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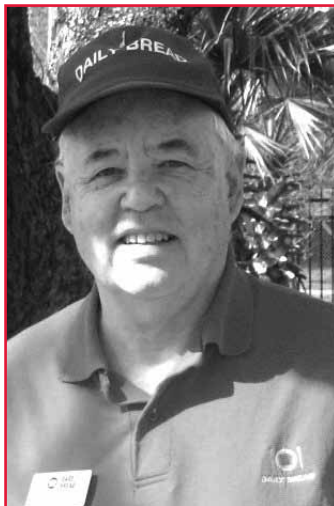


Bargain Hunter! Nice day to shop the outside racks at Daily Bread Thrift Shop.

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PARTING WORDS



Paul Kantz

For the last 15 years I have been volunteering in our kitchen and on the Board. I found it to be important, satisfying work. I've witnessed how much Daily Bread means to real people—people without homes, without jobs, sometimes without loved ones.

1 in 6. That's the poverty rate in the U.S. It's been that way the last several years, and there is little prospect the rate will recede anytime soon. Daily Bread's services will continue to be vital.

I've seen how Daily Bread becomes not only their place to get a free meal and a shower, but also their community, their opportunity for social interaction. Those latter things are priceless for those who have no place to be. Daily Bread is a life preserver in a roiling ocean of poverty.

My time at Daily Bread is ending. Soon my wife and I will be moving to Greenville, SC, a day's drive closer to our kids and grandkids and a mild four-season climate that we're looking forward to. We'll miss our friends in Florida, our parish—Ascension Catholic Church—and Daily Bread, its diverse clients, caring staff, and great volunteers.

I've enjoyed editing this newsletter the past eight years and producing nearly 50 issues. It's been a great experience, and I wish all of you the best. Keep the flame of compassion burning brightly and continue to feed, serve, and offer a helping hand to those in need at the marvel we call Daily Bread.

— Paul Kantz, "Retiring" Editor

Daily Bread

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM OUR SOUP KITCHEN, DISTRIBUTION CENTER AND THRIFT STORE

JUNE / JULY 2014

CALENDAR

GOLF TOURNEY!

2nd Annual "Fore for the Poor" Tournament,
May 30-31
Indian River Colony Club
(see p. 2)

FRIEND US!



"Friend" Daily Bread, Inc. on Facebook for special announcements and requests!

OUR VISION & MISSION

Daily Bread's vision is to assure that no one goes hungry, no food is wasted in our community, and no one is denied the opportunity or assistance to become self-sufficient. Our mission is to improve the dignity and quality of life of the hungry and needy we serve. We do this by offering a daily free meal at our soup kitchen, supplying food to local agencies for redistribution to the needy and providing hygienic and social services in collaboration with partners.

THE NEW KITCHEN IS NOW OFFICIAL!

Done! Daily Bread co-founders Diane and Bob Hayward officially commemorated the completion of our renovated Soup Kitchen at a ribbon-cutting ceremony held March 29th. The Haywards were joined by Daily Bread Board members and staff, as well as city officials.



RIBBON-SIGNING – Bob and Diane Hayward autograph the ceremonial blue ribbon.



SNIP! The moment captured perfectly!

BUESCHERS TOUR COMPLETED CAMPUS



John Farrell escorts Howard and Mercedes Buescher on their tour.

Benefactors Howard and Mercedes Buescher, accompanied by family members and friends, recently viewed what their generous philanthropy has provided—Daily Bread's sparkling new campus. In contrast to the dilapidated biker bar that was our home since 1992, Daily Bread now has a remodeled Soup Kitchen plus the Buescher Outreach Center. "What a blessing this is!" exclaimed Executive Director John Farrell while conducting the tour.

Family patriarch Howard Buescher shared a story on the tour about when he and his wife first volunteered with us on a rainy day. He saw clients lined up outside the old kitchen getting soaking wet. "I decided right then we would donate an overhang to keep people dry," he recalled. Well, one thing led to another and the donation took on a major new shape—redoing the entire campus!

We are deeply grateful to the Bueschers and to all who have supported and continue to support our outstanding new facilities!

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2ND ANNUAL DAILY BREAD GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 2-day fund raiser “Fore! for the Poor” begins Friday, May 30th at 5:30pm with a social event that includes hors d’oeuvres, cash bar, long drive contest, putting contest, pitch and putt contest, a Chopper Drop contest, silent auction, and lots of great fun and fellowship for a great cause! To join us on Friday you can either register to play in the golf tournament Saturday, May 31st, or purchase a Chopper Drop ticket (\$30 for one, \$50 for two). Tournament players also get a continental breakfast, luncheon, and awards.

Contact Allison Russell to sign up at 321-723-1060—pay by MC, VISA, DISCOVER, AMERICAN EXPRESS, CASH, or CHECK. If you prefer to mail in you check, send it to: Daily Bread, Inc., Attn: Allison, 815 E. Fee Avenue, Melbourne, FL 32901. Thanks for your support!

THRIFT SHOP CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Now that summer is just around the corner, we say good-bye to our faithful snowbird volunteers as they fly north to cooler climes! Until their return this fall, the Thrift Shop operates with a very thin team. We are eager for summertime volunteers, like High Schoolers who would like to earn public service hours towards a Bright Futures Scholarship, or folks between jobs who want to add to their resume. The shop is open 10-4 Monday through Saturday but volunteers can set their own schedules. There are always clothes to hang, items to be priced and shelved, electronics to be checked for working order and many other light work duties. Come join our team at the shop, meet some fun folks, and contribute a little of your time and heart to a worthy organization. Hope to see you soon! *To volunteer, call Daily Bread Thrift Shop at 321-676-2900.*



KEEP IT MOVIN'! The Thrift Shop needs volunteers to help things run smoothly.



A cheerful volunteer sorts items for display.

TEAR DOWN THIS WALL!

A weather-beaten wooden fence stands between the two adjacent lots that Daily Bread owns on Fee Avenue. On one side of the fence is our Soup Kitchen; on the other, the Buescher Outreach Center. Many people go back and forth between those facilities each day and the fence is an unwelcoming barrier. However, getting rid of the fence isn’t simple since it requires approval of Melbourne City Council. We are working with the City staff to craft a petition to accomplish just that, and we hope and pray for the best.



TWO TALES OF THREE SHOES

It’s surprising how often little miracles happen at Daily Bread. Recently, volunteer Richard Njus mentioned Daily Bread’s clothing needs to residents in his condo association. That mention netted a large donation of clothing and three pairs of nearly new shoes. Soon after, when Richard was working at our Hygiene window, a client came up requesting shoes. “What size?” Richard asked. “13” came the reply. The three pairs that were donated fit the bill—they were size 13s!

Then there’s the one some time ago about a man who had to have his leg amputated and was in need of a wheelchair. The Daily Bread Thrift Shop had an old but serviceable wheelchair that hadn’t sold because it only had one of the removable legs. Since the one remaining leg was the same side as the man’s one leg, they offered it to him at no charge. When the grateful man came to get the wheelchair, he said he was in need of a new shoe but did not want to buy a pair of shoes. As it turned out, a recent donation of shoes included a single unmatched man’s shoe—just the right size for this gentleman’s foot!

THIS ‘N THAT

THREE NEW PARTNERS

New services at the Buescher Outreach Center:
Viera Lions Club: The Lady Lions sponsor glucose screening and diabetes counseling on the 4th Monday of each month.
WellCare: Offers clients help with Medicare Savings Program and Medicaid screening and applications on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Mondays of the month.
VITAS Hospice Care: Counseling on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month for hospice care offered to clients gratis.

TOWELS A-PLENTY!

The Hygiene center was recently down to only 50 shower towels available for 90 client showers a day! Norma Walters, Daily Bread Director of Social Services, asked local churches to advertise in their newsletters and bulletins for a special collection of towels. The response was absolutely tremendous—plenty of towels to use now, plus more in storage for the future. Our thanks to all who donated!

A READING GRACE

The community of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Palm Bay collected more than 100 pairs of eyeglasses for Daily Bread clients—especially helpful for those who are in our reading courses. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity!