



BOARD CONNECTOR November 4, 2008

NEWSLETTER TO THE BOARD/MEMBERSHIP

Keeping our Stakeholders Informed

Semi Annual Meeting Date Set for November 21st, 2008

The Semi Annual Meeting Luncheon for the Membership has been set for December 2nd, from 12pm-1:30 at EMH, 630 E. River Rd. The Board Governance Committee has requested that the Board invite a prospective stakeholder to this meeting to help us build our membership for the future. If you have an interested person you would like to invite, please call Paul at 440-277-7602 to register. Time will be devoted to mission and vision for the next three years as well as interacting with prospective stakeholders. Please RSVP by Wednesday November 19, for space and lunch count purposes.

12th Annual Steak Fry Huge Success!

If you were at De Luca's Place in the Park on October 10th for the annual Steak Fry, chances are you enjoyed the new indoor venue as well as the steak. More than 500 people came out to support the Free Clinic's 12th Annual Benefit. Prizes and raffles netted \$3,000. Net total raised this year was over \$23,000. Thanks to all who supported the steak fry and Golf Benefit this year! Special thanks to the Planning Committee for all their hard work and preparation: Maureen Shannon, Lois Wulhoop, Mike Pasadyn.

PAUL'S TRAVELS

This fall has been rather busy with meetings and projects the Free Clinic is involved with either locally or in the State. Locally of course, the Free Clinic still is busy working with several grass roots level initiatives, namely the Uninsured Coalition of Lorain County, and the Medical Homes Initiative known as HealthCare Lorain

County. The Uninsured Coalition recently received news of a grant for \$20,000 providing continued support for the Erie County based Drug Repository. The Drug Repository accepts drugs from Nursing Home Facilities/Drug Suppliers and in turn donates the unused or returned drugs to the Repository. Low income or uninsured people can receive their medications via mail order for a nominal fee.

October 12-14, the Ohio Free Clinic Association held its annual meeting and conference in Columbus. Throughout the state of Ohio as of October, there are now 41 known Free Clinics.

On October 28th, the National Association of Free Clinics held its annual summit in Providence, Rhode Island. More than 400 people attended, sharing similar plights and successes across the healthcare spectrum. Gov. Mike Dukakis from Mass. addressed the group about healthcare in Mass.

I returned with a lot of good info on software and electronic health information and data collection. It was also interesting to note that many communities throughout the country are engaged in local community dialogues, like Healthcare Lorain County here.

Yesterday, November 3rd, met with Cleveland Clinic Administrator Al Kelly to discuss community opportunities and roles in the community. Thought it was good first step in enhancing our relationship. More to follow....

OTHER NEWS

Received word the Nord Family Foundation funded our grant request in full-- \$80,000. 30,000 for General Operating, \$25,000 Drugs, and \$25,000 challenge match on all new donations. This too is for General Support. Annual Holiday Appeal will go out soon.

NEXT Board of Trustees meeting: November 20, 2008 at 8:15 at the Health Department