

Mission:

To provide a nutritious daily meal to the hungry of the area, as well as to provide a safe and sheltered place for social gathering.

THE SOUP KITCHEN



**A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
1-269-925-8204**

2012 SPRING EDITION

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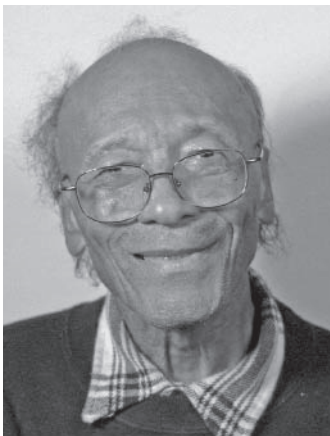
Eric Meeks

When you got no place to go, you go to the Soup Kitchen. If you got no refrigerator, you go to The Soup Kitchen. You can relax there, talk to friends, or make new friends. The food is always good, and the people are nice.



Kathy Cook

The Soup Kitchen is a handy place. I get the best food every time I come here. I come to see my friends here, like Andrea, Frank and Barbara. They are always good to see. When I don't see them, I pray for them. I always enjoy saying the blessing at the Soup Kitchen. I do that a lot.



Harden Nichols Jr. (Junior)

I been coming here a long time... since The Soup Kitchen was over on Pipestone. I'm 81 years old now. I like the food and I get to see my friends here. I like when they give away bread. That helps me save money. The people that come here to help are nice—they treat me nice.

The 13th Annual
SOUP BOWL
Bowl-a-thon Tournament

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To benefit the SOUP KITCHEN

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Sunday, April 15, 2012 @ 2 p.m.
AMF Blossom Lanes in Benton Harbor
4-person teams/\$30 per person

- FUN • FOOD • PRIZES •
- See page 3 for details.



LETTERS TO THE SOUP KITCHEN

We are sure that you will put this money to good use. We are sending you this contribution in lieu of giving Christmas presents to our family members.

Congratulations on the success of the Soup Kitchen in filling the needs of the hungry in our area. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

*The Soup Kitchen
do a great job I keep
up the good work*

My God bless in all

*that you
the usher department*

Union Baptist District Association

*With our prayers, gratitude
and much appreciation for
what you do.*

*First Church of Christ, Scientist
Benton Harbor, Mi*

*Thank you for giving us the opportunity
to prepare and serve a meal. We really
appreciate it.*

Hope you have a happy holidays!

Thanks again,

St. Joe High School

Key Club



TABOR HILL WINERY & RESTAURANT SOUP KITCHEN BENEFIT

The Tabor Hill - Soup Kitchen dinner benefit will be held Sunday, April 29, 2012. For those of you who have enjoyed this elegant event in recent years, chances are you'll be back for the 2012 version.

Think of yourselves arriving at the beautifully located Tabor Hill restaurant and being greeted by a hostess.....then guided to your own private table. Virtually each table has a view of the scenic rolling hills of verdant vineyards.

The Tabor Hill benefit is unique. It's a low-key intimate dinner event, with none of the typical fund-raising activities, such as, raffles, auctions, speeches 50-50's, etc. The dinner includes your choice of wine or cocktails, your choice from a special menu list, hors d'oeuvres, dessert and gratuity.....in the comfortable ambience that characterizes the Tabor Hill facility.

The dinner donation is \$80 per person, with \$60 being tax deductible (Federal). We always advise consulting your tax advisor in matters of taxation. Donors who attend this event always seem to return. And, many who cannot attend, but believe in The Soup Kitchen's worthy cause, respond with a contribution. The remarkable feature is that Tabor Hill donates all of the proceeds to The Soup Kitchen. And, Tabor Hill Vice President, Paul Landeck and his professional staff do it all, gratis !

This event is crucial in helping The Soup Kitchen to achieve its mission of providing a warm meal every day to the hungry of our area. We average more than 140 meals per day, with weekday servings being considerably higher than on weekends.



**Plan on joining your friends
at Tabor Hill on
Sunday, April 29, 2012**

TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT 2012

Our 6th annual Poker Tournament fundraiser was held Sunday, January 29, 2010 at the 5 O'Clock Sports Bar in Stevensville.

Thanks to the generosity of our players, we added 83 cans of food to the pantry.

Doug Bronicki of Baroda was our first place winner. Travis Hargan of Coloma took second place honors and Mike Bussing of Coloma was our third place player.

Ralph Osburn of Benton Harbor, Jim Nicholas of Lawrence, Roslyn Hickmott of Hartford, Eric Thompson of Baroda, Curt Von Koenig of St. Joe and Mike Farley of Benton Harbor rounded out the top finishers.

Congratulations to Larry Weber and Eric Thompson who knocked Sheriff Paul Bailey and our Mystery Player, Ray Clark out of the game to earn \$50 bounties. Congrats also to David Schmaltz who won the 50/50.

Thank you to Mike, Bill, Ali and Darcia and the great staff at 5 O'Clock for their support.

As always we could not pull off these events without our great volunteers! Thank you to Deedy Fowler and Cathy Fechner; many, many thanks to our dealers: Joelene Von Koenig, Karla Von Koenig, Chris Woodruff, Wayne Yamagucci, Karen Krajecki, John Kaltz, Colin, Ted Kalin, Kevin Sweeney, Bob Riccio, Adam Karnik and Julie Fanslau. The Soup Kitchen is grateful for the organizational skills and support of Ken and Kristi Clark and Nancy and Jeff Von Koenig, Pit Boss Extraordinaire!

There was conversation about having another tournament later in the year; we have our players email addresses and phone numbers; we'll keep you posted on this proposed event as well as the bowling and golf tournaments.

Thank you all again!



13TH ANNUAL SOUP BOWL

The 13th Annual Soup Bowl to benefit the Soup Kitchen is being planned for Sunday, April 15, 2012.

The Soup Bowl will take place at AMF Blossom Lanes 2305 M-139 in Benton Harbor at 2:00 p.m.

As always, we'll have great door prizes from area businesses.

As an added incentive to participate, prizes will be awarded for best Team Theme (feel free to get creative!) as well as Team Spirit and the first 3 places.

If your group would like to enter a team (or teams), please note the deadline for registration is April 12, 2012.

The cost of registration is \$30/person for a 4-5 person team which includes 3 games, a door prize ticket and shoes (low score will be deleted on 5-person teams).

To register, please call Ken at 927-8174 or Debbie at (269) 926-4293

For additional information or if you wish to donate a door prize, please call Debbie at (269) 926-4293.

Come out and support your friends and community at Blossom Lanes on April 15. See you there!

SOUP KITCHEN GOLF CLASSIC

The annual Soup Kitchen Golf Classic will take place at Harbor Shores Golf Course on Monday, June 18 at 1 pm.

Scramble format; Cost: \$100 per player/4-person team. (Makes a great Father's Day Gift!)

Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, and cookout buffet (inc. 2 beer or wine tickets) at 6 pm.

50/50's and door prizes.

Tickets for the cookout may be purchased separately for golfers' guests for \$25

Deadline to sign up Monday, June 11, 5 pm

Interested in being a hole sponsor or making a donation? Please call Debbie Gillespie 269-313-0688

Ready to sign up your foursome and additional cookout guests? Please call Ken Clark at 269-927-8174

Thinking about the Soup Kitchen? Check out the new "Need NOW!" page on our website at: www.soup-kitchen.org



Soup Kitchen Wish List

- Spaghetti and elbow macaroni.
- Tomato paste and tomato sauce.
- We need to replenish our cotton kitchen cleaning cloths. (We have plenty of microfiber cloths.) We prefer the ribbed cotton towels called "bar mops" or "bar mop towels" which are about 16" x 19". It helps to have white towels so they can be bleached.
- Laundry soap, bleach, SOS pads, kitchen cleanser, dish-washing soap are always needed.
- People have asked, "why dish soap, when you have a dishwasher?" We have a low-temperature dishwasher, and this acts quite differently than a normal home dishwasher. Stubborn food and sticky things have to be scrubbed off prior to going through the dishwasher.
- Please consider making a monetary donation. We can buy 5 times the food for the same money because of our affiliation with America's Food Bank.

Thank you!



SOUP KITCHEN PRESENTATIONS

We would be honored to present the Soup Kitchen story to your organization. Please call today to schedule a time and date.

STATE OF MICHIGAN FOOD KITCHEN TAX CREDIT

Michigan residents who donate to the Soup Kitchen get a tax benefit at both the state and federal level. Consult your accountant or tax advisor for advice on how your donation may qualify.

GLEANERS FOOD BANK

Churches are automatically eligible to purchase food at 17 cents (or less) per pound, including food in #10 cans, from the Southwest Gleaners Food Bank, 1488 E. Empire Ave., Benton Harbor. Unlike other organizations, churches are not required to be a 501 (c)(3). Please think about shopping there first.

For more information, contact SW Gleaners Manager, Rich Glista at 269-926-2646.

MATCHING GIFTS PROGRAM

The Whirlpool Corporation has one matching gift program to help maximize employees charitable donations.

The Matching Gifts Program matches personal contributions over \$50 with dollars from the Whirlpool Foundation. Full-time, salaried and hourly U.S. Whirlpool employees and retirees are eligible.

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