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From the Executive Director

Where did the summer go? It seems just yesterday that the trees were turning green and the flowers were budding. Now Labor Day has passed, we've had a few cool nights, and soon fall will officially be upon us. I hope that everyone had a good and a safe summer.



We're very glad to have a couple of long-time volunteers recuperating at home. Ginny Lee Hastings spent much of the summer down south at Duke Medical Center. Welcome home! Another volunteer, Charlie Brown, is recovering from cardiac issues. We all wish you a speedy recovery!

As most of you have heard (read) before, this letter is the part of the newsletter with which I struggle most. I never want our newsletter to be too dismal – never want it to be too full of needs/requests. But sometimes you just have to go with the flow: We need your help! Like most non-profits locally and nationally, the economic downturn has meant fewer donations. I know folks are inundated – I probably receive at least 3 requests for donations in my mail at home every week. That's why, as Director, I'm so thankful when I have a chance to "give back" to our donors. In this issue, you will find items about fundraisers that allow donors to give to FIA, while saving some money at the same time. Whether it be tax credits or giving while you shop, we hope you will take advantage of these opportunities. Thank you!

We in the office are also struggling to keep up with the rising demand for services. We receive several new applications every week, and we are not always able to fill all the requests. If you have ever thought about becoming a volunteer for a good cause, this just might be your chance. There's more about volunteering inside.

So, please remember these requests. And I sincerely hope that all of you have a beautiful and blessed autumn. - Rose

Inaugural "Sip & Savor"



Thank you to those who attended the inaugural "Sip & Savor" fundraiser on Saturday, August 28th. Creative Kitchens graciously opened their showroom for our use and 35-40 of our long-time supporters and new friends enjoyed the attractive surroundings. Greenbrier-trained chef, Christopher Bowling treated those present to an assortment of hors d'oeuvres, shared his recipes, and demonstrated his techniques.

Complementary wine pairings were also presented. The food and wine were wonderful; the setting was exceptional; and the company was

superb! Thanks also go out to the Board members who helped with set-up and clean-up duties; to Brunetti's Italian Bakery for the bread products; and to Mike at King Spirits for his assistance with the wine selections. We appreciate all your help! Although we had hoped for a larger attendance, the response was so favorable that we will be repeating this event. If you were unable to attend this time, be watching for the notice next time. Fundraising never tasted so good!

*"Great
opportunities
to
help others
seldom come,
but
small ones
surround us
every day."*

--- Sally Koch

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We at FIA are always on the lookout for good help! If you or someone you know has a few hours to spare, why not think about becoming a volunteer with Faith in Action? Unlike some organizations, we don't require any minimum time commitment. If you can volunteer just one time a month, that may be the one day an elderly neighbor has a vital doctor appointment. We'll take as many or as few hours as you can spare. I am always amazed when I talk to volunteers, because they all say the same thing: "I get more out of helping than the people I help do." We will be holding new volunteer

trainings around the area in the weeks to come. Please think about becoming a volunteer – the rewards are out of this world.

Another volunteer opportunity is serving on the Board of Directors for FIA. We strive to maintain a balance on the Board of ministerial and business persons and geographic representation. At this time, we are looking for people willing to serve starting in January. Board members serve a three year term, meeting every other month. We are looking to increase our members from Ohio and outside the Huntington city limits, as we always want their perspectives voiced. Again, please think about whether this is a way for you to serve your neighbors.

If you have any questions, please call the office or visit our web-site for more information.

