



## Illinois Campers On Mission

May 2023

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### President's Letter—

Hi COM family,

We had a great time at Lake Sallateeska with great fellowship. Thanks to all of you for your help and for working together to make the camp look so inviting. The kids and adults who come to camp will have fun and will learn about Jesus.

Thanks to Brock and Polly for their support, kindness and encouragement to all of us. We greatly appreciated the chicken and pies you provided for our rally potluck. As a COM family, please continue to pray for Lake Sallateeska and the ministry they provide to the area.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Streator in May. Jacob has a list of projects for us to do to help open the camp for the summer season and make it ready to spread the gospel to those who come.

Thank you for your support for Illinois COM.

The verse for tonight is: I Corinthians 13:4—8

*Love is patient and kind. Love does not envy or boast, it is not arrogant or rude, it does not insist on its way. It is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice at wrong doing. Rejoice with the truth.*

Fred



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28	Chloe	Page
31	Barb	Greaves



## **Tentative Schedule for 2023 IL COM Work Projects**

May 15 – 19	Streator Baptist Camp
June 7—9	National Rally, Hillsdale, MI
June 19—23	Community Baptist Church, Glen Ellyn
July 17—21	First Baptist Church, Hamilton
August 21—25	Carmi Children's Home, Carmi
September 16	Fall Festival, Carmi Children's Home
September 18—22	Morning Star Mission, Joliet
October 16—20	Fall Rally, Place TBD
December 2	Christmas Luncheon, FBC, Farina

## **Other Dates for your Calendar: (See Don or Jan Kragness)**

October 23—November 5 IL COM work week at Great Passion Play

### **May COM Project—Streator Baptist Camp, Streator, Illinois**

#### **Those signed up to work:**



Jim & Marilyn Diercks & family

Don & Jan Kragness

Richard & Anita Evans

Gary & Karen Watson

Andy & Marilyn Thomson

Terry & Debbie Odum

Doug & Suzy Kingsbury

Fred & Paula Riley

Cathryn St. Dennis

Dick & Karen Mowers

Leroy & Irma Burnett

**Please call if you are not on this list and plan to come.**



**We worked hard and we had a great time.**



IL COM General Membership Business Meeting

April 22, 2023

Present: Fred & Paula Riley, Richard & Anita Evans, Dick & Karen Mowers, Gary & Karen Watson, George & Penny Meese, Leroy & Irma Burnett, James & Catherine Rentfrow, Cathryn St. Dennis, Jim & Marilyn Diercks, Doug & Suzy Kingsbury, Terry & Debbie Odum, Sonny & Sondra McKenzie, Marilyn & Andy Thomson, Don & Jan Kragness, John & Francie Lindeman, Randy & Kay McClellan, Harold & Susan Mills, Greg & Cindy Minard, Brock & Polly Vandever

Meeting opened at 10 AM with prayer led by chaplain Marilyn Thomson

Fred appointed Don Kragness parliamentarian for the meeting

Minutes of the Fall 2022 Rally General Business meeting were read. George motion to approve, Jim Diercks second, motion passed

Treasurer's report was given by Dick. Don motion to accept, Leroy second, motion passed

Food report was given by Francie for the COM year 2022. Richard motion to accept, Randy second, motion passed

Project Report was given by Richard. Brock extended a thank you for the work that COM did this week. Richard talked about the project list changes.

June 19 – 23 project added in Glen Ellyn. He talked about the projects we will be doing there. They are providing noon meals.

July – Hamilton, IL vertical siding is the main project. Iowa COM has been invited and DR will also come. We are working on a generator for the electricity.

fall rally – The committee is looking for a location where we can rest and play. Carlyle Lake and San Damiano have been suggested.

Don talked about the passion play project needed for the fall. There is some repair on 2 sills needed. IBSA annual meeting in November will need some volunteers.

Chaplain report was given by Marilyn. She talked about the witnessing that was done at the Passion Play and encouraged us to wear our COM shirts to help to start conversations.

Sewing ministry report was given by Anita. COM is going to continue the bear and doll ministry but also is going to add some other things as outreach tools. 87 dolls and 100 bears were made or finished since last fall. We have used 1,000 sets of plan of salvation cards in one year and they will be reordered.



General Business Meeting Continued

New Business –

The Executive Board brought a recommendation to purchase 5 \$25 gift cards to send to Michigan for prizes. Susan amended the motion to be 8 cards. Marilyn second. Vote on amendment motion approved. motion passed.

Motion to pursue lifetime achievement awards. Motion Jim Diercks, second by Leroy, motion passed.

Brock has expressed an interest to use the \$5,000 that is designated as a gift from COM to be used for a deck on the conference center and also buy additional chairs and tables for the Conference center. George and Don also expressed interest in using the money to upgrade the campground area. The discussion was tabled for more research.

**Project items completed at Lake Sallateeska  
April, 2023**

**Harrison** - remove ceiling in bathroom on one side, add new joists, clean every room – kitchen, bath, bed rooms, put up dry wall, tape & mud (2 coats), sand ceiling, paint ceiling and down on wall to cover ceiling work, clean showers, take down, wash and re-hang curtains, wash windows, fixed ladders on bunk beds, sanitized the mattress covers, put up new exhaust fan, take down old lights and put them back up, rewired circuitry to fan and lights

**Office** – closed off one door to the office that was the bathroom door, drywall and take out shower and re pair walls, fix floor where shower drain was , install new door in hallway, cleaned up the office

**Family cottage (formerly nurses house)** - dug trench by hand for electrical connection, installed electric box of 200 AMP service and installed 2 breakers in the box, put up dry wall for a new closet around furnace, took 2 walls down and opened up the front of the building, put in pocket door around the furnace, mud and taped wall, moved electric for the stove, pulled wires in the ceiling

**planted flowers** in canoe, at chapel and at dining room and planted a rose bush in front of family cottage

**North end of dining hall**—remove old logs, replaced plywood on bottom of wall (2 foot), replaced sill board, put up metal siding, replace wood around the windows and wrap them with aluminum, wrapped the vents. put house wrap on the that end under the siding

**Evangelism ministry**

sewed and stuffed bears - 100, sewed drawstring bags, finished dolls – 37

**Electrical work for the water slide** - installed electrical box by sidewalk at foot bridge

**Cleaned dining hall** – swept, mopped, changed out tables from round to oblong, set up chairs, cleaned front dining hall when completed sewing ministry and last meal

**Misc-** Wash windows, take down and re-hang curtains in dining hall and Wilma, Wash and applied rubber roof conditioner for Jim & Pattie, Helped a repair a motorhome – re-adjust a stabilizer, Repaired broken pipes in the girls bathroom between the big pavilion and Family cottage.

# AUCTION



Through the generosity of the Illinois COM members and guests, we exceeded our budget goal and raised

**\$3,500** this year!!!! The money will be used for project food, project costs and other IL COM expenses.

Thank  
YOU



May has a day designated as national Memorial Day to honor those who have served. The COM family is blessed and honored to have many of our active and inactive members in Illinois and others from all across the COM community who have served our country.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE .**

IL COM is going to host a baby shower for Jacob and Katie while we are at Streator. Jacob and Katie are the camp managers and they are expecting their first baby in late summer. We are doing a group gift for them so you are welcome to contribute towards that. **If you have a favorite children's story book you would like to bring to share with Katie, please bring it!**

Baby  
Shower









