

***** PICNIC JUST AROUND CORNER; DON'T MISS IT *****

The Moving Finger

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"PICNIC II: THE FUNFEST"...From those same zany folks who brought you last year's smash success, "PICNIC I," plus an all-star supporting cast that continues to grow, comes the bigger and better 1986 version! Opening at a park near you (Kletzsch) on Sunday, August 17th. Don't Miss It! (Rated GR -- Grateful and Recovering.)

You all have received (at least one was mailed to each of you) the flyer describing this second annual McBride summertime get-together, and you have circled the day on your calendars. Hopefully, you have cleared the decks for that day and plan to be part of the good times.

If you haven't contacted Gail Robison at McBride to sign up, please do so as soon as possible. The hospital must know how many to expect for the alumni breakfast and, even though it's only the beverages, ice and charcoal that we have to stock up on for the picnic, it's always a good idea to know how many will be there. An advance head-count will aid in setting up some extracurricular activities, too. No...You won't be banned from the park if you don't register in advance but, in fairness to those dedicated and hard-working folks on the committee, who like to think they have a handle on these things (control??), please take a minute to send your RSVP to Gale at the McBride Unit. Any questions? Call Gail at 258-2600, Ext. 211.

As outlined in the flyer, the Picnic Day activities for alums will begin on a sober note (no pun intended) with a business meeting and a short program of recollection and reflection at McBride. It will give us a chance to look back to where things began to happen in terms of our recovery. For many of us, there are some deeply etched memories of many varieties attached to that place. Backward glances are never harmful, so long as the point you're looking from is in good shape.

The Annual Business Meeting will be brief -- very brief. Just an overview of what the association/foundation is all about, where we're at and where we're going. As mentioned in the last MOVING FINGER, the "Steering Committee" will become the "Board of Directors" on September 1, and will grow from six to nine members. All six present members have agreed to serve, through the election process, as Board members

slate put together for submission at the business meeting. In addition, the nominating committee has recommended John Curtis, Len Worman and Mary Lee Grady as new Board members. They will join Chris Zillig, Dennis Defenbaugh, Marleen Strachota, Michael Kushnaryov, Natalie Zimmerman and Ken Zimmerman as the committee's recommended slate. Other nominations may be made from the floor prior to the election at the meeting. Voting will be limited to those in attendance.

Any alum who has suggestions or comments regarding the organization and its activities is welcome to bring them up or ask for discussion at the meeting. The Steering Committee will be on hand to answer any questions.

Following Dr. Herrington's inspirational message, commemorative medallions will be presented to all who have completed the McBride inpatient program or the Recovery Home residential treatment program (two medallions for the double-winners!).

THEN...>>> OFF TO THE PICNIC!!!>>> It's an old-fashioned, Summer Sunday, family-reunion-type get-together where the whole family can enjoy the good spirits and camaraderie that so well typify what makes the McBride Family of alums so special. Bring whatever picnic fare you choose; the coffee, soda, ice and charcoal (and several grills) will be provided. Might be a good idea to bring a couple of lawn chairs along, too. And lest things get slow, Jodi K. will again show us how to keep things moving in terms of group activities. In the EXTREMELY UNLIKELY event of rain, we'll make do as best we can at the Zimmerman house (map on flyer) or some other alternate site (to be announced at the morning session). If you have doubts as to which location to head for on the day of the picnic, a simple message will be left with the switchboard operator at the hospital (258-2600).

Hope to see you all August 17.

--KZ.

(Editor's Note: **The Moving Finger** is a bit shorter this quarter due to the editor's hospital date with a surgeon. Back to full size with the next edition. And tons of gratitude to all those who have expressed their concerns and best wishes during the hospitalization and recuperation.)

"The moving finger writes, and having writ.....MOVES ON."

-- Omar Khayyam
