



The Window Newsletter



"I like to walk and it's a good cause." says Mayor Allen

Kauffman regarding his involvement. His response was typical of the overall reaction to The Window's 2nd annual Goshen Crop Hunger Walk. Mayor Kauffman and over 100 others walked through beautiful Shanklin Park on May 5th raising over \$9,000. A fourth of the proceeds, \$2,250, will stay right here in Goshen to help those in our community.

The Window would like to thank Kroger, for donating all the water for participants, and Allen Peachy for sponsoring Lalo Cura, a local band who played during the walk.

Comparatively, last year, The Window raised \$10,000 with Church World Service, the organization responsible for the Crop Hunger Walk. Church World Services Regional Director John Dolon said "What a great turnout...and this is only your second year!" Hopefully, the Goshen Crop Hunger Walk will be a growing tradition.



On March 14th, haystacks were served and friendship was had. Over 300 people attended the Window's Semi-Annual Haystack Dinner. Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed the meal. With your patronage, we raised \$2,467.00! The Window would also like to thank Waterford Menonite Church for hosting the event.

Our next Haystack dinner will be in the fall. Details to be announced at a later date.



Our March First Friday raised \$333.00 while our April First Friday upped the ante, bringing in a whopping \$1,115.00. May First Friday kept the momentum going by bringing in \$395.00. Irene Gross, Chair of The Window Board, states, "We have some people who always come to our First Friday Meal. The food is good. It's quieter here than most restaurants, and the line is not as long." That's three reasons why it is the perfect place to grab a bite on a First Friday. But the best reason? Helping your fellow neighbors right here in Goshen.

This year, River Oaks Community Church sent 50 volunteers to The Window to help with Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive in Goshen. So far the tally is 9,624 lbs. and donations are still trickling in! Thank you Goshen citizens for helping your hungry neighbors. Last year, The Window received under 9,000 lbs.



Irene Gross, Chair of the Window, says that there were "too many bag buddies that some had to be called and told they weren't needed this year." When asked why there was an overwhelming response, Gross stated "One church

used it as *their* project, *their* special thing" The group itself has accountability to attend the event. In addition, volunteers who sign up together usually are friends and have a more enjoyable experience.

Check out our website for more pictures and exclusive videos about the event at www.thewindowofgoshen.squarespace.com.

The Window is hoping to secure solid groups for each event or fundraiser such as it has with First Fridays. If your church or business would like to have its own project, complete with a highlighted spot on our website and newsletter, please contact Ed Swartley at 574-533-9680 ext. 209.

66 volunteers attended the Window's 2013 Volunteer Banquet. Egg bakes and coffee cakes were served as volunteers mingled. Several people won door prizes including gift certificates to the Brew, Mattem's, and other businesses. The sponsor of the year was Dutch Maid Bakery for donating over 21,000 donuts. Pictured above is Executive Director Ed Swartley presenting the award to Marilee E. Nixon, the president of Dutch Maid Bakery. Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past and are presently. If you would like to volunteer, please call Nancy at 533-9680 ext. 210.



Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You



Our handicap accessible shower (pictured left) is finally completed! Vern Stutzman installed the entire bathroom free of charge. When asked why The Window needed this facility, Executive Director, Ed Swartley responded, "There is no other place in Goshen that has a free shower, and there are individuals who need it." Thank you to River

Oaks Community Church, Faith Mission, and Vern Stutzman for making a Window dream become a reality.

Evelyn Chiddister donated over \$6,000 to Meals on Wheels of Goshen. Faced with federal sequestration, The Window was uncertain if Meals on Wheels could continue to afford meal costs. However, with Mrs. Chiddister's generous donation, the wheels will continue to roll. Her daughter Diane told The Window a little bit about this remarkable woman:

Evelyn Chiddister came to Goshen with her husband, Dan, in 1946, one of many young couples who moved to Goshen after the war and stayed the rest of their lives. Originally from the tiny burg of Silver Lake, Ind., Evelyn met Dan at Indiana University, where he was a big man on campus (she loved to say this!) and she was the Chi Omega in the long grey coat who (sic) he wanted to meet. Dan was the love of her life, and they raised their two children, Dan and Diane, in Goshen, where Dan had opened his own business as a CPA.

An English and history major in college, Evelyn taught high school one year after she graduated, and spent the rest of her life as an at-home wife and mother, devoted to her family. She loved playing golf and bridge, was a leader in the Camp Fire Girls when her daughter was young, and was active in Psi Iota Xi sorority and the Library Club, along with many other activities. She and Dan enjoyed many long-standing friendships with other couples who came to Goshen after the war, and their monthly Supper Club continued for more than 50 years.

After Dan's death, Evelyn lived alone for many years, and in her last decade, at the urging of her children who had concerns about her nutrition, began getting Meals on Wheels from The Window. She didn't feel quite comfortable getting meals for free, and later added to her will a donation to the organization that had helped her stay healthy into her late 80s. After she fell and broke a hip in 2007, Evelyn moved to Yellow Springs, Ohio, to be near her daughter, and later to Bloomington, to be near her son, but she never stopped missing Goshen and her beautiful red brick colonial home on West Lafayette Street.

A group of students from Goshen College had a wild idea; use business to change the world. Enactus is part of a larger organization with the same name. Enactus is "a community of student, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better more sustainable world." This was the first year for the Goshen College sector. Enactus member Danielle Klotz called The Window in hopes of starting a relationship to that end. Meals on Wheels Director Lisa Thompson was ecstatic about the possibility. Below is an excerpt from their award-winning

Program Spotlight:
Meals on Wheels



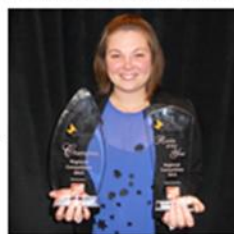
paper:

The Goshen College Enactus Group was established in late November of this school year and began meeting in January 2013. Our chapter's mission statement is: "To capitalize on our strengths and knowledge in order to meet the needs of our neighbors in our local communities and around the world."



Enactus at the Regional Competition

Our current partner is Meals on Wheels of Goshen (MOW in the following). MOW is a nationwide organization that distributes hot meals to homebound individuals in local communities. Although the organization operates nationally, the branch in Goshen is an entity of The Window, a local non-profit soup kitchen and food pantry. We initially made contact with our project partner in the spring semester of 2013. The clients of MOW are in need of a warm noontime meal Monday through Friday. Financially, MOW has consistently had to deal with the real possibility of not being able to continue in the near future. By continuing to assist this organization we hope to preserve this service to our homebound community members, who often are overlooked. We decided to work with MOW because they provide a valuable service for our community and voiced that they would be grateful for our contributions... Thus far, Our Student Senate has agreed to promote our projects through campus events and dedicate a certain amount of proceeds to MOW of Goshen. Our partner at MOW has already made plans to execute a fundraiser next October at which we have committed to be present. We think that our current partnership with MOW is a great opportunity to create a long-term project that will only become more successful the longer we work together... See the whole paper and more pictures on our website.



Enactus Member Dani Klotz holding their awards for Rookie of the Year and Regional Champions

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Studs placed in April by Leonard Penner

*Greetings,
I want to thank the Goshen Community for their fantastic support through funding, through donations, and volunteering. In the past two years, Waterford Mennonite Church, Brenneman Memorial Missionary Church, and College Mennonite Church have sent volunteers to do renovations throughout the building. In the near future, The Window is hoping to have an open house to show off our newly renovated pantry and handicap-accessible shower. Watch the website for further details. You can also view renovation updates on our website, thewindowofgoshen.squarespace.com and on Facebook. Thank you again for your support.*

*In Ministry,
J. Ed Swatley
Executive Director*

New hallway to replace existing hall between Katie's Kitchen and offices.



There are several ways to feed and clothe the Goshen Community...

Donate!

Any food donation and any winter clothing is accepted during business hours

Visit our website to join our email list and receive current needs



Assistants to the Cook

Volunteer!



Receivers and Pantry Hosts



Drivers and Dispatchers



Sorters and Clothes Closet Hosts

Join!

The Window Board is made up of members from local churches and businesses. If your church or business is not listed, The Window would welcome a representative from your congregation or business to serve on the Board. The board meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. Please call The Window, Inc. for more information.

Assembly Mennonite Alton Healey	City Church of the Brethren Phillis Stern	Clinton Frame Mennonite Jody Mullen
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MC ___ VISA ___ DISC ___ Support: ___ Katie's Kitchen ___ Meals on Wheels ___ The Pantry ___ Clothes Closet

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Enactus, a group of Goshen college students, helps our senior citizens. See page 2 for more details.

We are still in need of a name for our newsletter. Thank you to all who already responded. Please submit suggestions to our website. Deadline: June 1st!

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June 7th
1st Presbyterian

July and August
meal available

If your business or church would like to serve the First Friday meal at the Window, contact Ed Swartley at windowdirector@hotmail.com



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