



October-November '07

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## *The Merry Marketplace*



It's market time! With December just around the corner, it's time to be working on items to put up for sale at the annual Merry Marketplace, an event where organizations and merchants rent booths in order to sell things to Christmas shoppers. Not only is this festival one of ShareCare's major fundraisers, but it gives us a public presence and an opportunity to display the remarkable talents of our members.



- **When:** Dec. 1, 2007
- **Where:** Old Art Building in Leland
- **Drop off times:** Any time prior to December 1
- **Drop off points:** ShareCare Office or call for a pickup
- **What's needed\*:** knitting, stitching, crafts, woodworking, pottery, fine art, photos, jams & jellies, draft stoppers, dried soup mixes...
- **Pricing:** It'd be REALLY helpful to have you price your items
- **For more info:** Please call Deb at the SC Office (386-2273)

*\*Please note that, in general, the Merry Marketplace is not considered a bake sale or yard sale*

### Let Us Know... We Can Help!

One of the most distressing things for Anne and me is to hear, after the fact, that someone has been ill or hospitalized, with for example, a broken hip. We are at our absolute best when we're making sure our members have what they need during any given illness. Here are some things we can provide, do, or coordinate for you:

- **Equipment:** We can provide a wheel chair, walker, bath bench, commode, cane, and crutches
- **Care coordination:** If you're hospitalized, we can talk to your hospital social worker and help get everything in order (caregivers, equipment, meals, etc.) for your discharge.
- **Meals:** If the main cook in your family becomes ill, we can have volunteers bring in meals while the cook gets back on his/her feet.

Please don't hesitate to call us with anything you need or if you hear that a ShareCare neighbor is in need of services. We love to help! —DJW



*Welcome New Members*

Frank & Jocelyn Schrader, Northport

**The Homestead**  
AMERICA'S FRESHWATER RESORT

We owe a HUGE thank you to the Homestead who generously hosted the 3rd Annual ShareCare Golf Outing. Between golfers, hole sponsors, and folks stopping by with donations, the Homestead presented us with a check for more than \$3000!

Please consider golfing at the Homestead. Besides being a beautiful course, patronizing the Homestead shows our appreciation. When registering to play, be sure to thank them and let them know how much, as a SC member, you are grateful for their support.

### Door Prize

Are you having difficulty or pain when opening doors or turning on faucets?



Deb stumbled on to a product that might be just what you need. A company called Great Grips, has soft, nubby faucet and round door knob grips. They slide over your door knobs and faucets and make opening doors and turning water on and off a simple task. The grips are available in blue/red for cold/hot faucets and glow-in-the-dark so you can see exit doors at night.



To order: 1-800-346-5662 or [www.greatgrips.com](http://www.greatgrips.com). If you need more information, but don't have access to the Internet, give Deb a call (386-2273) and she'll send it to you in the mail.

Note: Great grips sent a few samples, so if you'd like to give them a try, give Deb a call.

### Capital Credit from Cherryland Electric

This is something you should know about, but is confusing to me, so I'm going to give you a brief description of it and a phone number where you can call to get more information.



To my understanding, for every year a household receives power from Cherryland Electric, they accumulate capital credit in an account. Cherryland Board of Directors, at their discretion, can choose to give back to its members a portion of the company's profit. Members, however, are not allowed to file for the money in their account (if they move, for example), with the one exception, when a person in the household passes away. By sending in a copy of the death certificate, the money in a capital credit account can be drawn out. Depending on whether both a husband and wife are on the account makes a difference in how much is refunded. The amount varies by what the Board chooses to refund at any given time.

Personal example: When my Dad passed away, both my parents' names were on their Cherryland account, so my Mom filed for and received my Dad's capital credit. Sadly, shortly thereafter, my Mom passed away. In doing the final paperwork for their estate, I filed for and received the money in my Mom's capital credit account, which surprisingly, was \$678.

For more information, please call Cherryland Electric at 231-486-9200 or 800-442-8616. —DJW



### Boomerang Kids

Deb has a GREAT article from AARP that deals with setting guidelines for adult children who move back home. If you'd like a copy, please call the office.

*In Fond Memory*

Carol Thomas, Northport  
Alan Heiligmann, Cedar

## Board Minutes—August, 2007

**Treasurer's Report:** Fenton clarified selected parts of the June and July reports. Munson is behind in providing payroll and fringe benefits information. Membership dues and fees are on target, and interest from the CD investments is above budget. All bills are paid and we are in good financial shape.

**Finance report:** Evans reported that two \$30,000 CDs were due on 7/19/07, and that both were reinvested.

**Fundraising:** Egeler spoke with Jamie VanDusen at the Homestead concerning the Golf Outing. This is such a positive event! All holes/greens have sponsors, and there have been cash donations. The Homestead is encouraging their guests to play tomorrow. Jamie expressed interested in doing a winter event for us as well! Egeler will deliver SC materials to the Homestead, and Evans will pick them up and deliver them to Peshawbestown for the Health Fair on Friday. Heins suggested that we find a special way to thank the Homestead for all this support.

**Merry Marketplace:** Fundraising committee needs to meet for planning. We need to petition Judy Livingston to get a space against the wall this year.

**Staff Liaison:** No report

**Staff Report:** This has been the busiest summer ever. We have 34 caregivers helping in 23 members' homes.

Kelly and Wetherbee will be attending continuing ed workshops on dementia in September. Wetherbee commented on how thankful SC is to Van's garage for donating a tank of gas each month for our Care Coordinator's house calls.

**Volunteer Committee:** Co-Captain Carol Towne (Region 1) resigned and needs a replacement. The committee will meet in October following the regular Board meeting.

**Marketing Committee:** Lewis reported no new DVD showings. Bergmans have two events planned. DVD will show throughout the Health Fair on Friday. Scott, Evans, Lewis, and Peace will staff the booth from 11-1 and 1-3. The Mays' Barn Party is not yet scheduled; Deibel will make a call.

**Policy Committee:** Work is done—just needs polishing before presenting Executive Committee and Board next month. The need for a transportation policy was mentioned. The Committee will continue as a standing committee.

**Other business:** Egeler suggested that the year-end appeal letter be sent to the families of those served by ShareCare, as they may be happy to show their appreciation with a financial contribution. Referred to Fundraising Committee.

Fenton reported that Munson still has not supplied information on our staff fringe benefits packages. He will keep in touch with them.

## Day of Caring

Every year, the **United Way of NW Michigan** sponsors a DAY OF CARING that brings together volunteers and non-profit organizations that have needs for help. Knowing that a ShareCare member had a project, on a larger scale than what our volunteers typically do, I submitted a project request, and was thrilled to have **Fortitude Wealth Planners** put together a team of volunteers who adopted the project.



Our gratitude goes out to the United Way for providing this opportunity and to Fortitude Wealth Planners for their generous gift of volunteer time. For our part, we kept the volunteers fortified with food and drink.

## Closed for the Holidays:

November 22 & 23 (Thanksgiving)  
December 24 & 25 (Christmas)  
December 31 & January 1 (New Year's)



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 \* *The mission of ShareCare is for* \*  
 \* *members to achieve the highest* \*  
 \* *quality of life and independence* \*  
 \* *attainable in their own homes for* \*  
 \* *as long as possible.* \*  
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