

Angeline Newsline

Angeline School & Industries

Fall
2009

(Wyandot County Board of Developmental Disabilities)

"Serving Wyandot County citizens with developmental disabilities since 1968."

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ANGELINE INDUSTRIES BUILDS OUTDOOR DRINKING FOUNTAINS

RJM Infiniti Plastics based in Carey, Ohio, is a rotational molding and manufacturing facility dealing with industrial, commercial, housing insulation, water treatment and purification applications; field testing and more. Earlier this year, Lyneen Reinschell, Operations Manager, met



with Steven Moore, President & General Manager of RJM, to discuss the possibility of Angeline clients going to the RJM facility and assembling outdoor drinking fountains. This summer Cheryl Strohm, Workshop Supervisor, took a group of ten individuals to RJM to begin assembling the fountains. Pictured are Lisa Brown putting a push button actuator in a fountain; Jenny Mills pressure checking a fountain; and Amber Bradner attaching the doors as a final step. Mr Moore stated in a letter to Lyneen that "a staff of very qualified Angeline associates entered our facility and began the assembly program of what has become a fruitful project for all parties involved. I am a happy and pleased customer of this fine group."

When we place an Angeline Industries supervisor and small work crew on site at your place of employment, it is called a supported employment enclave. It's another great way for local businesses to partner with Angeline Industries, creating a win-win. For more information contact Lyneen Reinschell at 419-294-4488 or email industries @ angeline.com.



BOOK CLUB MEETS

In February, 2009, Tabitha Smith, Workshop Supervisor, took five individuals to the library to join the "Stories and Stitches" Book Club. Little did she know that this would grow into an opportunity to form her own Book Club here at Angeline. By incorporating reading into her daily module, the Book Club has grown to 15 members. Angeline staff take turns reading the novel, which is chosen by the Stories and Stitches Club, to the individuals and then once a month the members go back to the library to discuss the book with 25 members there. Currently they are reading *Miss Julia Paints The Town* by Ann B Moss. The group says, "The best part of being

involved with the book club is not the books we read but the sense of belonging in the community. Each month we are welcomed with warm hellos and everyone is interested in what is happening at Angeline." One month the group volunteered to facilitate the next monthly meeting and 45 people attended (20 more than normal!). The group agrees that it is wonderful to be welcomed and accepted into a community organization without feeling out-of-place.

COUNCIL ON AGING SEEKS SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY

(Special article provided to Angeline Newline by Connie Geissinger, Executive Director of the Wyandot County Council on Aging)

The Wyandot County Council on Aging, Inc. is seeking passage of a 0.8 mil levy on November 3. This levy is being requested to replace Federal and State funding cuts. State and Federal funds once covered 70% of our budget. Over the years funding cuts have resulted in only 30% of our budget costs being met by the State and Federal Government. In 2010 we are expecting an additional 40% cut in our Federal and State funds. Our current 0.4 mil levy will expire next year.

The Council on Aging has been serving the senior citizens of Wyandot County since 1974. Home delivered meals are delivered to the homebound throughout the county five days a week. Last year 15,000 meals were distributed. We also provide on-site lunches each weekday.

Our fleet of seven vehicles provides much needed transportation for those who no longer drive. All of our vehicles are provided through ODOT grants with matching local funds. Last year our vehicles traveled over 84,000 miles to provide senior citizens their medical appointments, dialysis treatments, therapy treatments, chemotherapy, grocery shopping, drug

stores, beauty/barber shops, banking, post office and more!

Homemaking is another important aspect of our services. Homemaking provides light housekeeping for those who can no longer do simple housekeeping tasks such as mopping, vacuuming, laundry, changing bed clothes, etc.

Other services provided are legal service, information & referral, social programs, trips, nutrition & health programs, Medicaid & Medicare assistance, income tax preparation.

This help is needed to maintain the current level of services. The 0.8 mil levy would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$24.50 per year. That is less than 7 cents per day. Thank you for your continued support of Wyandot County seniors.



Remember to
Vote!
November 3

ANGELINE SPORTS ASSOCIATION MAKES TRIP TO HUNTINGTON PARK!

Today is August 9, 2009 and our group called the Angeline Sports Association went to see the Columbus Clippers vs Buffalo Bisons. This is our sports news for you the fans. And here is the score. It is Buffalo Bisons 12 and the Clippers 8.

There were 14 of us that went to the game. One of our members couldn't go with us. Everyone that went had fun there at the game. It was very hot and warm. We all talked and laughed and stopped at a rest stop and to buy snacks and drinks there on the way to Columbus.

We looked for people doing jobs there. We saw a guy selling food at eating stands and a gift store and a janitor that was working there. And servers there were great. And we saw different mascots. The stands where we sat were very full there tonight.

It takes a lot to plan something like this trip. We did not like that we did not get any foul balls.

This is Donna signing off for the Angeline Sports Association sports news.

—by Donna M. Smalley



Pictured attending the game are: Front Row: Todd Dilley, Turner Dilley, Mindy Bowman; 2nd

Row: Dennis Walter, Deb Callahan, Mike Vogel, Deana Alexander, James Yoho, Donna Smalley; Back Row: Chris Richman, Heather Kuenzli, John Vogel, Chuck Brinker, Phillip Hemmerly, Steve Bowman, Tim Wickham.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 12 Columbus Day – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- October 13 & 14 – Angeline School & Industries Picture Days
- October 15 Wyandot County Board of DD board meeting, 7:30 pm
- October 20 “Living and Understanding Autism”, 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 East Township Road 201, Tiffin, Ohio. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.
- Nov. 11 Veterans’ Day – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Nov. 16 Angeline Industries Board Mtg, 5:30 pm
- Nov. 17 “Holiday Make-It/Take-It” Adults Only, 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 East Township Road 201, Tiffin, Ohio. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.
- Nov. 19 Wyandot County Board of DD Board meeting, 7:30 pm
- Nov. 23 & 24 Parent Teacher Conferences – Angeline School Closed No Students
- Nov. 25 - 27 Thanksgiving Break – Angeline School Closed, students return on November 30
- Nov. 26 & 27 Thanksgiving Break Angeline Industries Closed, clients return on November 30
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 3, 2010 Christmas Break Angeline School Closed Students return on January 4, 2010
- Dec. 23 Angeline Industries’ Christmas Party
- Dec. 24 Jan. 3, 2010 – Christmas Break Angeline Industries Closed Clients return on January 4, 2010
- January 18 Martin Luther King Day – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- January 18 Angeline Industries Board Meeting, 5:30 pm
- January 19 “Bullying”, 6:30 pm. – Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 East Township Road 201, Tiffin, Ohio. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.
- January 21 Wyandot County Board of DD board meeting, 7:30 pm

NOTICE!

The Wyandot County Board of DD gives its annual notice that its Due Process Policy (known as Administrative Resolution of Complaints, Chapter 4.9) is available to individuals and any entity in the county that serves persons with disabilities or any contracting entity, current or future, who provide goods or services. A representative of the County Board is available to assist individuals in their due process rights.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION . . .

The Angeline Middle School/High School age classroom is collecting Betty Crocker Box Tops for Education and the Primary School age classroom is collecting both Campbell Soup labels and Betty Crocker Box Tops for Education. Anyone collecting these may drop them off in the Administrative Office of Angeline School during regular business hours. Funds collected will be used for educational items. Thank you!

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL TO STRIKE WORDS “MENTAL RETARDATION” FROM COUNTY

BOARDS

With the passage of Ohio Senate Bill 79, legislature voted to unanimously pass Senate Bill 79 to remove the term “mental retardation” from the name of the Ohio Department and all 88 County Boards in Ohio. Legislators agreed that the term has long been used in a negative way and has been a hurtful description of individuals with developmental disabilities. Ohio citizens with developmental disabilities are now assured that the term “mental retardation” will not be in the vocabulary of state and county agencies that provide services and supports to them.

The legislation will officially take effect this October. The state agency will now be the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Each county's agency name will change to the County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The Wyandot County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities will henceforth be named the Wyandot County Board of Developmental Disabilities.



Local self advocates block out “MR” on a Wyandot County Board school bus.

THANK YOU . . .

Once again on Saturday, April 4, consigned and donated items filled the Angeline gym, rear parking lot and the Industries' storage shed for our 17th Annual Garage Sale. Proceeds from the concession stand amounted to \$1200 and proceeds from the sale were over \$12,000. Thank you to Walton Auction & Realty Company for volunteering their services for the 15th consecutive year.

Over the July 4th holiday, music filled the air at the Wyandot County Fairgrounds for the second annual Music Festival. Proceeds of \$2500 will benefit adults and children with developmental disabilities at Angeline School & Industries. Plans are already under way for the 2010 Music Festival. Hope to see everyone there!

THIS & THAT. . .

FROM ANGELINE INDUSTRIES



Supervisor
B a r b
Shumaker
and her
“Helping
Others”



module group have been busy! In August they sold snack mix during break time and bought school supplies that were donated to area school children. Pictured are Louis Rall and Patty McMillan dropping off their donations at the Edward D Jones office in Upper Sandusky.

Fun Fridays in June were spent at a different pace than normal for individuals at Angeline Industries. Individuals enjoyed eating lunch, which included many picnic foods and grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages and vegetables, outside on the picnic tables. Afternoon activities were planned with many volunteers from the community participating: Tina Newell and Elsie Brewer from Wyandot County Council on Aging providing a craft activity; Paul Lonsway and family gave carriage rides; Upper Sandusky Fire Department brought one of their fire trucks and gave a hands-on demonstration of the equipment; Ruth Brown presented a puppet show that included audience participation; Mandy Baldwin gave a Chalk Talk; George Ziegler played his accordion and clients sang along to familiar songs; Cody Harris and Zach Baaske also provided live music; and Barb Osborne from Drug Mart provided a make and take craft activity. The Angeline Sports Association also set up a basketball hoop and disk golf course for clients to enjoy. The clients also participated in a Talent Show and Karaoke. A big thank you goes out to all the community volunteers who helped make the Fun Fridays in June a huge success.



Barb Shumaker, workshop supervisor, and her band of talented artisans were busy making items to be displayed at the Wyandot County Fair in the “Talents of Angeline” display. Exhibitors were (Front Row): Mike Vogel, Lisa Reinschell, Lori Ellman, Steve Walter, Jan Miller, Josh Harris; (Back Row): Cindi Wagner, Heather Kuenzli, Linda Coppler, Deana Alexander, Vicki Reel. They were all proud of the ribbons they won!



Madeline Phillips of Carey volunteered her time and talents to Paula Wolford, Direct Support Professional in Adult Services, in learning the art of rug making. Paula will be running Angeline's first Art Studio where the loom will be stored and used by developing artists. Madeline spent many hours setting up the loom and working with Paula in this new venture. The loom was donated for Angeline's use by the Rosary Alter Society of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Carey.



Becky Stiefel, Crystal Thiery, and Dixie Danner presented Bobbi Korte (pictured on left), Director of Bethel Ministries, with baby blankets that they made at Angeline Industries.



Supervisor Cheryl Strohm is taking her module to the streets literally! Once a week, she takes a group to downtown Upper Sandusky to clean up trash along Wyandot Avenue and Sandusky Avenue. Pictured are Jenny Mills and Lisa Brown. Thanks for helping to keep the city clean!!

CAN YOU SPARE A PENNY FOR A GOOD CAUSE?



Barb Shumaker's group is also helping to collect pennies for the Wyandot County Council on Aging. The goal of the agency is to collect 84, 840 pennies which represents a mile. The pennies collected will be used to offset fuel expenses at the agency. If anyone in the community would like to help meet this goal, you may drop off your 16 pennies, which is one foot, in the Administrative Office at Angeline. Helping Others module group thanks you!



Supervisor Cheryl Strohm's group also has been keeping the front of Angeline School & Industries looking nice. Recently they completed some much needed landscaping.

WE SAY GOOD BYE and WE SAY HELLO



JoAnn Adams-Moll, pictured with Lori Trout, retired on July 31 after eight years of service as a workshop supervisor.

Gisela Hunt also retired on July 31 after 25 years of service with Angeline School. She is pictured with one of her high school students, Tad Dible.



Theresa Morgan has been hired as an Instructor Aide in the Middle / High School Age Classroom. She resides in Kirby with her daughter, Mycala and also has two sons, Cory and Justin.

RESOURCE CORNER . . .

UCP ANNOUNCES NEW WEBSITE

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) announces the launch of a new website for parents and caregivers of children with disabilities. *My Child Without Limits* at www.mychildwithoutlimits.org is based on the organization's vision of *Life Without Limits* for people with disabilities.

An informational and social networking resource for caregivers of children ages 0-5 with developmental disabilities and the professionals who work with them, the site features comprehensive information on Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Epilepsy, Muscular Dystrophy, Rett Syndrome and Spina Bifida.

According to Kathy Streblo, UCP of Ohio's Executive Director, "We are really excited about this new site, as it provides opportunities for parents to be connected with other parents, and the whole concept is very family-friendly, and easy to navigate."

OHIO SIBS CONFERENCE

The Ohio Adult Sibling Conference event information is now available at www.ohiosibs.com. The Ninth Annual Ohio Adult Sibling Conference will be November 6 & 7, 2009 in Columbus. Complete information can be obtained by contacting Tom Fish at the Ohio State University Nisonger Center, 614-292-7550 or fish1@osu.edu. Financial assistance may be available through Family Support Services. Contact Terri Long at 419-294-4901 or email at long@angeline.com for more information.

ODODD HOTLINE FOR REPORTING ABUSE, NEGLECT AND OTHER POSSIBLE MAJOR UNUSUAL INCIDENTS

To report abuse/neglect and other MUI's call toll free 1-866-313-6733. Please note that MUIs are to be reported to the Wyandot County Board of DD, however, it is understood that there may be times an individual, staff member, or family member may feel it is a conflict, or that, potentially, a County Board may be involved in the allegation. In those instances it is important to remember that the hotline number exists, and is to be used for reporting concerns in these situations.

POSSIBLE AUTISM FUNDRAISING SCAM - AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER FOUNDATION

The Autism Society of Ohio has been contacted recently by several folks with concerns about fundraising for an organization called the Autism Spectrum Disorder Foundation.

The ASDF (website <http://www.autismspectrumdisorderfoundation.org/>) has an Indiana address. Apparently, they have hired a for-profit firm to raise money for them in Ohio through a "March of Dimes" approach where the firm calls individuals (cold calls) and asks them if they are willing to raise money for "autism" by soliciting their neighbors to send a check to the individual who then sends them on to the organization.

They are not based in Ohio, and have no presence or do any work in Ohio. They are not registered with the Ohio Secretary of State's office to do business in Ohio. Their website is a regurgitation of autism information available from other sites - like the Autism Society of America's (in fact their financial page was taken directly from the ASA's site). They do not give any information about the organization on their website ie. "an About Us" page). The address listed on their website in Indiana is actually a UPS store. There is no clear explanation of what the organization does or where the money raised will go.

Autism Society national organization is aware of this organization, however, at this point there is no trademark infringement or other actionable problems with them to date. While they appear to do everything "legally" they do not appear legitimate. ASO is following up with the Ohio Secretary of State's office about their ability to fundraise here in Ohio.

We encourage everyone to support the autism organization of their choice - however, please make sure that the organization is legitimate and you clearly understand what the funds raised will be used for. We also encourage you to support the Autism Society of Ohio with your donations! If you have additional questions or need more information, please contact ASO at 614-487-4726 or email us at askASO@autismohio.org

HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP), operated through the HHWP Community Action Commission, is offering energy saving renovations for households in Hancock, Hardin, Wyandot, Putnam and Allen Counties.

Our year-round services include, but are not limited to, the insulation of attics, sidewalls, and crawlspaces, along with addressing the reduction of air infiltration into the home. Upon inspection, if the home can be insulated, heating units will also be checked, repaired, and in some situations, replaced.

In many cases, these services may be provided cost free. Funding is provided through the State of Ohio's Office of Community Services. Weatherization services are offered to both homeowners and renters (with landlord permission), for those with qualifying annual income levels. For example, in the 2009 2010 Program Year, this guideline is \$29,140 for a family of two, \$44,100 for a family of four. With this, many households within the surrounding area could qualify, but may be unaware the services are available to them.

While the Program does not include general home repairs, the weatherization enhancements that we provide can result in increased comfort levels in the home with an average annual savings of 23% in energy costs.

Applications are available to interested households by contacting the HHWP Community Action Commission at 419-423-3755 (1-800-423-4304) and asking for the Weatherization Program. Information is also listed on our web site at www.hhwpcac.org or from the State of Ohio at www.development.ohio.gov/cdd/ocs/hwap.

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“Serving Wyandot County citizens with developmental disabilities since 1958.”

Superintendent
Todd Dilley

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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

To the Citizens of Wyandot County:

It is a pleasure to provide you – our community partners and the ones who make this program possible – with an annual report for program year 2008. This organization, that began as a group of concerned parents/citizens and over time has grown into the Angeline School & Industries, has been serving this community's children and adults with developmental disabilities continuously since 1968. Just as it was 40 years ago when the program was founded, the individuals we serve deserve the very best programs we can possibly provide while at the same time Wyandot County taxpayers deserve the very best stewardship of their tax dollars.

In 2008 nearly 200 individuals (infants, toddlers, school-age students, and adults) and their families benefitted from the programs and services administered by the Wyandot County Board of Developmental Disabilities through Angeline School & Industries. These programs include:

Early Intervention: Eighteen infants and toddlers age birth through 2 years.

Pre-School: Integrated program for 24 students ages 3 through 5 years.

School-Age Program: Serving 7 students with significant disabilities ages 6 to 22.

Adult Services: Supporting employment opportunities for 88 adults through Angeline Industries, community-based jobs, as well as an adult/senior activity program.

Service & Support Management: Individualized case management services to nearly 130 people.

Residential Services: Supported Living/Home & Community-Based Services to 58 persons with developmental disabilities, providing each with the necessary support to reside in their community with varying levels of supervision.

2008 Revenue = \$2,282,419

2008 Expenditures = \$2,181,110

We are extremely proud of the programs and services we provide to Wyandot County's citizens with developmental disabilities and their families. We hope that you are too.

Sincerely,

Todd Dilley, Superintendent

Our Mission

Working in partnership with Wyandot County citizens with developmental disabilities, their loved ones, and our community to provide the services and support necessary to achieve a life that is meaningful, safe, and healthy.

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PLEASE . . . THANK YOU . . . YOU'RE WELCOME . . .
Our Teachers Always Say, "Don't Forget Your Please and Thank You's."

PLEASE . . .

We are always interested in finding ways to improve our programs and services. Please do not hesitate to contact Todd Dilley, Superintendent, with your ideas and suggestions at (419) 294-4901 or dilley@angeline.com.

THANK YOU . . .

Angeline School & Industries wishes to express our sincere thanks to those community members and organizations that so generously make donations and support our programs and services with their gifts!

Angeline Endowment Fund: \$30.00
Angeline Gifts & Donations: \$47,385.47

YOU ARE WELCOME . . .

As a member of this community YOU ARE WELCOME to stop by Angeline School & Industries to check our program and facilities. We are located at 11028 Co. Hwy. 44, Upper Sandusky. To schedule a tour just call (419) 294-4901 or email dilley@angeline.com.

NOTICES OF DELAYS AND CLOSINGS

In the event of delays or closings, Angeline School & Industries will make every effort to have the announcement made by 6:30 a.m. on the following stations: WYNT 95.FM, WBCO 92.7 FM, WFIN 1330 AM, WKXA 100.5 FM, WXML 90.1 FM, WMRN 94.3 FM and WTOL Channel 11 Toledo or www.angeline.com and click on WTOL News 11 School Closings.

On days we experience inclement weather, typically fog or snow, families are asked to listen to the radio or watch TV for information rather than calling Angeline directly. Angeline staff are **EXTRA** busy on those days making phone calls, checking road and weather conditions, and clearing snow.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation with delays and closings.

PAST ANGELINE

NEWSLINE ISSUES . . .

You can view past issues of the Angeline Newsletter on our website, www.angeline.com, by clicking on the newsletter link.

As always, "Thank you" to our dedicated Volunteer Board Members:

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**OHIO SELF-DETERMINATION ASSOCIATION
(OSDA) STATE CONFERENCE**

By Glory Brocklesby, Jenny Mills, Becky Stiefel, Ashley Beamer, and Jodi Burks

On September 15th and 16th we went to the OSDA State Conference in Columbus. We learned a lot from different speakers. Harvey Alston, David Coleman, Bob Laux, Sue Thomas, and Sondra Williams were the speakers. Harvey Alston is a motivational speaker, Bob Laux talked about housing. David Coleman is a dating doctor who speaks about relationships; Sue Thomas is a deaf woman who worked for the F.B.I. to read lips. She has her own TV show known as Sue Thomas F.B. Eye. She has a nurse to help her understand what people are saying and a hearing dog to help her. Sondra Williams is a woman with autism and she has four children who are all autistic. She has one grandchild who is autistic. She remembers people by looking at their shoes, hair, and clothes. She has a hard time remembering them if they change clothes or hairstyles. She wouldn't be able to tell people apart if they all used the same shampoo and perfume/cologne. During the conference we worked in small groups as we talked about what we would do in different situations. The speakers were very inspirational. We received a good experience from the conference.

We had a fun time while we were in Columbus. For supper the first day we went to Red Robin to celebrate Alisha's 25th birthday. Everyone gathered around to get their picture taken with Red Robin. They had a dance the first night after the conference. The food was really good. We met new friends, played matchmaker and danced the night away.



Jodi Burks, Jenny Mills, Ashley Beamer, and Becky Stiefel working in their small work group.



Pictured above is Glory Brocklesby, Jodi Burks, Becky Stiefel, Jenny Mills, Ashley Beamer, Alisha and Noreen Hurr (Both of Seneca County) sitting at Red Robin as they wait for their food to arrive.



Everyone having a good time with Red Robin.



Sue Thomas with her hearing dog Katie.



Some new friends from Seneca County.

THE VOICE OF WYANDOT COUNTY

(The Local Chapter of Ohio Self-Determination Association)

The Voice of Wyandot County sponsored its own After Hours Party to raise money to send a group of five people to the Ohio Self-Determination Association State Conference on September 15 & 16. We raised enough money to pay for the hotel rooms and with the help of some OSDA scholarships and other donations, we were able to cover the cost of the conference. Thank you to all those who helped with the party and donating food and other items for the party.

Pictured below is Ashley Beamer throwing the pie in Superintendent Todd Dilley's face.



Pictured above is Tina Edison from Crawford County taking her turn having pies thrown at her.



Everyone enjoying making new friends.



Vicky and Charlie helping out.



Everyone helped.



Playing some games and making friends.

PROJECT STIR NEWS ...

The Project Stir class decided that we are going to go to the schools to talk to them about certain topics and what the word “R” stands for so that they know the meaning. We will be doing this as soon as possible. I asked the other members if that would be okay and it was okay with them.

The little “r” stands for “retard” and is a word we don’t use because it is degrading for some people that go to the workshop.

The Project Stir people in Columbus are going faster then we are but we are going at our own speed so that we know what we are talking about. We like having classes after workshop hours so we can hear. Our project stir members like to stay just as we are.

-- by Becky Stiefel

