

IHOC Monthly News

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MENTOR NIGHT

is February 7th we will have dinner at 6:00 pm. We hope you can join us! RSVP Tom Martin
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Quote:

The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well."

Baron Pierre de Coubertin
Founder of the modern Olympic Games in 1896



MALL WALK NEWS

The 2018 Mall Walk Needs YOUR Help!!!!

This year's Mall Walk is quickly approaching on February 25, 2018 at the Voorhees Town Center with registration starting at 1:30 PM.

We **NEED** a person who enjoys taking photos, and we need 350 plastic bags for our goodies. While we have some goodies, we could always use more including: more stuffed animals (150), granola bars (350), hand sanitizers (350), and key chains (350), and anything else that you might have.



St. Michael's Fund-raising Challenge

This year, St. Michael's Youth Group of Cherry Hill has promised to raise over \$2,000 for IHOC's 2018 Mall Walk. For the past four years, St. Michael's has issued a challenge for any other group to raise more than \$2,000. Some groups have come close—but St. Michael's has raised the most. Will 2018 be the year that another group will raise more than \$2,000 and surpass the St. Michael's challenge? Let's see what happens at the Mall Walk on February 25th.



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Mall Walk Update

The news is awesome!!!

Thanks to 43 sponsors, IHOC's 12th Annual Mall Walk has raised over \$10,000!!! We are doing really well and racing towards our goal of \$30,000. This year's event will have a number of special features including the Barbizon Pageant winners, more face painters, Selfies, a Stilt Walker, and an Action Artist. There will be two radio stations, MORE-FM and WXTU, along with the enthusiastic sounds of the Passageway Band with students from Eastern High School. Plus, Franklin the 76ers mascot will be there to start the Walk and enjoy the fun for the Mall Walk on Sunday, February 25, 2018 with registration at 1:30 PM at the Voorhees Town Center (formerly the Echelon Mall). See you there!!!



Ruth Morgenroth, Executive Director and Rick Fumo, Board President (for Life) being sworn in at the Annual Meeting on January 23rd.
Our 28th Annual Meeting!



Rob Moore a 2016 IHOC grad and former House Manager is ...ENGAGED !! Congratulations to Rob and to his beautiful fiancé Faith. Rob is managing a 5 Guys Restaurant and hiring IHOC guys to work for him. No date has been set. We will keep you posted.



Here is a picture by Scrapbook Mike. He is a crazy sports fan who combines his passion for sports with some crazy artistic skills. He is always accepting sports magazines. Please stop out, see, and meet the guys.



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IHOC NETWORK NEWS

Oaklyn Baptist Church

Hi Everyone,

In an effort to help prepare the upcoming congregations and to keep the congregations in the loop if they already had the men, I'm sending out updates from time to time.

The men left Oaklyn Baptist on 1/14/18 to go to St. Mary's in Cherry Hill. There are currently 10 men in the program. Tuesday, January 16th, the men were off Black-out and able to start working — they also get their phones back.

While at Oaklyn Baptist we went to Chick Fil A, enjoyed playing games (Backgammon and Scrabble are big hits), went to see Star Wars and had a football party. A few of the men also really enjoyed working on puzzles, we had a table with a 1,000 piece puzzle on it that everyone would work on.

When the men are at your place of worship please send me updates on what you have been doing and pictures for the end of year slide show! The more photos the better! My cell is 856.261.6749 if you want to text the photos to me! The photos will be in the slide show at **Graduation on May 19th**.

Here is an update on the men:

- Ty-New to the program. Currently not working, does construction on historic wrap-around porches in Haddonfield
- David-Working in Camden at a place where they clean oil drums (did you know Howard from last year, he is David's cousin?)
- Mike #1-Works where David does.
- Mike #2-Got a job at 5 guys where Rob Moore works.
- Mike #3-Got a job as a cabinet maker in Pennsauken, started 1/22
- Milton-Goes to Rutgers Program
- JJ-Working on getting his CDL again, goes to Rutgers Program
- Little Bill-Goes to Rutgers Program
- Big Bill-Goes to Unity Program
- Bryan-Works where David & Mike #1 works.

If you didn't know - IHOC has a great, up to date website and Facebook page - check them out if you haven't already!

Cara Gaehring, IHOC Board Member
Oaklyn Baptist Church

Our Thanks to St. Marks Lutheran Church, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Emmanuel Methodist, Haddon Twp. and Audubon Methodist for all their help.

And Thank you also to Oaklyn Baptist for their help: Jeanette Mounce, Debbie Clark, Kathy Mallison and Peggy Bello

The Catholic Church of St. Mary

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

The 10 men currently in the Network program recently completed a two-week stay at the Catholic Church of St. Mary in Cherry Hill. Sincere thanks go out to the many St. Mary's parishioners, assisted by parishioners of Christ Our Light Parish in Cherry Hill, who helped to make this 26th year at St. Mary's a blessed experience for all - guys and staff alike. Special thanks to Coordinators Donna Esler, Chris Kaelin, Kim Linden, Kathy Miraglia, Pat Mullin, Bill Schulze, and Leo and Midge Winkel.

Bill Schulze

NETWORK SITES 2017 - 2018	
January 28 - February 11	Grace Episcopal - Haddonfield
February 11 – February 25	Haddonfield United Methodist Church
February 25 - March 11	First Baptist — Blackwood
March 11 – March 25	First Presbyterian — Collingswood
March 25 - April 8	First Baptist — Collingswood
April 8 – April 22	First UMC — Haddon Heights
April 22—May 6	St. Andrews — Cherry Hill
May 6 - May 19	Dambly House



Haddon Lake Park—at Fall



Audubon Park—Overlooking the Lake

Mission News by Bruce Krout-Audubon Methodist

I'm always surprised that many folks who grew up in Audubon don't know the difference between Audubon and Haddon Lakes. Haddon Lake has the popular walking and bike trail around its perimeter. Audubon Lake is on the northwestern side of the E. Lake Drive Bridge where it is quiet and seldom seen close up. Its quietness is great for wildlife watching, fishing, or for teens looking for seclusion and a high.

One of the recent IHOC (Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council) grads, who visited our church last January to promote this program, actually lived on the banks of Audubon Lake a couple of winter's ago. He bought a gym membership to use as a place to work out some, but he primarily used it as a place to shower each day. When we think of homeless, we often picture them under a bridge overpass in Camden or Philadelphia, not in our neighboring parks.

In 1991 a group of 12 area churches in Camden County decided to create the IHOC program to help out homeless men in our region because there was a lack of shelter options for men. The shelters available were unsafe and unpleasant environs. Each year IHOC helps out 9-12 homeless men for seven months from November to May. This highly structured program offers life-skill classes to teach budgeting, cooking, resume writing and job searching skills. There is also legal help available for those in need. Most of the homeless men have addiction issues that they are counseled about. There is drug testing for all participants throughout their stay to help them in their recovery.

The IHOC men stay for two weeks at one of the 12 churches in the group. Each weekday the participants are out the door by 6:30a.m. and return late afternoon. There are mandatory curfews for the participants. The home church is responsible to make dinner while the men are under their roof. Often these home churches reach out to other area churches to provide a dinner or ask for members to stay overnight to supervise the facility. You'll recall that a number of our church members provided a dinner last January.

Think about this. Rather than contributing to the guys at city intersections with cups in hand and hope that the donation doesn't go toward their next fix, please consider a donation to the well-organized and life changing IHOC program!

Short video clip of IHOC- <https://youtu.be/PxDefamTzLE>

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