

Parish Life

Oktoberfest 2007: A Huge Success!

Financial Achievement: Oktoberfest 2007 was our most successful yet, raising \$13,500 (net) to support the mission of Grace Church. We had a sell out crowd (and a waiting list) for a second straight year. We greatly appreciate everyone's participation.

Incredible Donations: The generosity of parishioners, staff, local and not so local merchants yielded an amazing amount of Chinese, silent and (34) live auction items. Donations continued until the morning of the event! Much of the success we achieved in donations was due to our tireless canvassers (Jean, Carol, Bill, Irene) who literally went door to door to area merchants to solicit donations. A list of all those who donated to Oktoberfest was printed in the December newsletter. Please remember to patronize local businesses that supported Grace Church. Once again, thank you all!

Some Changes: There were a number of changes made for Oktoberfest 2007: Recognizing this as Grace's largest fundraising event of the year, ticket prices were increased. The lay out for dining in the Parish Hall was reconfigured for more comfort, ease of mobility and to promote greater fellowship. Both food and beverages were authentic German fare. We welcomed the addition of the services of professional auctioneers, generously donated by Audubon Auctioneers. Attendees commented that they were a great source of entertainment and provided an exciting mood to the flow of the evening. Lastly, a commemorative, embossed pilsner glass was provided to all attendees as part of the admission package.

Friendship and Fellowship: Over the course of the planning and execution of this event we three developed a deep friendship, an incredible trust and an amazing bond. We were blessed to have dedicated committee members and volunteers who put countless hours into this event. Your generosity, kind hearts and laughter made very long hours of challenging work much easier. You helped to make this a joyful time. We would also like to recognize the love, support, sacrifice and patience of our spouses and families exhibited throughout the entire experience. It allowed us to produce a successful event that we are very proud of. Our love and thanks to all!

Oktoberfest 2007 Committee

Bill Bilhardt
Maryanne Buzby
Amy Christopher
Jim Diaz
Jean Horn
Rose McAuley
Kate Myers
Irene Powers
Denise Sikorski
Carol Shindle

The Oktoberfest 2008 Committee is forming NOW. If you would like to be part of this family of friends, please consider joining us this year. Look for Committee meeting dates in the Sunday bulletin. We would love for you to join the Oktoberfest Family!

The Oktoberfest 2007 Chairs

Jason Miller
Beth Beatty
Michael Guerriero

Compassionate Cooks

Grace Church Compassionate Cooks distribute meals to families or individuals dealing with hospitalization, birth of a baby, illness, bereavement or other stressful life events. Historically, committee members have been called on an as-needed basis to fulfill immediate requests, which are identified by the office. The coordinator confirmed dietary restrictions, allergies or other special needs and contacted committee members to prepare the requested meals. Individuals providing the meals coordinated delivery directly with the recipients.

Please call the Church office or Rachel Heston if you know of a parish family who could use a meal (or several). We encourage you to call in advance of a scheduled surgery or hospitalization. The coordinator will contact the recipient and make arrangements to have meals delivered that suit the need.

Please contact the Church office if you have any suggestions on how we can enhance this valuable service to our parish family or would like to be a member of Compassionate Cooks.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Heston