

MINUTES
Service Council Meeting February 9th, 2009

In Attendance: Sarah Muenster, Kaileigh Arnold, Sylwia Matlosz, Dakota Radford, Molly Ingram, Carolyn Armstrong

Major Events and Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

A. Social Justice Series: Protection for the World's Battered Women

Around the globe, extraordinary numbers of women are victims of domestic and gender-related violence. Oftentimes, protection from authorities for these women is unreliable or nonexistent. If a woman manages to escape her abuser and flee her country, how should the United States and other first world countries treat her and other women with similar backgrounds? Should protection in the form of political asylum be extended to victims of domestic violence? After an introduction to the forms of gender-related violence and legal protection (asylum), the presentation will explore these questions and how they have been answered in past cases.

When: Monday, February 16th, 6:30pm – 7:00

Where: Riverview

What: Learn about the forms of gender-based violence and the specific risks facing refugee women. Cookies and hot chocolate will be provided.

Contact: Kaileigh Arnold, kaileigh.arnold@lawrence.edu and Sylwia Matlosz, sylwia.m.matlosz@lawrence.edu

B. Harmony Café www.focol.org/harmonycafe

LU contact: Dakota Radford, dakota.s.radford@lawrence.edu

- Many volunteer opportunities in advertising, assisting with basic coffeehouse operation, Thursday night Open Mic events
- **Harmony Café Chess Club:** Volunteers needed for chess games taking place each Saturday, noon-3pm
- **May 30th** – Service event with Colman and Brokaw, raising donations for Saving Paws, students will be accepting donations
- Conversation Café – discussing controversial topics at Harmony Café on Wednesday
- Harmony will be moving to the Old Pilgrims area (Grand opening April 22nd)

C. Harbor House Domestic Abuse Center, www.harborhouseonline.org

LU contact: Kaileigh Arnold, kaileigh.arnold@lawrence.edu

- Always looking for volunteers (application and training prerequisites)
- Group volunteer opportunities in the spring to paint the nursery

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D. Fox Valley Literacy Coalition (FVLC), <http://www.focol.org/literacy/>
LU contact: Sylwia Matlosz, sylwia.m.matlosz@lawrence.edu

- 02/12/09: Volunteers need to move furniture away from walls. Arrive at the FVLC at 4pm if interested.

LU (Organization) Reports

A. Ormsby

- Boys and Girls Club (02/12/09 ,Thursday) Service Event with Ormsby: tutoring and basketball with the kids for about 2 hours, need about 5 volunteers, many different opportunities
- Knowledge-a-thon (03/05/09) at Edison – asking students a series of trivia questions, sign-up if interested

B. Plantz

- Participating with Knowledge-a-thon and other volunteer opportunities at Edison

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