

## Minutes from Friends for Life of America General Meeting - February 1, 2001

### Welcome

President Steven Cohen (scohen@friendsforlife.com) stepped into the middle of the circle of members and officers to begin the meeting at 7:04pm. In the center, he announced that this meeting would be bit different from usual.

### II. Minutes

In a brilliant move, Steven decided to forgo the reading of the minutes. Amanda Kuhns (akuhns@friendsforlife.com), Assistant Director of Campaign Development, heartily thanked him.

### III. Ice Breakers

The icebreakers began with a wonderful round of "roll call." The members laughed and relaxed as the second game -- "Story Time" -- was introduced. An interesting story ensued of how various members arrived at the meeting and met each other. The story ended with a rather flustered Amanda, who began the "Action Name." These icebreakers aided the members in learning each other's names and creating a more friendly and cooperative environment.

### Painting for Patients

Interim Vice-President Valerie Lynch (vlynch@friendsforlife.com) presented the pictures painted by Anitha Jain. All of the members and offices commended her on a job well done. Steven reminded the membership to stay after the meeting to participate in the painting of the pictures for Shands Hospital.

### Mile for a Child

Hanna Frost, Director of Campaign Development, updated the members on the progress being made in preparation for the event. She also emphasized the need for a Chair. As the date, April 7, 2001, approaches, more help will be needed. Many potential sponsors have been contacted and T-shirt prices are being negotiated. If anyone is interested, please contact Hanna at hfrost@friendsforlife.com.

### Milestones in Medicine Medical Forum

Cory Klippel, Director of Public Relations (cklippel@friendsforlife.com), told the members about the upcoming Medical Forum. The proposed speakers for the forum are Dr. John Graham-Pole from the Arts in Medicine program and a pediatric emergency doctor from Tampa, Florida. In addition, an auditorium in the Medical Science Building has been secured for the date, March 19, 2001 at 7:00pm.

### Shands Hospital Volunteering

Steven thanked everyone for the overwhelming response to the call for volunteers at Shands Hospital. He encouraged everyone to attend an orientation as soon as possible. The steps to volunteering are quite simple: attend an orientation date, receive a free PPD test, make an appointment for a final interview, and e-mail Steven (scohen@friendsforlife.com) with three hour blocks of time per week.

#### Hearts for the Holidays: Global Outreach

Tony Rodriguez, Director of International Affairs ([trodriguez@friendsforlife.com](mailto:trodriguez@friendsforlife.com)), introduced this new program, which involves sending hats, teddy bears, and letters to pediatric cancer patients worldwide who have undergone chemotherapy. The goal is to raise 1000 hats (50 countries, 20 children per hospital) by April 19th, 2001. Anyone who may have contacts with local businesses, clubs, and charities are urged to please contact Tony at [trodriguez@friendsforlife.com](mailto:trodriguez@friendsforlife.com) or Shelley Rood, Assistant Director of International Affairs, at [srood@friendsforlife.com](mailto:srood@friendsforlife.com). In addition, help will be needed to make letters and drawings for the patients.

#### IX. IDEAL Student Organization Fair

On February 13, 2001, IDEAL will be sponsoring an organization fair. This will be a large member recruitment opportunity. The fair will be held at the Reitz Union Colonnade between 10:00am and 3:00pm. All are encouraged to sign up to help and to come (even if not signed up) to help during any free time.

#### X. Adjourn

Steven adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm. All members were reminded to stay after the meeting to participate in Painting for Patients. The pictures turned out wonderfully and will be touched up by Anitha for the final product.