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Drake Neighbors Are Invited to Celebrate With Bernie Lorenz Recovery

Bernie Lorenz Recovery, Inc., is celebrating its 15th anniversary with an open house from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 7 at their halfway house. *Members of the Drake Neighborhood Association are invited to come and join the celebration.*

An ongoing silent auction will feature a wide variety of items. Tours of the halfway house residence will be available and refreshments will be served. The program will begin at 3 p.m.

Bernie Lorenz Recovery, a 17-bed residential halfway house for women in recovery from chemical dependency, has served more than 1,000 women during its 15-year history. Since its beginning, it has been located in the Drake Neighborhood - at 4014 Kingman Boulevard. Its mission is to support chemically dependent women living in recovery.

Bernie Lorenz Recovery programs all are focused on helping chemically dependent women remain abstinent, stabilize their lives and develop life skills so they can become

self-sufficient and live healthy, productive lives in successful long-term recovery.

During their 70-90-day stay, all women follow a regimented schedule daily to achieve their individual educational, employment and financial goals - in addition to attending individual and group counseling sessions. Women lacking a high school diploma attend Des Moines Area Community College for tutorial and testing services to complete their GED or to pursue a college degree. Unemployed residents work on obtaining sustainable employment. All of the women learn about basic financial management, about food and nutrition, and about how to access a variety of community resources that will help them remain abstinent, healthy and self-sufficient. When applicable, they also attend parenting classes.

For additional information about Bernie Lorenz Recovery's 15th anniversary open house, please call Executive Director Mary O'Riley: 255-3373.

Membership Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, August 6, at
6:00 pm at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

We will be voting on by-law
revisions.

Bring a dish to share and your own table service.
Beverages provided.

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The Drake Neighborhood Association, Des Moines, Iowa, includes the area within I-235, 42nd Street, Franklin Avenue and M.L. King, Jr. Parkway. *Purposes of the association are: to gain awareness and instill pride in our neighborhood; to make our neighbors feel secure in their persons and belongings; to preserve and beautify our neighborhood; to promote a healthy business climate for area businesses; to encourage a self-help attitude in our neighborhood.*

Anyone interested in Drake Neighborhood Association board positions should contact Dave Courard-Hauri at 277-6885.

You must live within the boundaries of M.L. King, Jr. Parkway, I-235, Franklin Avenue, and 42nd Street and be a current member of the association.

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► **NOTE CHANGE FOR SEPT/OCT ISSUE**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES FOR 2005

SEP/OCT issue	August 22
NOV/DEC issue	October 17

If you would like to share information through our newsletter, please be considerate of the above deadlines.

The newsletter is a coordination of volunteer efforts, if you would like to help please contact Denise McAfee @ 274-1910 or mcafee@mchsi.com. Thank you.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE DES MOINES PLAYHOUSE

Visit our website frequently: www.dmplayhouse.com



Special offer for Drake Neighborhood Association Members
Don't miss your chance to save on tickets, prices listed below.
More information about the show on our website.

No phone orders. Orders must be received 48 hours prior to your performance.

No order confirmation is sent, however you may call The Playhouse box office at 515-277-6261 to confirm receipt of your reservation.

1. Go online to <http://www.dmplayhouse.com>. Choose Corporate Discount Ticket Program from the Buy Tickets page and fill in all fields completely, including payment by credit card. In the Password box, write DNA. Please indicate any special seating needs (ie, wheelchair access). Usage of a different online order form or failure to include DNA will result in being charged full price for the tickets with no refund.

OR Fax 515-277-8019, and provide your name, address, daytime phone, show name, preferred performance date and number of tickets. Please clearly write your company's name on your fax.

2. Payment, by credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express), must accompany internet and fax orders. Please provide your credit card number and expiration date.

3. You may also mail requested information with a check made payable to The Des Moines Playhouse to The Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines, IA 50312.

This offer will not be honored on purchases the day of performance. All orders will be given best seats available. This offer cannot be combined with other discounts. No refunds.

Answers to your FAQs: Tickets will be held at the box office under the ticket buyer's name and may be picked up one half-hour prior to the performance. No order confirmation is sent, however you may call the box office at 515-277-6261 to confirm receipt of your reservation.

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST TICKET ORDER FORM

*** Required fields**

*Name _____

*Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

*Daytime Phone _____ *Evening Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Please indicate any special seating needs (ie, wheelchair access):

*Your performance date and time:

Shows July 14-Aug. 7: Shows Thursdays & Fridays at 7:00 PM, Saturdays at 2:00 PM, and Sundays at 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM (Sunday, Aug. 7, at 1:00 PM only)

No. of adult/senior tickets _____ @ \$25.00 ea. \$ _____

No. of student/child tickets _____ @ \$17.00 ea. \$ _____

Order processing fee: \$ 3.00

Total amount (including \$3.00 processing fee) \$ _____

_____ Check (Made payable to The Des Moines Playhouse.)

MasterCard/Visa/Discover # _____

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Mail: The Des Moines Playhouse, 831 42nd St., Des Moines, IA 50312 or, if paying by credit card, you may fax your order to 515-277-8019. Order online at www.dmplayhouse.com. Choose Corporate Friends Discount Ticket Program from the Buy Tickets page and fill in all fields completely, including payment by credit card. In the Password box, write DNA. Usage of a different online order form or failure to include DNA will result in being charged full price for the tickets with no refund. Please indicate any special seating needs (ie, wheelchair access or handicapped) in the Comments box.

DNA Quarterly Meeting/Potluck

Saturday, August 6, 2005 6 pm St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Forest Ave. at Beaver
Bring a dish to share. Table service and beverages provided.
By-laws will be reviewed and discussed.

House Tour

The Drake Neighborhood Association will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first house tour this December. Many of you may remember that our first two house tours were in December and featured homes decorated for the holidays. We would like to commemorate that with a Candle Light Tour in December. We will also have a tour the First Weekend in June so mark your calendars now.

Volunteers needed. If you have thought about helping with the house tour or would like to brain storm ideas please come to a brain storming meeting to be held after the neighborhood quarterly meeting and Pot Luck at 6 PM Saturday August 6th at St Luke's Church,

Cruise to the Kingman Island

You are invited to join your neighbor on the Annual Cruise to the Kingman Island, Saturday, August 27. We will set sail at 3 p.m. for a remote Island at the Eastern Tip of the Kingman Island Chain, (24th Street between Kingman and Cottage Grove). You will be entertained by Paul Micich and World Port, Dine at the Island Cabana and Swim in the Blue Lagoons (Bar-b-que and Wading Pools). There will be activities for children.

Bring a salad or dessert to share, the DNA will provide burgers, hot dogs and beverages.

Be sure to bring your lawn chairs or beach towels. If you would like to help decorate or serve food, call Cruise Director Marty Schmitt to volunteer 255-9293 or e-mail Captain Tony Schmitt at tschmitt@dwx.com.

Neighborhood Salvage

Volunteers are needed to pull nails out of salvage to get it ready for sale. Volunteers report Saturday July 23. DNA volunteers will receive a \$20 per hour credit for their time that they can use to purchase salvaged materials. For information on salvage day, call Larry James Jr. at 205-2158.

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Soon you will receive the Drake Community Calendar plus your activity card for events at Drake University. This is only available to current, paid members of the Drake Neighborhood Association, a great benefit of joining the DNA! The activity card gets you free or reduced admission to athletic events, music and drama performances, art shows in Drake's gallery, plus information on much more.



Drake University provides this to our members at no charge. Thank you Drake University.

If you do not use your activity card, please return it to the DNA as few extras are printed and we can give them to new DNA members.

Please contact Denise McAfee at 274-1910 or mcafee@mchsi if you do not receive the mailing.

DNA Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2005

Board members present: David Courard-Hauri, Trisha Davis, Dean Blum, Jennifer Lawler, Patti McKee, Eddie Robinson, Jennifer Sayers, Heidi Wessels

1: There were no minutes from the May, 2005 meeting to approve. We hope Bill will get them to us soon.

2: Treasurer's report: Current balance: \$20,956. This includes income from the house tour, but not all expenses yet. The bulb grant money finally came in.

3: NBSD: None present. It was pointed out that a house on 28th and Cottage Grove is open, and the message was relayed to Ed through Dave.

4: New Business: Lauri Laurod of DMPD gave us a quick presentation on the West Side Boxing Club at 611 Forest Ave. It's open M-F 3-7:30 pm, with summer hours 12-6. It is open for kids/adults 12 and up, with 12-17 year-olds needing to be accompanied by an adult. There are generally about 40 people attending on an average night.

a: New Board Members: Dave. We need new Board Members. Hopefully we can have them voted on after the new by-laws are passed. If you know of anyone interested, please let us know. Names mentioned at the meeting were Pam Rothlauf, Lauri Hilgeman, and Eldon McAfee. It was also suggested, as it had been in the past, that Marty Schmitt take the place vacated by her spouse Tony Schmitt. We agreed to discuss it at the end of the meeting after we had Marty leave the room.

b: House Tour Discussion: Derek. Derek commented that he thinks the tour was positive. There are two ways to measure success: quantitatively and qualitatively. Quantitative includes things like how many people came, how much money was made, and so on. From this perspective it was disappointing. However, the qualitative information has not come in yet, because we haven't asked. Derek says he can put together a survey to put into the newsletter and/or online so that we can have more feedback. Looking ahead to 2006/2007, the question is what should we improve. One thing is that every tour we have a chair, who is responsible for *everything*. Derek thinks the house tour needs to expand, to become a big committee (something like 30 members). He thinks the chair should be a Board member, and the committee should be permanent, perhaps with multiple sub-chairs (volunteer chair, finance chair, etc.). There was discussion of these points, with some skepticism directed at the size of the proposed committee, for example. Marty Schmitt said that the first tour was a Christmas tour, and that maybe for the 20th anniversary tour we should do something similar. Lauri Hilgeman and Marty Schmitt volunteered to co-lead the 2006 tour (perhaps with a December 2005 preview). Heidi moved that we accept their offer, with Derek serving in a significant capacity, the motion was seconded by Dean, and it carried unanimously.

c. Jazz in July. Heidi: The Playhouse event will be on July 8. They need membership information and a sign. They also need about \$100 for posters. Heidi moved that the DNA supports both Drake area J in J's: the Playhouse with \$100 and the Drake University event with half of the cost. Trish indicated that last year's J in J seemed expensive, and we agreed to look into that. Trish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Old Business:

a. Bylaws: Trish. We need to get by-law suggestions in by late June so that we can vote on them at the next Board meeting and then take the revisions to the quarterly meeting for membership approval.

b. Budget Discussion: Trish. In order to produce a budget, we need everyone to submit requests for what they think their committee will be needing.

6. Organization Reports: None.

7. Announcements: None.

8. After the meeting, Marty Schmitt was voted onto the Board to serve out the remainder of Tony Schmitt's term.

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As everything goes, all good things must come to an end. I want to announce to all that I am leaving the Neighborhood Based Service Delivery Team. It's time to move on and broaden my career. It has been an awesome and wonderful ride. I want to thank everyone who made my position within the Drake, Drake Park, Carpenter and Kirkwood Glenn Neighborhood Associations such a great experience.

All of you have been wonderful to work with. I have known many of you now for more than 10 years. We have built professional friendships that I hope will continue into the future. I believe that I am leaving at a time when our neighborhoods are experiencing great success and development. The Neighborhood as a whole has grown so much during the time I have been associated with it. The new housing, business growth and infrastructure has just been amazing.

It has been outstanding to work with such a group of people who generally care about what happens in their neighborhood. I too hope that I displayed that type of concern while working with you.

My new position will be working in the Research and Development section of the Police Department. My replacement will be Lt. Joanne Pollock. I do hope that you will give her a warm reception and accept her as you did me. My last day in the neighborhood will be Tuesday 12 July 05.

If you should ever need anything, I hope that you will feel free to contact me in the future. Again, My thanks to all of you.....and to all of you I would like to say.....Job Well Done!

Lt. Jeffrey M. Aldrich



Anthony (Tony) Lacy died on June 23, 2005 at the Taylor House in Des Moines. Both Tony and his life partner, Dean Blum, have been long-time DNA members. He was employed by IHS Child Development Center for nine years, and many of the children he took care of and their parents attended his memorial service and participated in the eulogy by sharing some of their memories of him.

Dean and Tony went on a cruise to the Caribbean every year, and it was Tony's wish that his ashes be sprinkled in the Caribbean Ocean. Dean is prepared to honor that wish.

Tony is survived by his life partner, Dean, his father in Kansas City, 3 sisters and 4 brothers.

JULY 9, 2005 WORK DAY



I want to thank all the volunteers who helped pull out and stack over 5000 bricks on Saturday July 9. We had over 30 volunteers and we retrieved twice as many bricks then we initially need for the Michael Thomas Memorial Garden.

I also want to thank Bruce Lambert of Sammie Jacks for the wonderful lunches he donated. Please remember to visit Sammie Jacks on Cottage Grove for a great Bar-B-Que sandwich. The new hours at Sammie Jacks are Monday thru Wednesday 11-2 pm, and Thursday through Saturday 11 AM to 8 pm.



Bricks for Sale

We have turned up some bricks piles in the vacant lots at 24th and Cottage Grove and will be turning up the lot again on August 20th so if you want to purchase more bricks please pay the DNA 25 cents for each brick if you are a member and 50 cents for non-members. Send your checks to the Drake Neighborhood Association for any full bricks you take. Half bricks are free.



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***Membership Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, 08/06/05
Details inside!***

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*Contact any member of the Neighborhood Based Service Delivery (NBSD) team
Questions or concerns regarding neighborhood issues. NBSD covers the area
from MLK Jr. Pkwy to 35th Street, I-235 to Franklin Ave*

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