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We, the members of DACU, people of diverse faiths and beliefs, are united by our belief in God, our concerns for justice and our call to serve others. Through prayerful dependence on God and respectful cooperation with each other, we will make a difference in our world by fostering an awareness and understanding of human need. We will be a supportive presence in this community and beyond through the generous sharing of our time, talents, and resources. Mission Statement adopted 10/22/96.

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DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT
August 23	Temple Beth El	Alexander Levi Heritage Project Lecture on Genealogy, Temple Beth El, 2:30 PM
August 24	Temple Beth El and Alexander Levi Heritage Project	Interactive museum exhibit, "From Distant Places to Dubuque's Shores: 175 Years of Jewish Presence" opens at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium. The exhibit runs from August 24-December 31, 2008
August 30	DACU	Deadline for teams to register for Operation Weatherization (a DACU sponsored project)
September 4	DACU	Crop Walk Recruiter's Rally, Dubuque Rescue Mission, 6:00 PM
September 12	Church Women United	Human Rights Celebration "God's Wisdom Honors Children" Westminster Presbyterian Church; Gathering 9:30 AM, Program 10 AM
September 23		**First DACU Delegates Meeting of the Fall...Delegates Meetings will be on the fourth TUESDAY of each month beginning September 2008**
October 5	St. Raphael's Cathedral	2008 Crop Walk, 1:00 PM
October 25		Operation Weatherization (www.keepdubuquewarm.org)

Special Edition!

Hello Everyone,

I hope your summer is going well. Because I received some important information for DACU members, I decided to put out a "special edition" of the Newsletter. President Tim Bees is out of town, and his comments will appear in the next regularly scheduled edition of the Newsletter in September.

-----Phyllis Garfield, Newsletter Editor

A Special Invitation for DACU Members:

Dear DACU Members,

Temple Beth El would like to invite our DACU partners to join in our proud celebration of the Jewish Community's long presence in Dubuque; by visiting our interactive museum exhibit, "From Distant Places to Dubuque's Shores: 175 Years of Jewish Presence" which will run at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium from August 24-December 31, 2008.

The exhibit - created by The Alexander Levi Heritage Project - a volunteer Beth El committee - was underwritten through a competitive award from the City

of Dubuque, with additional funding from Humanities Iowa/National Endowment for the Humanities. It uses maps, text, images, video and music to explore the Jewish settlement of the Dubuque area, beginning with Alexander Levi in 1833; and examines the roles Jewish citizens have played in shaping Dubuque.

A recurrent theme throughout the exhibit, which features a sidebar on DACU, is the city's climate of religious diversity and pluralism, from early days to the present. Just a few examples:

- As noted at <http://www.celticcousins.net/irishiniowa/churchhistories.htm>, Alexander Levi was an early donor to Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, when he was building St. Raphael's, Dubuque's first Catholic church.
- Jews and non-Jews entered into successful and enduring business relationships beginning in the early 19th Century.
- Jewish events were regularly reported in city news media, alongside those of other faiths.
- Jewish citizens were elected and appointed to government posts at the local and state level.
- James Levi, nephew of the state's first Jewish settler and a business leader in his own right, was eulogized by a Rabbi from the pulpit of St. John's Episcopal Church, when the crowd of

mourners could not be accommodated at his temple.

- The dedication of Temple Beth El in 1939 - a time when Hitler was invading Europe - was presided over by a Catholic judge; was attended by Dubuquers of many faiths and included an ecumenical service with participation from Methodist clergy.

The Alexander Levi Heritage Project Team would also like to extend a personal invitation to DACU members to the exhibit's lecture on family history and genealogy, which will take place at Temple Beth El on Saturday, August 23 at 2:30 PM. The lecture will explore how one amateur genealogist used public files at the Carnegie Stout Library to reconstruct the history of his 19th Century Jewish relations; and how another has been using Internet resources to locate ancestors and has participated in a genetic genealogy study to trace her genetic "roots." (An exciting note: Though the Levi family had been absent from Dubuque historical record since 1918, Levi's great granddaughter learned of the exhibit by chance, donated images and documents and will be present at the lecture, along with other family members.)

We invite DACU members to visit www.levicelebration.com to learn more about the exhibit (the website will soon become a virtual exhibit as well). We look forward to seeing you at the lecture!

---The Alexander Levi Heritage Project & The Board of Directors of Temple Beth El



Treasurer's Report

According to the DACU Bylaws, *"Dubuque Area Congregations United will be supported financially by the voluntary contributions of its member congregations and institutions, keeping in mind the purposes and needs of the organization."*

**Checks should be made payable to "Dubuque Area Congregations United" and sent to:
Jenny Manders, DACU Treasurer,
P.O. Box 811, Dubuque IA 52004**

	July	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGET 08
Income	\$ 46.34	\$ 3,542.84	\$ 5000.00
Expense	\$ 142.00	\$ 1,000.49	\$ 5000.00
Net	\$ -95.66	\$ 2,542.35	-0-

As of July 31, 16 Member Congregations and Associate Members have made contributions to DACU for the 2008

Fiscal Year. On behalf of all the DACU projects that will benefit from your generosity, **Thank You!**

Reports/Updates/Events

Church Women United

The 2008 **Church Women United Human Rights Celebration "God's Wisdom Honors Children"** will be hosted at Westminster Presbyterian Church at 2155 University Ave. in Dubuque on Friday, September 12, 2008. The Celebration will focus on the rights of children. We will reflect together through this event on how our community supports our children's physical, financial, emotional and spiritual needs.

Celebration includes: 9:10 - 9:55 am Coffee/juice/pastries and information table displays by community agencies/organizations dedicated to children, youth and/or families; 10:00 am Celebration Service with keynote speaker Nancy Van Milligen of the Community Foundation. **ALL are invited.**

*Contact Maxine Griep 557-8158 or Sue Hattel to reserve an organization information table area.

People In Need (P.I.N.)

All congregations are reminded that all contributions to the work of People In Need (PIN) should be directed to Tom Stovall, PIN Treasurer, as follows:

**People In Need (PIN)
c/o Tom Stovall, Treasurer
3345 Tibey Court
Dubuque, IA 52002-2849**

The members of the Dubuque religious community are the number one supporters of PIN and our work. Thank you.

Dubuque Food Pantry

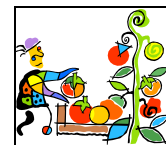
We would like to thank all the congregations that continually make donations to the Food Pantry. One thing that our clients enjoy getting is garden produce. So, if you or someone you know has a garden and it's over producing we would be very glad to get the excess. Please feel free to drop it off at the Food Pantry.

Our needs are great and we are grateful for anything you drop off. If you want to concentrate on and do a special collection of just one or two things, here are some suggestions of things we always need: pasta, rice, potatoes, juices, crackers, soup, canned meats, dish and bar soap.

God bless you for being so generous to the Pantry.
Sister Lynn Wagner, Manager

Dubuque Rescue Mission

The Dubuque Rescue Mission welcomes volunteers to help in the Mission Thrift Store and the Mission Organic Garden. Call the Mission at **583-1394** and ask for Rick.



Crop Walk 2008

Crop Walk organizer Maryann LoGuidice announces that the 2008 Dubuque Crop Walk will be **Sunday, October 5 at 1:00 PM** at St. Raphael's Cathedral. The Recruiter's Rally will be on **Thursday, September 4 at 6:00 PM** at the Dubuque Rescue Mission. Admission for the Recruiter's Rally is jar(s) of peanut butter; admission for the Crop Walk is jar(s) of jelly, all to be donated to the Food Pantry. The theme of this year's Crop Walk will be *"Putting Your Faith in Action"*.

Last year there were over 250 walkers representing 23 faith communities and \$15,360 was raised. This year more colleges are getting active and Maryann is working on grants from Thrivenet Financial, ELCA and local corporations. Corporate sponsors include HyVee Foods, Swiss Valley Farms; Julian's Journal, Telegraph Herald, and Cumulus Broadcasting. If your congregations wishes a personal presentation just contact Maryann at 608-248-2305, cell 563.564.5112, or email maryannuu@fastmail.fm Presentations would be good in September....please make your reservations early!



Remember...you can view all DACU Newsletters on our Website at www.DACUonline.org

Events at Sinsinawa Mound Summer Organ Concert Recitals

Every Wednesday evening throughout the summer (June, July, and August), the Sinsinawa Mound Outreach Music Department hosts organ recitals performed by guest musicians in Queen of the Holy Rosary Chapel at Sinsinawa Mound. The Summer Organ Concert Recital series is free and open to the public, beginning at 7 p.m. Look for a complete listing of organists and their scheduled recital dates on the **Center Events** page at www.sinsinawa.org.



Deadline for items to be included in the next newsletter is September 1.



DACU is a sponsor of THE DUBUQUE WEATHERIZATION CHALLENGE 2008

www.keepdubuquewarm.org

**"KEEP THE WEATHER OUTSIDE"
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008**

On Saturday, October 25th, volunteer weatherization teams will spread out across the Dubuque community in a one-day blitz to perform energy saving measures on the homes of their elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors. The goal of this second annual event is to provide over 100 homes with simple weatherization measures such as caulking, weather-stripping, window plastic, door sweeps, furnace filters and other energy-saving techniques. This will reduce energy consumption and save money on heating bills.

Dubuque Area Congregations United (DACU) is one of the official sponsors of this event and encourages all congregations to join in this important community outreach effort. Several congregations took part in last year's event as 340 volunteers weatherized 96 homes. We hope to have even more congregations participate this year to show the power and caring spirit of our local religious community.

Congregations can participate in this much-needed project in three important ways.

1. **Recruit one or more volunteer teams** to do the weatherization work on October 25th. Each team consists of 6 volunteers and will be asked to weatherize 2 homes that day. The work does not require a lot of skill and all materials will be provided to complete the job.
2. **Assist in identifying and referring households** that could really use the weatherization services being provided. Again, the target homes are those of elderly, disabled and low-income neighbors. The planning committee will follow up with all homeowners referred by congregations.
3. **Donate funds** to assist with purchasing all of the weatherization supplies that will be required to weatherize 100 homes. This includes caulking, weather-stripping, door sweeps, window plastic, furnace filters and other items. It will cost approximately \$50 per home to provide the service.

Complete details on the Dubuque Weatherization Challenge 2008, including Team Signup Forms and Homeowner Referral Forms, can be found on our special event website at:

www.keepdubuquewarm.org

Consider Shalom Retreat Center . . .

A Sacred Space ... Calling People to God and to Fullness of Life!

Shalom Retreat Center offers a wide range of spiritual and educational programs/retreats year-round for people of all faith traditions.

- Aug. 14: Clare of Assisi: A Miracle for All Ages Retreat Day

by Margaret Jungers OSF & Eileen Miller OSF Reg & fee by Aug. 11.

- Sept. 4: Taize Prayer - "Disciples of Jesus"

7:30 - 8:30pm, People of all faiths welcome. Reg not required.

- Oct. 3 - 10: Retreat - Learning the Gospel Way of Francis

directed by Michael Crosby OFM-CAP, Discount if registered by Sept. 3.

- Sept. 11 - Oct. 16: Tai Chi

9:30 – 10:15am Reg & fee by Sept. 9.

- Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19 & Dec. 17: Days of Quiet and Prayer

4-session series. Focus: Book: Jesus Today by Albert Nolan

Reg and fee by Sept. 8

- Sept. 15: Centering Prayer Hour

Reg not required.

- Sept. 16: Shalom's Annual Evening for Peace: We Are One!

Theme: Dubuque's 175th Anniversary; 6:30 - 9:00pm,
Reg & fee by Sept. 12.

- Sept. 23, Oct. 21 & Nov. 18, Getting It All

Together 3-session series

Sept. 23 session: De-Cluttering Life by Eileen Miller OSF,

6:00 – 8:30pm each day includes simple supper.
Reg & fee by Sept. 19.

- Sept. 23: Fall Breakfast: "Seasons of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness" (John Keats)

7:00 - 8:00am, 8:15 Mass. **Presenter:** Veronica Bagenstos OSF

Reg and fee by Sept. 22.

- Sept. 30: An Evening of Italian Culture: For the Love of Francis and Mother Earth

6:30 – 8:30pm Presenters: Margaret Jungers OSF & Marie Therese Kalb OSF,

Reg and fee by Sept. 26.

- Oct. 9: Honoring the Catholic History of Dubuque presented by

Most Rev. Jerome Hanus, OSB, Archbishop of Dubuque

6:00 – 8:30pm, Reg & fee by Oct. 6.

For more information regarding these programs/retreats, call Karen Knepper at Shalom at 563/582-3592, send e-mail to: kknepper@shalomretreats.org or visit our new web site at: <http://www.shalomretreats.org>.

NOTE: Shalom's facilities are also available for conferences, workshops, staff/board retreats, spiritual gatherings, funeral dinners and more - for a few hours, a day, an overnight or longer.

To learn more, call Sister Margaret Jungers at Shalom.



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