumping on the band wagon. Keep up the good work. Oh, along with our TEP's, Vocational Rehabilitation Project also is rolling along. Eighteen members have been placed with counselors. We feel it's just fantastic.

Guess what? We can expect some new changes in the near future. Architect Louis Aldrich has submitted plans for a patio out front. You may have noticed the poster on the walls. Check it out. These plans are going to make Alliance House the best.

Members, we have been busy lately with catering projects. Our goal is to raise money so we can send a few members to Worcester, Massachusetts for the International Club House Seminar. So, let's get behind the staff and volunteer for these catering projects.

Recently Valley Mental Health announced that they received a donation of \$500,000 for a new housing complex for people with mental illness. The great news is that Alliance House Club members will benefit from this by residing in these Units.

That's all for now, members. Let's continue to work together to make our Club what we want it to be.

TEP Update
by Irene Bushnell

Sandra Albertson and Alice Johnson have been working at Country Crisp since October, 1992. I just started at Pykettes in 1993. Evalynne Grundvig is at Valley Mental Health. She's been working at this TEP since October, 1992. and at NPS, Margaret Bonilla and Neil Gatton have been working since August, 1992. Ted Nielsen is the backup for this position and has been since it was opened in August, 1992.

By forming a TEP team we can develop new TEP jobs together. We can help you get a TEP. Anyone interested should come to TEP Unit Meeting on Wednesday morning. We can also call employers to see how things are going with our TEP. We send out thank you notes to let them know we are interested.

We have a Magic Marker Board where independent job announcements are kept. We also have a Bulletin Board where job placements in the community are available to members.

Past members (or current active ones, who have part-time jobs) who work in the community at Independent jobs are:
Neil Gatton at the "1805 Apartments" doing maintenance and general up-keep. Connie Bell works for Valley Mental Health as a Case Aide. She is also coming in to learn the WordPerfect 5.1 Tutorial. Dave Callister has a job at Callister Westernwear. Gerri Goff landed a part-time job at Pizza Hut. Kip Epperson is employed at Hardee's Restaurant. Trent Larson works at the Shed Restaurant. Kathleen Howard works at the Catholic Center. And, Dennis Potter works for Interim Personnel Clerical.

Thanks to all the staff for what they do for us. They really care. Thanks, Mark - Marjean - Jon - Laurie.

Interview with Jon Paulding
by Marc Iverson

Question: Are there any upcoming changes planned for the Communications Unit? Answer: Yes, there are potentially quite a number of changes. One is that we have recently purchased a video recorder where we would like to make a Unit job of making a daily news broadcast. We would, perhaps, broadcast the 9:30 am members meeting so that members who come in the afternoon could see it after lunch and find out special events and announcements that are pertinent to the Clubhouse. Also, beginning public speaking skills could be developed. Also, we could use the video recorder for some mock interviews for the TEP unit. We would also like to videotape TEP positions and put together a tape so that members interested in working on a TEP could look at the tape to see what the job looks like, the surroundings, the employer, and so forth. Also, we are hopefully, going to be approved in a capital expense budget for another brand new computer, which is sorely needed in our Unit. This computer would have increased memory and more programs for the new year.
Question: Is it known what type of computer might be obtained?
Answer: No. It depends on whether we order it at discount

through Valley Mental Health. If we do, it will be an IBM compatible. If we do it on our own and we have enough money, maybe we'd like to get a MacIntosh Computer to round out our computer selection in this Unit. Question: That sounds exciting. Where have you lived most of your life? Answer: Boston, Mass., which is in New England (2,200 miles from Utah, and very different. Question: Tell me about a significant thing that has happened in your life. Answer: I recently got engaged.

That's a very significant thing; perhaps, the most significant thing that's ever happened to me, besides being born. Last Question: Sum up your experience at Alliance House. Answer: My experience here has been excellent. Alliance House focuses on members' wellness, not their illness. It focuses on human beings needing basic things like feeling respected, feeling integrated in the community, having the opportunity to work and be productive and to support each other as peers. Alliance House has been a wonderful place to work. I've enjoyed the members and I've enjoyed the staff. I'm very happy that I'm here.

An Interview with
Marjean Wood
by Marc Iverson

Marjean has lived in Cedar City, Utah, most of her life. One significant thing that has happened in her life is the birth of her son, Cason. Her most hated vegetable is parsnips. Her grandmother used to bring them to her home. She used to throw them away, but then she'd bring more. Usually, though, she likes vegetables. Marjean enjoys her time at Alliance House. A.H. gives her a meaningful place to be, with meaningful work. It gives her the opportunity to work with wonderful people.