



≧ **April Highlights** ≦

- Our New Web Site:
singlechristianfellowship.org
- Vote for the New Board at the April 7th Social and Talent Show, Nominations on page 4
- 1st: Dinner and a Movie
- 4th: Board meeting

Dates Changed!

Due to Good Friday landing on the 2nd Friday of April, the Social/Potluck/Vote/Talent Show will be on the 1st Friday (the 7th) and Volleyball/Game night will move to the 2nd Friday (the 14th)

ANNUAL SCF TALENT SHOW

We love to have members share their talents at the annual SCF Talent Show. Won't you please consider participating at our **Friday April 7th** meeting? (this date changed since the last newsletter)

Having trouble coming up with ideas? Here's a list: Sing, dance, play an instrument, do card tricks, tell jokes, contort your body, ride a unicycle, juggle, do back flips, do impersonations, give a puppet show, twirl hula hoops, lip sync a popular song, rap out a Dr. Seuss book, ventriloquist act with a live dummy. Please contact Joan Perry (612-866-8970/612-226-8867) if interested.

Save the Date - Feed My Starving Children
We have **May 6th** reserved at the Chanhassen FMSC 4:30-6:30 followed by dinner at Perkins

April 7th New Board Vote

Please review the new SCF board nominations that are listed on page 4. We will vote at the April 7th social.

New SCF Web Site - CHECK IT OUT

singlechristianfellowship.org Note: the old website, www.spcf-tc.org, will be available for 6 more months.

The Law of the Garbage Truck

By David J. Pollay

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport.

We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment.

(Garbage Truck, continued on page 2)

The SCF Mission Statement

Provide Christian fellowship with those who are seeking Godly answers for the problems we face as single parents and single people.

Provide a program that permits the family, both parent and children, to be surrounded and involved with Christian centered activities.

Provide the Christian single the opportunity to present Christ to other.

Dave Duncan 5th
 Mary Jo Christensen 10th
 Irene Thiele 12th
 Bob Voreis 17th
 Gloria Mayberry 19th
 Connie Toupin 21st



Jokes

Two owls sitting on a perch. One asks the other, "Do you smell fish?"

What do you call an owl with a low voice? A growl.

What type of books do owls like to read? Whooo-dunnits.

What does an owl with an attitude have? A scowl.

What do you call an owl that boxes? Muhammad Owlee

Quotes

Most of the shadows of life are caused by standing in our own sunshine. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Look, I really don't want to wax philosophical, but I will say that if you're alive, you got to flap your arms and legs, you got to jump around a lot, you got to make a lot of noise, because life is the very opposite of death. And therefore, as I see it, if you're quiet, you're not living. You've got to be noisy, or at least your thoughts should be noisy and colorful and lively. – Mel Brooks

A barking dog is often more useful than a sleeping lion. – Washington Irving

Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me. – Carol Burnett

Accept the challenges so that you can feel the exhilaration of victory. – George S. Patton

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As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it, and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets; so...Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

Have a blessed, garbage-free day.

- D.J. Pollay <http://www.davidpollay.com>

The Board

Co-Chairs		
Marie Holm		952-406-8493
Richard Grabow		612-718-2173
Secretary - Diane Turner		
Treasurer - Roz Bencivenga 651-456-9737		
Spiritual Life		
Leonard Vavreck		612-282-3739
Rich Patterson		952-500-0726
Christian Service		
Jean Oltmans		763-529-1634
Membership		
Julie Ottoson	1st Friday	952-210-3299
Don Johnson	2nd Friday	612-940-2385
Tim Dahl	4th Friday	651-633-9041
Mary Jo Christensen	3rd Friday	
Joan Perry	5th Friday	612-866-8970 612-226-8867
Activities		
Joan Perry	Chair	612-866-8970 612-226-8867
Gordon Merck		612-860-0331
Richard Grabow		612-718-2173
Joan DeNeui		952-895-0213
Eric Ostergaard		612-710-7055
John Lewis	Dances	612-701-4813
Loren Barfknecht	Dances	763-412-9307
Volleyball		
Al Ackley		952-938-3698
Pat Mahon		952-545-2750
Laurie Buhman	Outdoor	763-550-0171
Hospitality		
Julie Ottoson	1 st Friday	952-210-3299
Don Johnson	1 st & 3 rd Fri.	612-940-2385
Nancy Danielson	3 rd Friday	952-831-5651
Colleen Vaubel	4 th Friday	952-200-5535
Tom Bogen	5 th Friday	612-720-5177
Publicity - Irene Thiele 612-729-5401		
Mark Bric	Web Site	763-541-1107
Hot Line - Jeannie Johnson 952-220-2988		
Newsletter/Database		
Dean Sjoquist		952-846-8809

Events

Saturday, April 1st (no fooling), 5:00 pm – 🍷🎬 **Dinner and Movie** in Hopkins – Meet at the Big Ten (1106 Main St.) next door to the Mann theater, 1118 Main St. Host: Joan Perry 612-866-8970/612-226-8867

Tuesday, April 4th, 7:00 pm – **Board Meeting** - Davanni's 5124 Gus Young Lane, Edina, near 50th and Hwy 100 (West side of 100). All members welcome. Come early and join us for dinner.

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Friday, April **7th**, 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm – **Monthly Social/Potluck/Games and**

ANNUAL TALENT SHOW Bring a dish to share. We will be voting for the Board as well. \$4 members/\$7 non-members.

Riverside Reformed Church, 10201 Nicollet Ave, Bloomington. Take 35W South to the 98th Street exit, go east (cross over 35W) to Nicollet, turn right (south). Turn left onto 102nd, and then right into the parking lot. The church is in the SE corner of 102nd and Nicollet.

Saturday, April 8th, 5:30 pm - close – **Dinner, Cards, Games – Perkins Restaurant** 4917 Eden Ave in Edina (Hwy 100 & 50th S). Host: Joan Perry 612-866-8970/612-226-8867

Sunday, April 9th, 7:30 pm – **Singing at Irene's** – Fellowship, songs, desserts. 4445 40th Ave S, Minneapolis. Call Irene at 612-729-5401

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Friday, April **14th**, 7:00-11:00 pm – **Volleyball/Game Night** – Courage Center/Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute in Golden Valley \$4 members/\$7 non-members, first time visitors free. Alumni Welcome! Possible Karaoke afterwards at Robbinsdale American Legion or meet at Applebee's (4203 Winnetka in New Hope. Host: Don Johnson, meeting determined by 11:00 pm)

Courage Center (3915 Golden Valley Rd) is 0.8 miles east of Hwy 100/Duluth St Exit in the SE corner of Hidden Lakes Pkwy and Golden Valley Rd (signal light). Duluth becomes Golden Valley Rd east of Hwy 100. On Hidden Lakes, turn at first left, then left to Main Entrance (north lot). SCF is straight through the main entrance.

Saturday, April 15th:

- 5:00 – 11:00 pm: **Dinner and Bowling and Games at Park Tavern** 3401 Louisiana Ave S, St. Louis Park. (952) 929-6810 www.parktavern.net. Bowling is from **7:30-9:30 pm**: \$14/bowler includes shoes. Games in the atrium. Meet for dinner at 5:30. Host: Joan Perry 612-866-8970/612-226-8867
- Time TBD - Dance "The Dweebs" at the Richfield American Legion. Host Loren Barfknecht 763-412-9307


UPLIFTERS

We are an open support group for anyone suffering loss in their life.

Meetings: Thursdays, 6:45 pm at Wooddale Church in Eden Prairie.

Info: Joan 612-226-8867, or go to uplifters.wixsite.com/home for more details.

Tuesday, April 18th, 5:30 pm – Monthly **Ladies Only Dinner at O'Connors** – 75th and France Ave, Edina

Thursday April 20th, 7-9:00 pm - **Elvis Impersonator, Mountain Mudd Expresso** 7530 42nd Ave N, New Hope, MN YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS \$5 cover. Be there at 6.30 as it fills up fast. RSVP Host Loren Barfknecht 763-412-9307 PS This is every 3rd Thursday of the month

Friday, April 21st, 7:00-11:00 pm – **Volleyball/Game Night** See April 14th

Saturday, April 22nd –5:00 pm – **Dinner at TGI Fridays in Burnsville** Great menu with sandwiches, salads, entrees, pasta, etc. Afterwards, we can go to my place for more conversation and table games. Host Joan DeNeui. RSVP: Call 952-895-0213 or send an e-mail to jdeneui@usfamily.net if you will be joining us.

To get to TGI Fridays take 35W south to Cty Rd 42 exit. Go straight south (this is Buck Hill Rd) TGI Fridays is at the southeast end of the Burnsville Center parking lot.

Joan’s Party Room is at 15001 Burnhaven Dr., Burnsville. Take 35W south to Cty Rd 42 exit. Go straight south (this is Buck Hill Rd) Right onto 150th (Kwik Trip on corner), then one block turn left at roundabout and next left into lot. RSVP and info contact Joan DeNeui 952-895-0213 or jdeneui@usfamily.net

Friday, April 28th, 7:00-11:00 pm – **Volleyball/Game Night** See April 14th

Saturday, April 29th – **RHS Play: “Annie”** Meet at Broadway Pizza at 7514 Lyndale Ave. S in Richfield, then to RHS at 71st and Harriet to see “Annie” This is for you , kids and grandkids. Tickets \$8 at the door. RSVP Host: Joan Perry 612-866-8970/612-226-8867

Sunday, April 30th – 5- 9:00 pm **Cards/games party early Cinco de Mayo fest**

at Jon Grayson’s house - 721 Stewart Lane, South Saint Paul, MN 55075
Jon’s Cell: 651-815-8629 Please bring a snack to share and a deck of cards/games if you wish



Directions: From **North/NW**: I-94 to Hwy 52 & go south, or **From South/SW**: I-494 to Hwy 52 & go north and exit at Wentworth Ave. Take Wentworth east and turn left onto 14th Ave. Go 1 block and turn right on Congress St., go 12 blocks and turn left on 8th Ave. About 1 block up 8th Ave the road curves left and turns into Stewart Lane. Watch for large sailboat in driveway, 721 Stewart Lane is the third house on the right.

COMING IN MAY

2nd: Board meeting

6th: Feed My Starving Children

Board Nominations for 2017-2018				
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Newsletter:	Marie Holm			
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