

# Alliance House Newsletter

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## UNIT NEWS

### Housing Unit News

by Irene McDonald

As usual for lately, our work project on the "1805" Apartments was cancelled due to the bad weather. We heard John Collins has been praying for rain each time we have a day planned. Good work, John! We held the Housing Meeting on May 4th. Jay, John & Irene, Wendy, Mike, and John C. were all there. We discussed our problems; also, planned a new date for clean-up at the apartments. John Collins -- no praying for rain this time. Margaret Currin has been helping us with our unit. We paid the rents and made out bills.

We all wish Korric and Mounir the best with a new, sweet daughter. We miss and love you.

John and I went to see the new apartments. They are looking good.

## Member Services Update

by SUE HANSON

*Thrift Store/Snack Bar - What a month it was for us. We are generating a nice profit in both areas. This really pleases me, because it will allow us to put dollars toward sending members to the 8JS, right here in S.L.C. Thanks, again, to all those members who have been helping out this week while I've been out training our new JEPers at Hogle Zoo. Your commitment to the clubhouse has been felt.*

*Horticulture - Once, again, the weather has kept us from planting our garden, but we are ready. We had some wonderful donations of vegetables and herbs, so let's see lots of sunshine coming our way. Next Monday, we will be planting flowers in the barrels outside of the building. Please come join us.*

*Around the House - Member services is proud to announce that a recycling program has been started.*

*Please notice that in all units, small boxes to recycle many kinds of paper, have been placed. Once these boxes are filled, we have two large canisters on the west side of the house where you can recycle the paper. The other one is for plastics. In our parking lot area, we have a canister for aluminum. Let's all work hard to make this program work.*

### *TEP Unit Synopsis*

*by Marjean Wood*

The unit has been busy reporting new people going on Zoo placement. We have been arranging employers for people, when the Zoo placement ends, so that we will keep up with TE's for the members. We have updated all the boards showing where the TE's are. In one area, we have the club placement board, and independent jobs on another board.

Our computer is down again, so we are busy getting that working again. We hope to be able to maintain all the files in the hard drive; if not, that will be hectic time for us. It seems that with all these experiences, we could learn to put information on disks.

Thanks to all the people who were busy in the unit this month. Irene McDonald ran the unit while I was out. Thanks to Mike

Taggart, John McDonald, Wendy Cloward, Preston Gilbert, Myrna Smith and Julie Price for helping this month. They got a lot of work done. REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR CHECK STUBS. Be a part of reporting the beginning or ending of a TE.

### **Kitchen Unit Report**

*by Ray Fernandez*

**We have had some people go on TE's to Hogle Zoo. Some of the kitchen people are also at Harmons. This has left us short-handed, and having to depend on members who aren't always in the kitchen. Everyone has been helping out and doing just fine. I'd like to thank Mary Marler, Lori Meek, Joyce Scott, Ken Podaki, Adele Brown and Carol Majers for their help in the unit this month. Some of the people who are now on TE's are: Nancy Nelson, Loren McGeehan, Joe Lindsey, John Adams and Ryan Leary. TE's improve skills, confidence and self-esteem; and, it all begins with membership at AH.**

### **TEP Dinner**

*by Michael Simms  
and Irene Leishman*

*On May 2nd, we held our weekly TEP Dinner, with chef Ray Fernandez, who prepared honey baked ham, potato, small salad and role. For dessert he prepared strawberry shortcake, and made sugar-free shortcake*

for diabetics. The servers this evening were Mike Taggart, Lorraine Dakan-Gilbert, Nancy Boucher, John McDonald and Stella Ann Parton. Margaret Currin was also present. We would like to thank Manuel and Martha Lopez for setting the tables so efficiently. We were happy to see Martha's smiling face again. Tonight's meeting was run by Emma Dent, who welcomed everyone to the meeting. Now for the TEP workers: WENDY CLOWARD is working for Redrock Brewery. Wendy enjoys her job very much. JOHN MC DONALD has been at STS for four months. STELLA ANN PARTON works at Body Talk, where even her supervisor has made great comments about her excellent job. Stella knows her customers and they know her by name. KELLEY STONE will transfer to the stroller department at Hogle Zoo. He will also learn to run the cash register. RYAN LEARY will be working at Hogle Zoo this Thursday. JULIE PRICE works at Redrock Brewery, counting the income and making deposits. EMMA DENT works at Administration doing data entry. Emma was sick last week and returned this week to work for a couple of days. They celebrated their boss' 59th birthday at the office. Emma mentioned that it's a nice place to work. NOW FOR THE INDEPENDENT WORKERS: KENT PALMER works at Welfare Square and has been there since December. PRESTON GILBERT has been at Albertsons, where he's now off probation, because he's worked three months. LORRAINE DAKAN-GILBERT works at DWA doing telemarketing. There have been many good changes since she's been back, with a more business-like atmosphere. She worked two and one-half hours before TEP Dinner, and will go back to her job after dinner for two more hours. GARY ADKINS is employed by Valley Services, where he works at all the Valley Mental Health Units. He does various jobs like cleaning windows, carpets and washing down walls. In the summer, he mows lawns and does yard work. In

the winter, he shovels snow. He enjoys working with his co-workers. He's been working since July 14, 1994. His lifestyle has changed because of the extra income he's getting, while still on SSI. For example, he's cooking more gourmet meals, and going out to expensive restaurants.

Margaret Currin would like to thank all who helped in any way in making this TEP Dinner a success. Hope to see all you next week.

## CLUBHOUSE NEWS

After Hours  
by Irene McDonald

**Preston, Lorraine, Jay, Julie, Irene, Margaret Currin and Jon went on a van ride out to Margaret and Scott Archibald's wedding reception. It was beautiful. Margaret wore her wedding dress and Scott was in a black and white tuxedo. Refreshments were served. We had a great time. We wish Scott and Margaret a great life together.**

