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Orphan Grain Train Highland Lakes of Texas

Happenings

December 2017

Cold and Ice cancels packing this past week

Icy roads and cold temperatures have resulted in the closing of the packing facility this past week. Promises of warmer temperatures has us hopeful that we will be at work this week and extra volunteers will bring the amount of goods packed for the month to desired levels. The lack of goods for packing has put the Thursday morning packing time on hold temporarily. Thursday morning openings again will be announced. Until then extra hands on Tuesday mornings would be welcomed.

A more constant flow of goods is being sought in 2018, as recruiting of more churches to place boxes or have collection weeks (or Sundays) continues. So keep your eyes peeled for opportunities and let OGT-HLTX board members know. Numbers at the end of this newsletter.

Get your tickets now

OGT-HLTX "Valentine Shoes" fund raiser February 10, 2018

“Valentine Shoes” fund raiser major effort in January/February (Volunteers needed)

The Valentine Shoes dinner and auction is going to happen. BUT in order for it to be a success, we need to sell a whole lot more dinner and raffle tickets.

The event, Valentine Shoes” will be Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Genesis Lutheran Church Building in Buchanan Dam. Fellowship and the opening of the silent auction will be at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30, with musical entertainment following dessert. The live auction is expect to commence about 8:30 p.m., with silent auction awards to finish the evening.

Dinner tickets are now on sale for \$20 per person. With sturdy children’s shoes averaging \$15-20 a pair that is the donation of one pair of shoes and a free dinner with entertainment for the price of a ticket. All ticket purchases must be made in advance. Tickets can be purchased from OGT board members, by calling Myrna at 830-798-0610 or responding to this email.

50” Vizio television donation to be raffled

Thanks to the generosity of an OGT supporter, we have a New in the box 50” Vizio television to raffle at the dinner. Tickets are available from board members and at the Genesis Lutheran Office. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

“Auction dollars” for shoe donations

There will be a bit of a twist to the usual auction plan this time, in that persons bringing new or gently used shoes appropriate for school age children to the Valentine’s Dinner will be able to earn “auction dollars”.

Persons bringing a pair of new shoes will be given \$10 in “auction dollar tickets” which they will be able to add to their cash to bid of either silent auction or live auction items. A gently used pair of shoes will earn \$5 in auction cash tickets.

Persons can combine their tickets with others to bid, but all “auction cash” must be used at the event. No cash will be given to unsuccessful bidders.

The number and variety of the auction items, will be a wonderful surprise for dinner attendees. Numbers of gift certificates, craft items, to benefit both the bidders and OGT-HLTX shoe project have been collected.

Grain Train operates with Volunteers not because they are worth less, but rather because they are priceless.

Volunteers still needed

The number of tasks that need to be accomplished to pull off this event is monumental. So please think about helping to make this a success. To volunteer call or email any of the OGT-HLTX board members,

**Byron Hobbs 512-755-4703,
Myrna Choitz 830-798-0610,
Betty Dove, 281-744-4376,
Ginny Jensen 512-756-9332,
Patty Versyp 512-636-8287,
Pauline Denney 512-644-1046, or
Sherm Quinlan 925-212-7867.**

Some of the tasks

Posters ... We need people willing to take posters to area business, halls, libraries.. any place with public billboard and get them out to invite people . Call Ginny Jensen if you can help.

Business contributions .. it would be helpful if in making these stops, delivery persons could explain our purpose and ask business for the donation of items for the auctions.

Set up.. Setting up the auction and dining area the day before. Call either Pauline Denney or Betty Dove

Serving .. Helping out while serving is happening . Small tasks will not preclude your sharing your meal with your guests. Just filling coffee cups, passing out deserts, collecting used plates....

Clean up.. Party is over and everyone has had a good time... BUT church needs to be back in tip top shape for services Sunday morning. Staying a bit and moving chairs and tables will really help

This is not the entire list...

Call a board member to volunteer.

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Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Orphan Grain Train Highland Lakes of Texas

Donation Center is located at

15946 Hwy 29 in Buchanan Dam

The Highland Lakes of Texas Orphan Grain Train container is open to accept donations of serviceable, gentle used clothing (clean without tears or holes) and medical aids such as walkers, wheel chairs, canes and crutches

Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9 a.m. to noon.

New school supplies, children's shoes, socks, and underwear would also be appreciated. To arrange pickup or alternative drop-off time call Betty Dove at 281-744-4376 or leave a message for a return call at Genesis Lutheran Church 512-793-6800 or at OGT-HLTX@Outlook.com. Monetary donations can be sent to OGT-HLTX at P.O. Box 937 Buchanan Dam, Texas 78509. Donations are tax deductible.

**OGT container
located at**

15946 Hwy 29

**11.5 miles west of Burnet
or 1 mile east of 1431
on south side of State Hwy 29**

