

Family Service Agency hears speaker

Importance of volunteerism stressed at dinner

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The spirit of volunteerism came in for candid comment by the Reverend Joseph Davies, when he spoke at the annual dinner meeting Wednesday evening of the Family Service Agency of Washington County, Md., Inc., at The Sheraton.

In key with this theme was the announcement by board president, Robert Hullinger, that the "Big Sisters, Little Sisters" program, initiated during the past year by the Family Service Agency, was an outstanding success and that, due to an appropriation by The United Way, will be expanded this year.

President Hullinger also reported that the Pre-Marital Counseling Service, which is a part of the work of the agency, had also expanded during the year.

In character with this Jesse Kagle, executive director, United Way of Washington County, told the large group of board members and volunteers interested in the work of the agency, that "the real image of the United Way is found in the image of the agencies and the services they provide."

"Though the public might not realize this," he said, "the beginning of recruitment and planning of the United Way campaign starts in February." He also placed "volunteerism" at the top of the list of things that make this community's protective insurance via the The United Way such an outstanding success, noting that in 1972, 22,500 volunteers gave 493,000 complimentary hours to make this campaign work. Figures for 1973 have not been completed as yet.

Kagle also stated that the Family Service Agency has a

real role in the United Way and praised it for its valuable work.

Directors introduced

Mrs. Alice Sencindiver, director of the Family Service Agency, introduced the members of the board of directors for 1974. These include Richard Behrendt, Leroy Burtner, Dr. Peter Callas, the Reverend Joseph Chukla, Mrs. Kathryn Costa, Evan Crossley, Jerry Ficklin, Mrs. Leila Flora, the Reverend Phil Fogarty, David Gerber, Mrs. Margreth Hayzlett, Robert Hullinger, Dr. Paul Joliet, Mrs. Olive Jones, Mrs. Margaret Lilton, Edward Lott, Miss Dotte McGraw, William Nairn, the Reverend William Notziger, Mrs. Juanita Queen, William Roney, Rabbi Stanley Skolnik, Miss Mae Talbott, John Watson and Mrs. Sencindiver.

Rabbi Stanley Skolnik, prior to installing officers for the coming year, presented perfect attendance awards to Leroy Burtner, Robert Hullinger and Mrs. Agnita Schreiber.

Installed to serve a second term of office were Robert Hullinger, president; the Reverend Joseph Chukla, vice-president; David Gerber, secretary; and William Roney, treasurer.

Gaven Sencindiver introduced the Reverend Joseph Davies, High on the list of the many activities that were noted was membership on the Community Services Council, to which the speaker belongs. This council evaluates the volunteer talent that comes to it and uses it in the most effective manner.

Volunteers

The Reverend Father Davies, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Halfway, also serves as Chaplain at MCI and is intensely active in the work of



Saluting the Family Service Agency

The Reverend Joseph Davies, left, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, has just been congratulated in the photo above for his excellent speech on the definition of volunteerism to members of the board of the Family Service Agency, by Mrs.

Alice Sencindiver, center, and Robert Hullinger, right, president of the board. Father Davies is well-known for his own volunteerism in many areas in Washington County.

Boy Scouts.

With a merry twinkle and an outgoing warmth of personality, Father Davies saluted the Family Service Agency, noting that it plays an important part in the community it represents. "We are concerned with the great problems that face us in '74 and we do have a sense of community," he told his listeners.

"We all feel that Washington County is an important part of the world and we'd like to do our part," he said.

He traced volunteerism as it began with the pioneers, citing Clara Barton at Antietam and the beginnings of the Red Cross. "One of the greatest nobilities in our country are the grey ladies of the Red Cross for their giving of self to those in need, not out of charity, but out of sharing," he said.

He named Lord Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, and, bringing it more up-to-date, recognized the importance of the new National Center for Voluntary Action.

"The spirit of volunteerism, the importance of the individual who gives volunteer service, the exchange of talent that is given, and the value of one human being to another, exchanged with dignity, all came in for praise by the speaker.

"The key to prison reform, we are told, is not the large amount of money spent but first and foremost it is the recognition of the dignity of the individual," Father Davies told his listeners. "The effective giving of self, the recognition of the dignity of the individual, is above all the most important thing," he concluded, as he praised the volunteers present for having seen the worth of the individual and his need.

A lighter touch

All was not seriousness, however. As the members enjoyed their buffet dinner they were treated to music by the "Rhythm Heirs" of Clear Spring High School, under the direction of Noel Kunkel. The members, numbering nearly 20, are the nucleus of The Blazer Band at Clear Spring High, and so impressed were the listeners that spirited applause was forthcoming after each number.

Director Kunkel noted that he feels that the music is now making a complete circle, and that the music from the era of the big bands is returning. In this vein, the orchestra, under his direction, offered some of the numbers from the '40s on, to prove this evolution.

Numbers played were Glenn Miller's "Little Brown Jug," "Come Back to Sorrento," "Basin Street Blues" associated with Louis Armstrong; Duke Ellington's "Mood Indigo" and "Star Dust."

"For 15 years, this style went into oblivion," director Kunkel told his listeners, "but during the last few years there is a resurgence of this style. Even the rock groups now have some instrumentation in them," he said. Bringing his listeners on to the '60s the melody, "People" by Barbra Streisand, was heard, and, as an example of the '70s he closed with "Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?"

The director introduced each member of the band, and let everyone know how proud he is of the group. It was contagious, for it showed in the playing, and the audience appreciated the music very much.