
NAMI Scott County

Scott County's Voice on Mental Illness

June 2006

People Say I'm Crazy

7 pm Monday, June 19, the documentary *People Say I'm Crazy* will be shown at the Bettendorf Library. The award-winning film was directed by John Cadigan to chronicle his decade-long struggle to recover from schizophrenia. His sister, documentarian Katie Cadigan, and Academy Award-winning documentarian Ira Wohl, produced the film. It will be shown in the Bettendorf Library as the June education meeting for NAMI Scott County.

President's message

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

I'm so pleased with the success of our third annual NAMI Walk! We all owe a sincere debt of gratitude to all the volunteers who assisted with this event and especially to our dedicated walk manager, Sharon Kendall Dunn. Last week was our post-walk meeting and we discussed what went well as well as what we could do better next year! If you have suggestions for the 4th annual NAMI Walk, we are interested in hearing your feedback.

As you notice the title of my column this month, Many Hands Make Light Work, you may wonder, what does this have to do with NAMI Scott County? Our organization exists to serve the education, support and advocacy concerns of persons with mental illness and their families. Although many NAMI affiliates may have an office, paid staff member(s) and other things which cost the organization money, our affiliate does not. We operate solely from the support of volunteers. This is where I am seeking your input. What are you interested in doing to contribute to our affiliate?

I value the membership of every individual and organization and I'd like you to consider how you could be more involved. For example, you could choose to be involved by attending an upcoming training to become a family support group facilitator, or maybe you'd be interested in assisting the programming committee develop educational programs for the upcoming year, or being trained to teach the Visions for Tomorrow program. Quite possibly you have public relations experience and would like to chair the publicity committee for next year's NAMI walk. You may think that chairing a committee would be such a huge undertaking, but reflect back to my column title "many hands make light work". Most likely you wouldn't be a committee of one, unless you wanted it that way. Please consider at this time how you can become more actively involved in NAMI Scott County; our organization needs participation from the membership to stay active and vital.

NAMI Scott County Committees include:

Communication, Programming, Advocacy, & Membership. If you are interested in being a member or helping in any way on one or more of these committees, please contact Christine Urish at UrishChristineK@sau.edu.

Committees for the NAMI Walk include: Sponsorship committee, Mailing/Assembly, Printing/T-shirts, Walk Team Development, Publicity, Hospitality, Walk Day Logistics, and Kickoff Luncheon. If you are interested in getting in on the ground floor for the planning of the 4th annual NAMI Walk, please contact Sharon Kendall Dunn and express your interest in participating or leading one of these committees: dunkendal@aol.com

I want to thank the individuals who give so generously of their time for our affiliate and I hope to be thanking more, very soon! I look forward to seeing everyone on June 24 for our annual meeting on the Celebration Belle.

Christine Urish, President

NAMI Annual Meeting will be June 24 on Celebration Belle

NAMI Scott County will hold its annual meeting aboard the Celebration Belle for a river cruise. It will be Saturday, June 24, at 2:15 pm, starting from the landing at 2501 River Drive, Moline. The boat will leave the dock at 2:30 pm. The short meeting will include election of vice president and secretary and an overview of NAMI Scott activities during the past year. There will be pizza and soft drinks. The boat will return to dock at 4 pm.

Anna Goodwin has submitted these nominations for officers to be elected at the Annual Meeting:

Dana Beneker, Vice President

Anne Corbi, Secretary

There is no charge for members to attend this event. The open door membership charge is \$5 for people on limited income; for single and family membership the charge is \$35. Family members are welcome on the cruise. Corporate membership is \$125. Non-members may join the cruise for \$18.75.

Make your reservations by calling Connie Williams, 322-6247, ext. 224: leave a message with your name and phone number. NAMI participants in the cruise will be limited to 75, so make your reservations early.

NAMIWalks Recognition:

Sharon Kendall Dunn, NAMIWalks Manager for the third consecutive year, recognizes the following people and teams for NAMIWalks 2006!

Top Fundraisers:

Congratulations to Team Captains Donna Hague and Jan Treft-Allen with Genesis Health System for being the Top Fundraiser, raising more than \$6,700!

Top Online Fundraiser:

Kudos to Team Captain Anna Goodwin of SAU (St. Ambrose University) for being the Top Online Fundraiser, raising \$630! More than \$3,600 in online donations has been made so far by going to www.nami.org/namiwalks. Donations still accepted!

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Christine Urish, President, 333-6281
Sharon Kendall-Dunn, 332-1766
Connie Williams, Secretary, 322-6247 ext. 224
Greg Paulline, Treasurer, 322-5276

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Family to Family Support Group: 4th Monday each month at 7 pm at Unitarian Church, 3707 Eastern Ave., Davenport, Iowa

NAMI-C.A.R.E. Consumer Support Group: 2 to 3:30 pm the first and third Sundays of each month at Vera French Manor Community Room, 215 W. 37th St., Davenport, Iowa

Top Volunteers:

And many, many thanks to the following individuals for providing Exceptional Volunteer Service;

- Greg Paulline (Vera French / NAMI Scott County)
- John Zogg (NAMI Scott County)
- Ben Villareal (ECS, Inc.)
- Jamie Moeller (General Team Chairperson)
- Dr. Dick Whittlesey (Genesis Psychology Associates)

Walk Team Captains Raising \$1,000 or more:

- John Zogg - Family Team
- Anne Molyneaux - Molyneaux Insurance
- Jamie Moeller - Heads Up
- Dana Beneker - New Choices, Inc.
- Dr. Dick Whittlesey - Genesis Psychology Associates

\$2000 or more:

- Vicki Zude - Robert Young Center
- Helen and Ron Snell - Snell Family Team
- Liz Berridge (& all club captains!) - Kiwanis Team
- Rhonda and Rachel Stahl - Stahl Family Team
- David Lanaghan - Kudos for NAMI Team
- Christine Urish / Anna Goodwin - Team Ambrose

\$4000 or more:

- Tricia Voss - Vera French MHC Team
 - Linda Lewis - Lewis Lightning Team
- more than \$6,700:**
Donna Hague, Jan Treft-Allen - Genesis Health

Recognition of Walk Planning Committee

- Jamie Moeller - General Team Chairperson
 - Greg Paulline - Accounting / Printing / T-Shirts
 - Kathy Van Hyfte - Hospitality
 - Rena Vanzuiden - Kick-off Luncheon
 - Dick Whittlesey - Business Team Chairperson
 - Connie Williams - Walk Team Development / Mailing / Folders
 - John Zogg - Walk Day Logistics
 - Vicki Zude - Post Walk Event
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