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Hernando Library Helps PHP

Chili Cook-Off is Feb 17th



The Hernando County Public Library had a concert featuring *Hungrytown* on January 20 supporting PHP and the Humane Society. The concert featured a folk group from Vermont that performs at public libraries all over the country and world. The public was invited to enjoy the concert for free with a bag of groceries for PHP or dog food for the Humane Society.

There is still time to be a sponsor, a contestant, a vendor or a volunteer to help with the 3rd annual Chili Cook-Off at the Lake House in Spring Hill. This year, JoAnne Boggus again is leading the committee to plan for another successful event. If you want to participate in any way, call 352-686-4466 to find out what you can do. If you plan to be a contestant, call soon as there is only room for 30 participants. The Chili Cook-Off is not only a fun and affordable event, but an opportunity to sample many kinds of chili made by local cooks.

Hernando County Greek Fest



On January 26, 27 and 28, the Greek Festival begins at the Fairgrounds in Brooksville. The three day event this year includes a Toga Run that will benefit PHP. The run will partake at Anderson Snow park with Ultimate TOGA after party at the Greek Food & Music Festival at the Hernando County Fairgrounds. Every racer receives a race bib, TOGA (first 100 registered racers), GOLD finishers medal and FREE admission into the Greek Festival! Don't miss out on the fun, register today and reserve your FREE TOGA! For details and registration visit www.TOGArunUSA.com.

PHP marches in MLK Parade



Kass Circle Redevelopment

The Kass Circle Community Redevelopment Area plan seeks to take the vision of the community residents, not for profit agency partners, and local businesses and make it into a reality. This involves creating a targeted implementation and financial plan that addresses the community's greatest needs. Since PHP's new offices will be on Kass Circle, several PHP volunteers are involved with the redevelopment effort.

On January 15, Theo Batchelder, Barbara Nassar, Paul Venti, Mary Adams, Clarence Crawford, Ellen Frank and Doug Brainard, all PHP board members, marched in the MLK Parade. Marchers gave out apples and information about PHP to spectators along the parade route. What started out as a cold day, became a beautiful day by the time the parade ended in downtown Brooksville.

Homeless Count-in-Time

January 23 was the 2018 Point in Time count date of the homeless in Citrus, Hernando, Lake and Sumter Counties. Several PHP volunteers spent the afternoon working on the project to count homeless individuals in Hernando County. Staff from Mid Florida Homeless Coalition, as well as dozens of volunteers throughout the four counties traveled around to all encampments, and other known areas where the homeless congregate in to complete the Count that is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The one-time-a-year count attempts to locate all the homeless people in each county in Florida.

Construction Update



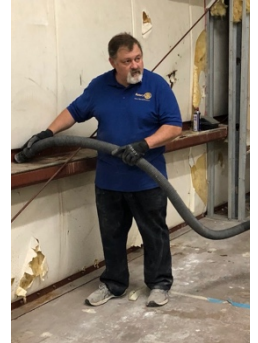
The Hernando County building department just inspected the rough plumbing and the grease-trap (pix: Paul Venti helping install) at PHP's Community Resource Center at 1396 Kass Circle. Now concrete can be poured in the trenches that were dug to install the underground pipes. Soon wall partitions and a firewall will be put in place.

Board of Director Changes

PHP is pleased to announce Clarence Crawford and Barbara Nasser as new Board of Director members. JoAnne Boggus, a charter member of PHP, will be stepping down as a board member, but intends to continue volunteering for the organization.

National Day of Service

Volunteers primarily from three Rotary Clubs in Hernando County worked on January 15 moving equipment and preparing the building for the next phase of construction. Pictured below are Maureen Soliman, Linda Weiner, Anna Oliveria, Alex Harding, Mike Prescott, John Dougherty, Jim Tremmel, and Clarence Crawford.



A Giant Thank You to PHP's January 2018 Sunday Blessings Meal Sponsors



Hernando County Professional Firefighters

