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TELETHON AND AUCTION

Hard to believe but it is that time of year again. The Telethon and Auction will be happening at all COACB stations on the following days: Thursday, March 5, 7-10 p.m. Friday, March 6, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, March 7, 4-7 p.m. Sunday, March 8, 2-7 p.m.

For Thursday, Friday, and part of Saturday we will be auctioning off items which have been donated by local businesses and by individuals. If you'd like to donate or would like to help auction off an item, please contact the stations and set up a date and time for your appearance. (800) 852-8199



Sunday is reserved for pledges and donations. We will be having gospel singing and testimonies. If you are unable to come to the stations, tune in and place your bids by telephone. Come and join us for lots of fun!

Prayerline numbers

(800) 852-8199
(740) 369-5656
(740) 383-1794

VOLUNTEERS

Is the volunteer a dying breed?? That is a question that I am asked over and over by local organizations. All say that they have seen a drastic drop in the number of volunteers. Volunteers were once plentiful and organizations tried to find jobs for their volunteers. Now most can not recruit enough volunteers and must scale back their operations.

Fire Departments once staffed their departments and emergency squads with volunteers but now must hire people to fill those positions. Even the Salvation Army had trouble recruiting enough bell ringers during the past Christmas season.

COACB volunteers are essential for our operation. We operate four television stations, four production studios, an internet site. with a paid staff of just three and over 100 volunteers. Many volunteer positions are available We need: **Camera Operators, Set Designers, Video Switchers, Graphic Operators, Computer Programmers, Telephone Operators, Remote Production Crew, Control Room Operators, Prayer Line Hosts, Envelope Stuffers, and Sound Operators.** If you can volunteer, we will train you for a position that you'll love. **WE NEED YOU.**

Digital Conversion

For over a year television stations have been required by law to inform viewers that on February 17, full power stations would cease analogue broadcasting. Just days before Feb. 17 congress moved that date to June 12 creating mass confusion. Some stations shut down others did not. Many people can no longer find their favorite stations. If they use the converter box they can not receive analogue stations and if they do not use the converter, they can not receive digital stations.

DIGITAL UPDATE

The digital conversion of COACB stations is proceeding at a very fast pace. Jonathan Aiken has signed all the contracts for network carriage for six networks that will be carried on COACB digital channels.

Jon and Edith Peterson are in the process of putting the digital master control room together. About half of the satellite systems are in place and the building is bristling with satellite receive antennas.

Grant Powel activated the new fiber circuit on February 22 and the backup power system was installed last Monday.

Sister Hatch and Jackie Robison are busy raising money for Digital and the order for the transmitters will go in this week. They are to be delivered as soon as they are paid in full. Everyone is working hard to complete this project.

WHAT IS TIME WORTH??

Every business man knows that time is money. The time spent producing a product or service has monetary value when it comes time to prepare the customer's bill. Spend too much time producing that product or service and profits diminish. In order to stay in business, there has to be positive value for the time being spent. Christian TV has certain similarities to being in business. There are no monetary profits to be gained, so profitability is measured in other ways. We do not pro-

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COACB VOLUNTEERS



Roop & Doris Hans originally came from Simla North India. In 1980 they relocated to Marion, Ohio Roop was converted to Christianity from Hinduism. Doris is the daughter of a Christian minister. **Thank you, Roop & Doris, for being a COACB volunteers**



Post Your Prayer Request:
www.coacb.org/prayer



TRY THESE RECIPES!

NEED AN OUTING FOR YOUR GROUP???



To schedule a free tour of any of our COACB stations, please call: (740) 383 - 1794.



Got a suggestion for the COACB call: (740) 383-1794

HEARTY POTATO CHOWDER

Ida Bentley

2 cups diced potatoes; ½ cup grated carrots; 1 teaspoon salt; 2 cups water; 2 tablespoons chopped onion; 2 tablespoons butter; ¼ teaspoon paprika; ¼ teaspoon pepper; 2 cups milk; 2 slices crisp bacon, crumbled, optional

In a medium saucepan, cook potatoes and carrots in salted water until tender. In a medium skillet, cook onion in butter for 3 to 5 minutes. Add flour and seasonings; mix well. Gradually stir in milk. Add to potato mixture in saucepan. Stir over low heat until slightly thickened. Top with crumbled bacon. (I use less carrots.)

BROCCOLI RICE CASSEROLE

Jenny Hall

1 small onion, chopped; ½ cup chopped celery; 1 tablespoon butter or margarine; 1 (8 oz.) jar processed cheese spread; 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen chopped broccoli, thawed; 1 (10 ¾ oz.) can condensed cream of mushroom soup (undiluted); 1 (5 oz.) can evaporated milk; 3 cups cooked rice.

In a large skillet over medium heat, saute onion, celery and broccoli in butter for 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in cheese, soup, and milk until smooth. Place rice in a greased 8-inch square baking dish. Pour cheese mixture over. Do not stir. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

HONEY LAYER CAKE

Thelma Aiken

2 cups cake flour; ¼ teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon soda; ½ teaspoon ginger; ½ teaspoon cinnamon; ½ cup shortening; 1 cup honey; 1 egg separated; 2 tablespoons lemon juice or vinegar plus enough milk to make ½ cup liquid.

Sift, then measure flour; sift 3 times with salt and spices. Cream shortening, add honey gradually, beating thoroughly. Add dry ingredients alternately with milk mixture. Blend thoroughly. Blend in stiffen beaten egg white. Pour into 2 greased 1-inch cake pans. Bake in 350 degree oven for 30 to 35 minutes. Cool and frost.

CHOCOLATE FANTASY BARS

Anonymous

1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted; 2 cups chocolate chip cookie crumbs; 1 can sweetened condensed milk; 1¾ cups semi-sweet chocolate chips; 1 cup shredded coconut; 1 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a bowl, combine butter and cookie crumbs. Press the mixture into the bottom of 9"x13" baking pan. Pour sweetened condensed milk over the crumbs. Combine the chocolate chips, coconut, and nuts. Sprinkle mixture evenly over condensed milk, and press lightly into the pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes, or until set. Allow the bars to cool completely before cutting.

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duce a product that is billed to a customer, we deal with a very important spiritual message that is delivered to our audience. As most readers of this newsletter know, there are many who are unable to attend church services in person due to illness, disabilities, or a multitude of other reasons. Just as businesses have a mission, we here at the COACB have a mission. We deliver church services to those individuals who can not get out to their church.

What about the value of the time spent delivering our service? We have many volunteers who are not wealthy, so what is the value of the time they spend working here to produce and deliver our broadcasts? Ask someone who relies on our broadcasts for their weekly church service. We also have those who have no time in their schedule to volunteer, but have monetary assets and can give to help support our efforts. Their time is compensated from their employment or business venture. There is value to their time as well.

Equipment, utilities, facilities all require money to continue to bring the message to those we reach. If you have time in the form of volunteerism or cash donations, and you understand the value of your time, would you consider sharing in the mission of the COACB? Contact us, we'll be glad to explain to you the value of your time.

ROOMS AVAILABLE

We have heard that 13 churches in Marion alone have closed their doors because they could no longer pay their utility bills. The COACB has rooms available for use by Christian Churches. Contract us at 1-800-8199 for details.

STORIES FROM MY RELATIVES

John Hoffman

My Cousin Boogey turned to the faith of Buddhist. Sometime later he got some terrible toothaches. He went to the dentist. The dentist wanted to give Cousin Boogey Novocaine during the tooth pulling. Cousin Boogey refused. He wanted to transcend dental medication

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