



# Scioto Valley News

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*"To help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling."*



Strategists Phyllis South, Matthew Heller, Bill Ingles, Mary Kanet, Barbara Dolezel, Angela McFarland & Jon Porter.

### From the President

An Outline for the Future! Your council's Board of Directors and invited guests just finished spending a day at HI-Malabar Farm Hostel working on a three-year strategy plan. The product, shown below, constitutes our outline for progress.

It has already brought about change: we have begun a Women's Travel Circle. Please contact Mary Kanet at 614-634-1145 or [maryakanet@yahoo.com](mailto:maryakanet@yahoo.com) for more information about this. We are also reaching out to other organizations for partnering. We continue to welcome input; if you have ideas where we should be going, please tell us!

-Allan

## Report: Opening Doors, Opening Minds Strategy Meeting A View of Hostelling International, Central & Southern Ohio Council's Operations HI-Malabar Farm Hostel, October 28, 2007

### A. Administration Processes

- 1) Marketing
  - a. The 4 P's
    - i. Product
    - ii. Placement
    - iii. Price
    - iv. Promotion
  - b. Target audiences/links
- 2) Partnerships
  - a. YWCA
  - b. Malabar Farm State Park (MFSP)
  - c. Columbus Outdoor Pursuits
  - d. Etc.
- 3) Council Director training – Leadership training @ HI-Malabar Farm Hostel (HI-MFH)
- 4) Sell memberships @ all events
- 5) Succession planning
- 6) Division of responsibilities within the Board of Directors

### B. Ongoing Processes

- 1) Presentation events
  - a. World Travel 101 (WT101) - alone & w/Women Traveling Solo (WTS)
  - b. Women Traveling Solo - alone and w/WT101
  - c. Girl Scout programs – intended as standalone program
  - d. All above events able to present at HI-MFH
- 2) HI-MFH activities & programs
  - a. Goal for next 3 years – fill HI-MFH 12 weekends/year
- 3) Evening activities
  - a. Travelogues
  - b. Guest speakers

- 4) Student travel abroad programs
  - a. Partner with area colleges/universities
  - b. Follow-up with additional programs
- 5) Outreach events
  - a. Community Festival (Comfest)
    - i. Booth only
    - ii. Booth & presentation in Comfest program
  - b. International Festival
  - c. MFSP Heritage Days
  - d. Etc.
- 6) Annual Meetings with more appeal

### C. Special Processes

- 1) Hostel tours
  - a. HI-USA hostels
  - b. International HI hostels
- 2) Artist weekends
- 3) International/cultural cooking events
- 4) Partnerships with other youth organizations
  - a. Future Farmers of America
  - b. Church groups
  - c. 4-H
  - d. Etc.
- 5) Partnerships with "green" organizations
  - a. Coordinate with
    - i. MFSP
    - ii. Mohican State Park
- 6) WT101 at festivals

### Participants

Bill Ingles (guest facilitator); Allan & Phyllis South, Angela McFarland, Jon Porter and Mary Kanet (all CSOC Directors); Barbara Dolezel (HI-Malabar Farm Hostel); Matthew Heller (CSOC guest).

## HI-Malabar Farm Hostel Open Times for Fall 2007 & Winter 2008

Now through December 15, 2007 and after January 15, 2008:

Thursday night – Sunday morning  
(evening hours 5-10 PM; morning hours 7-10 AM)

Open year-round for groups with prior reservation, minimum requirements apply. (Please contact hostel directly.)



Discount for children 12 yrs. and under.  
Discount for groups of 10 or more.

Hi-Malabar Farm Hostel  
3954 Bromfield Rd  
Lucas, OH 44843

Tel: (419) 892-2055  
Fax: (419) 892-3055

E-mail: [hi-malabarfarm@juno.com](mailto:hi-malabarfarm@juno.com)

*All information subject to change. Please call to confirm.*

Rates: \$17 per person for HI members.  
Additional \$3/person for non-members.

## Events Calendar



**World Travel 101, Grandview Heights Public Library, 1685 W. First Ave., Columbus, 6:30 pm, Tuesday, December 4.** CSOC members will present "World Travel 101," a free, two-hour program offering prospective travelers hints on how to prepare for travel and perspectives in travelling responsibly. We will cover many topics, including acquiring a passport, packing light, and cultural issues of travel. Every one is welcome to this free program.



**World Travel 101, Upper Arlington Public Library, Main Library, 2800 Tremont Rd., Upper Arlington, 6:30 pm, Thursday, December 13.** CSOC members will present "World Travel 101," a free, two-hour program offering prospective travelers hints on how to prepare for travel and perspectives in travelling responsibly. We will cover many topics, including acquiring a passport, packing light, and cultural issues of travel. Every one is welcome to this free program.



**Yoga Retreat, HI-Malabar Farm Hostel & Malabar Farm State Park, Lucas, Friday-Sunday, January 18-20, 2008.** Out most popular annual event. A winter weekend at the hostel, with yoga classes in a log cabin in the woods. \$110 fee covers lodging at HI-MFH, all meals Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch, and bed sheets. Bring a dish to share Friday and your own towel(s). Yoga instructor Mary Sinclair of Yoga on High in Columbus holds certificates in yoga, prenatal yoga and balance, and a license in massage therapy. Check in 5-7 pm Friday. Retreat starts 7 pm Friday and concludes 1 pm Sunday. *Reservation deadline approaching.*

**Interested in any of the above? Call CSOC's Allan or Phyllis South (614-276-0447) for more information or to sign up. Take advantage of your Council and delve back into hostelling!**

CSOC awards a special T-shirt for the best guest contribution to this newsletter every issue. This issue: no guest contributions. Want to win a T-shirt? Send us your contribution. You may see it in the next newsletter!



Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada. See travel review, p.3.

### Thank you

to **Angela McFarland** for organizing our booth and volunteers, and to volunteers **Kay de la Cruz, Linda Handcock, Anna Lee, Cris Lee, Connie Nightline, Jon Porter, Theresa Roll, Phyllis South, Brian Stettner, Gary Tood, Sharon Todd and Gwen West** for staffing the booth.

We couldn't have done it without you!

## HI-Halifax Hostel, Celtic Color and Cape Breton By Allan and Phyllis South

We recently toured the island of Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, Canada, mostly in order to hear incredible Celtic music. A nine-day festival takes place there in October, as fantastic as the island itself.

We listened to big pipes and elbow pipes and lots of excellent fiddle players. For those who enjoy the night, artists started jamming around eleven at the Celtic College after-hours club, and the sun would rise before the music ended!

We traveled via Portland, Maine and took the CAT ferry across to Nova Scotia, where we rented a car. Nova Scotia teems with Bed & Breakfasts. Costs vary from very reasonable to somewhat expensive.

The inexpensive Churchill Mansion (not a HI hostel) has a reputation as haunted. A leg fell off the cast iron tub while one of us was trying to bathe - perhaps due to a ghost!

We also stayed at the Vespers (not a HI hostel) - a former convent on the sea at Glace Bay. Never thought we



would spend a night in a convent! See what travel does?

We enjoyed Cape Breton for many things: the beautiful and mountainous land, the sea and the largest inland salt water lake in the world. Mostly, however, we enjoyed the Acadian, Gaelic, Irish and other very welcoming people of the rich cultures surrounding the sea.

We ended our adventure at HI-Halifax Hostel, a.k.a. Halifax Heritage House Hostel. We found it clean and, as expected, more reasonably priced than the bed and breakfasts. We breakfasted there with young Asian travelers and exchanged ideas for further trips.

We really loved the Cape Breton area and its music, and may go back next year. Contact us ([asouth@columbus.rr.com](mailto:asouth@columbus.rr.com), 614-276-0447) if you would like to know more. For more information on HI-Canada hostels, surf to [www.hihostels.ca](http://www.hihostels.ca).

### Board of Directors Meetings

*The CSOC Board of Directors welcomes all council members to our meetings. Please let us know in advance if you are coming. If you have a HI-USA membership and live in our jurisdiction - if you receive this newsletter - **you are a council member.** We also encourage potential new Directors to contact us. Next scheduled meeting: call for information.*

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**To renew your HI-USA membership, purchase a new HI-USA membership, or purchase HI Hostel Directories, please call CSOC's Allan or Phyllis South at (614) 276-0447.**

**\*CSOC welcomes news Directors Mary Kanet and Gwen West!\***

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## 2007 International Festival - CSOC's Best Yet!

By Allan & Phyllis South



CSOC's Phyllis South and Festival Strollers.

**HI-USA, Central & Southern Ohio Council (CSOC)** staffed a booth at Columbus' International Festival November 3-4 at Franklin County Veterans' Memorial in downtown Columbus. Council directors and volunteers spent hours spreading the word and handing out literature about hostelling. We gave out over 225 maps!

People expressed interest in our upcoming Yoga Retreat, Women's Travel Circle and Cultural Kitchen programming, and more generally in travel. Many people now know that hostels exist in the USA. Maybe some of these people will use them.

We enjoyed seeing an international group of people in harmony with no more serious competition than trying to have the best food. Plan to join us next year!