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Cooperative News

Fall/Winter

2012-2013 Edition

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Special points of interest:

Winter Training, November 10, 2012 at St. James Mutual Home, 215 O Street, SW, Washington, DC and 38th Annual Conference in Ocean City Maryland, at the Grand Hotel, April 25-27, 2013

2013 Annual Conference

37th Annual Conference April 25-27, 2013

Grand Hotel Ocean City, MD

Fundraising

50/50 Tickets available at the Conference

T-Shirts selling between \$12.00-\$14.00

Silent Auction during the conference each cooperative is encouraged to bring in New and Gently used items for the auction.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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Message From The President

PRESIDENT HOLIDAY MESSAGE

As 2012 comes to a close, on behalf of the Board of Directors, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and commitment to PAHC's mission. For all the support and many kindnesses PAHC have received during the year, we are thankful, abundantly grateful and deeply appreciative.

2012 has been challenging, yet rewarding and we take proud in those accomplishments that we had success; we experienced a fantastic annual conference and learning event this year, where we fellowshiped with cooperators and maintained the cooperative and community spirit. We celebrated our accomplishments and faced our challenges together, because only by working together, we were able to achieve the successes. Our loyalty in our work on behalf PAHC is priority. As we move forward into the New Year we are committed to making PAHC the guiding light of education and leadership for our members.

In closing, we extend our sincere appreciation and best wishes to all of you for the holiday season. Our prayer for you is to open your heart and home to the unspeakable joy, peace and love. Please share that which has been granted favor to you with those who are less fortunate. Let us not forget the reason for the season and with whom, all things are possible. We hope you will rest, relax, renew, and spend valuable time with your family and love ones.

With warmest wishes,

Annie Hill, President

Reservoir Hill Mutual Homes

Board of Directors

1. Ruthie L. Wilder, President
2. James A. Stockley, Vice President
3. Brenda Peterson, Secretary
4. Louis Lamb, Treasurer
5. Clarence Workman, Board Member at Large
6. Ronald Thompson, Board Member at Large
7. Timothy White, Finance Committee

Heritage Park Cooperative

Board of Directors

1. Said Hakimi, President
2. Yeshitila W. Bedane, Vice President
3. Martha Fraser, Secretary
4. Vacant, Treasurer (need volunteer)
5. Vacant, Director (need volunteer)

City of Rockville: Representative Rocio D. Estrada:

Neighborhood Resources Co-op: Janer Kelly

Submitted by Jackie Brown

Washington Hill Mutual Homes

Board of Directors

1. Tracia Sherman-President
2. Willie Sims-Vice President
3. Joan Burns-Secretary
4. Millette Wright-Tresurer
5. Tameka Bell- Assistant Tresurer
6. Cori Ramos- Member at Large
7. Lionel Matthews- Member at Large

Submitted by Willie Sims

Get Well Wishes:

Mrs. Leonard Thomas

Daily Joke



" Suppose we give you a year's free rent, evict all your neighbors, redecorate your apartment, hire an additional maintenance man just to service your apartment, close the office and have the manager shot. Would that be satisfactory ?"

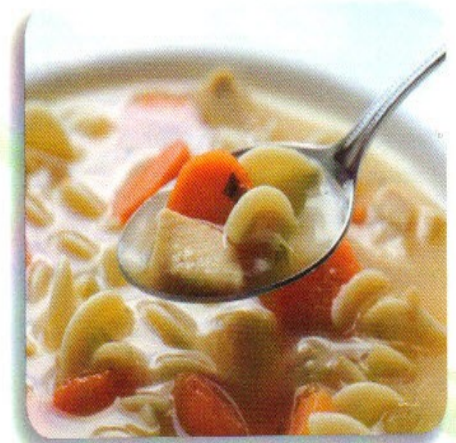
Seasonal Recipe

New Years' Resolution — HEALTHY WINTER RECIPES

Chicken Noodle Soup with Dill

Ingredients

- 10 cups chicken broth, homemade or reduced-sodium canned
- 3 medium carrots, peeled and diced
- 1 large stalk celery, diced
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh ginger
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 ounces dried egg noodles (3 cups)
- 4 cups shredded cooked skinless chicken (about 1 pound)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill



Directions

Bring broth to a boil in a Dutch oven. Add carrots, celery, ginger and garlic; cook, uncovered, over medium heat until vegetables are just tender, about 20 minutes. Add noodles and chicken; continue cooking until the noodles are just tender, 8 to 10 minutes. Stir in dill.

Quote:

"Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't."

-Jerry Rice, Football Player



Reservoir Hill Mutual Homes Building Sustainable Communities through Cooperative Housing
NAHC 52nd Annual Conference
Atlantis Casino Resort Spa
October 10-13, 2012
Reno, NV

I attended the National Association of Housing Cooperatives 52nd annual meeting in Reno, October 10-13, 2012. It was an eye opening experience. Meeting people from across the nation from various cooperatives was very enlightening. In the words of Mr. Oakes, President of the National, "It was inspiring to see what ordinary everyday people were doing all over the globe to solve their social and economic problems."

The meeting proved to be very informative and well attended. There were workshops ranging from New Board Member Training to Sexual Harassment in the Workplace. I received valuable training at each workshop I attended.

How to market your cooperative on a shoestring budget was one of the workshops I attended. The speakers informed us of how important it was to smile at everyone who entered our offices because everyone is a potential member. They also stated that body language was an important part of greeting potential members. It is important that we focus on the unique aspects of our cooperative through community outreach and word of mouth. It was a great workshop.

Another workshop I attended was Roberts Rules of Order. This workshop and its handouts stressed the importance of following the agenda at board meetings and sticking to the rules of conduct at the meetings.

The other workshops I attended was Duties of the Secretary beyond Minute Taking, Troubled Cooperatives, and How to Solve Board Member Conflict. Each workshop with its handouts was instructive and enlightening.

Overall, the conference was one that I'll treasure. I met new cooperators as well as seasoned cooperators, was given an education that was helpful, and look forward to using my new found knowledge to become a better cooperator.

Patty Wilson
Reservoir Hill Mutual Homes

**Membership Fee: Dues shall be paid
beginning November 1, 2012 thru January
31, 2013**

Thank You

We would like to say Thank You to all Cooperatives for submitting information. And contributing to the newsletter. We are asking you to continue informing us and we encourage other co-ops to let us know whats happening in your neck of the woods.

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