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Food for Thought

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WUMCO in Poolesville

Time to Party in Poolesville!

This Fall there will be two fun ways to support WUMCO in Poolesville. The first of these is to visit our booth on Poolesville Day, 9/20, and purchase raffle tickets. To be raffled off this year: 1) a Kindle Paper White (donated by Covanta) and 2) a Queen size Hand Made Comforter (pictured here, donated by Truth and Hope Outreach).

The second, fabulously fun, way to support WUMCO this fall is to attend and participate in the 5th Annual WUMCO Walk and Fall Festival! This year is going to be the biggest and best yet. We have some exciting changes and additions to the event this year.

First of all, the cost to participate in the walk has been reduced: \$10 for youth, which includes a festival wristband; \$15 for adults; and \$40 per family. There will also be information points along the route where you will be able to learn more about WUMCO.



This beautiful quilt is one of the two items available to be won in our Poolesville Day Raffle.

Another big change this year is that we will have some live music during the second half of the day. Our featured artist will be local favorite, "Smoke N' Mangoes". This band is full of local talent and they have graciously agreed to fit this performance into their busy schedule. We will still have D.J. Val from noon (cont'd, pg 2)

WUMCO SERVES

A Time of Need.....

You never imagined yourself needing help. You have always worked hard, saved a little, paid your bills on time. Then, you lose your job. You can only find part time work, so your income is less than what it was when you rented your house and signed the note on your car. Your spouse is still working, so you are able to get by, but are no longer saving money. Things are tight, but you are managing fine.

Then, your spouse becomes terminally ill. He continues working part time when he is able, but your income is now less than what you need to pay the bills. Still, you make some adjustments, you start to dip into your savings, hoping to make the money last. Eventually, your spouse becomes too (cont'd, pg 3)

Volunteer Spotlight

Our volunteer spotlight this month is not on just one volunteer, but a group of them. These are our WUMCO drivers. Each person in this group of caring and generous people gives up some of their time and energy to help serve our clients. We actually now have two sets of drivers at WUMCO.

The first set is the list of drivers we call when a client has a transportation need. This group transports clients to doctor or social services appointments. Often, our drivers accompany clients into the office and help those who need assistance with forms. They talk to and get to know the clients as individuals, providing a personal touch that is really appreciated. Drivers are available at different times and on different days of the week to help with client transportation. For this reason, we are always looking for new drivers to join this group of volunteers!

Our second set of drivers are those who take turns picking up donated food from the Poolesville drop off locations and bringing it to the WUMCO food bank. They then weigh the food and it gets logged in. With the increased need that we have seen recently, and the increased donations being dropped in the box in front of Dr. Pike's office, this has proven to be a huge help to us.

We really appreciate all our volunteer drivers and truly appreciate the time and energy they spend supporting us and our clients! THANK YOU!!!

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to 2:00 PM, spinning the tunes and MC-ing our contests.

Speaking of contests, we are adding a fun one this year that we hope will become a new tradition. As the weather grows cooler, many folks start to think about ways to keep warm over the winter. For some, this may include growing some facial hair. So, we have decided to hold a best beard or mustache contest. Contestants will be judged at 12:45, on the stage. Just think of it as getting an early start on No Shave November!

A few more new activities are also in the works, including the Montgomery County Fire Safety House, Basketball shoot out, Apple eating races, pie throwing, dime toss and more!! Of course, we will still have all the other traditional activities for both children and adults: Scarecrow stuffing, Pumpkin painting, costume contests (for kids and dogs), Calleva Rock Wall, Basket Auction, face painting, and some fall themed games. On top of all this, the commons will be decorated with Scarecrows from the community wide contest. Don't miss this Fun Family Fundraiser for WUMCO!!



The winning entry in the 2013 Community Scarecrow Contest, Family Division: Edgar Allan Crow

Community Scarecrows

For the second year, there will be a Community Scarecrow Contest as a part of the Fall Festival. The Scarecrows will be on display on Whalen Commons for most of the month of October. Entry is free and everyone agrees that it is a ton of fun!! To learn more, or to register an entry, visit the WUMCO website and click on the WUMCO Walk and Fall Festival link in the orange box on the home page. Then come to the Festival to vote for your favorite!!!

Fundraisers Bear Fruit

Many thanks to The Blue Hearth and Bassett's Restaurant!

These two wonderful local businesses held fundraisers for WUMCO recently. They each donated a portion of their proceeds from a specified day or days to WUMCO.

In July, The Blue Hearth donated between 10 and 20 percent of each purchase to WUMCO. The Blue Hearth is a charming shop full of beautiful recovered and re-purposed furniture, dishes, knick-knacks and pieces of art. They also host a variety of classes for those interested in some do-it-yourself creativity. The July fundraiser at "Blue" raised over \$600 for WUMCO.

In August, the fine folks at Bassett's Restaurant donated 10 percent of the proceeds from food purchases for a whole day. Many of our supporters showed up to eat and we were told that it was one of the largest crowds that they have had show up for a fundraiser. Thanks to those wonderful patrons, they raised over \$400 for us.

We know that you have many organizations asking for your money. It is not always possible to write a check, even to those you really wish to support. We hope that by working with local businesses to hold fundraisers such as these, we will give you a chance to help WUMCO while doing something you are already doing, like shopping or eating out. We thank you for your support!!

Time of Need (from p.1)

ill to work. Your savings are gone. You are unable to even try to get a full time job anymore, as you now have to take care of your spouse as well as the kids. You are in a personal and financial crisis.

This happens. People who never dream they will need assistance, do. Hard working families can easily fall into financial crisis. It really can happen to anyone. We are here to help folks get back on their feet. This is why WUMCO exists.

Winter Holidays? In October?

I know, it's only September. Too early to be thinking about the holidays. Not for the folks at Poolesville Elementary! They are not only thinking about the holidays, they are thinking about WUMCO as well. They will be holding their book fair starting 10/13 and running through 10/20. The sale is open to the public. This year they will be holding a book drive during the sale. You will be able to buy a book and direct it to be donated to WUMCO. We will include the books in our distribution of toys during the December holiday season. *Many thanks to the good folks at PES!!*



WUMCO's Executive Director Emeritus, Jane Stearns, enjoyed lunch at Bassett's during the August fundraiser.

How Can You Help?

Ever wonder how you can help WUMCO?
Here's the 411:

- Donate (\$): Visit our Web Site to donate with Pay Pal or mail a check to: PO Box 247, Poolesville, MD 20837.
- Donate food: Unexpired, non perishable food items are always needed. Items may be dropped off at one of the donation sites in Poolesville: Crafts-a-Plenty or Town Hall.
- Volunteer...
- 1) ...to drive.
- 2) ...to hold a food drive.
- 3) ...to work at a WUMCO fundraising event.
- Call the office for more information @ 301-972-8481.

Don't forget to come to the WUMCO Walk and Fall Festival and vote for your favorite scarecrow in person! You can even vote twice: once on-line and once at the Festival!! There will be a separate prize awarded for the "Best of the Fest." So come out on October 25th and vote!!

Jane's Jubilee

We would like to thank the following special **donors** and **volunteers** from the third quarter of 2014:

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| Charles and Doris Auer | Bassett's Restaurant | The Blue Hearth |
| Boyd's Presbyterian Church | Joe & Linda Butt | Vicki Capone |
| Bill & Joan Carroll | Cherry Barr & William Price | Crafts-A Plenty |
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| Sophie Janet | Lisa Jennings | Lori Kocur |
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All those who ...shop on Amazon Smile and name WUMCO as their beneficiary.

...volunteer with their organizations for the benefit of WUMCO.

...have contributed food anonymously through their church or at one of our drop off sites.

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THANK YOU!

About this Newsletter

This newsletter was created to let our supporters know about what is going on at WUMCO and provide information we think you may find useful. If you are receiving this newsletter by email, it is because you requested it when voting for a scarecrow during the contest leading up to the 2013 WUMCO Walk and Fall Festival, or you may have later requested to be added to the list. If, at any time, you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, email us and we will remove you from the distribution list.