The Pantry Door

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The Coordinator's Corner.

Pebruary already? Groundhog Day, Presidents Day and Valentine's Day are the milestone dates on my calendar. I'm pretty sure very few Homerites rely on Punxsutawney Phil for their spring forecast, but it has been a longer, colder and snowier winter than



memory allows. Meanwhile, the Homer Food Pantry continues to serve approximately 125 families each week and

30 families in villages across the Bay on a monthly basis. And, as the one tasked with answering the Food Pantry phone seven days a week, I can assure you there are increasing needs for non-food, emergency services in our community. An early Spring would be nice.

A Special Thanks...

...to Dylan Honebrink, Eric Morris, Tom Early, Geoff Murphy, Scott Anderson and Brian Witthoeft. These are the unsung heroes who pick up donated pastries, breads and produce from Save-U-More, Safeway and even popcorn from the Homer Theatre. Thank You!

Project Homeless Connect Wrap-up.

Treliminary numbers are in for the Third Annual Project Homeless Connect held in Homer and Anchor Point on Wednesday, January 26th. There were 18 intakes completed in Anchor Point and 29 in Homer for a total of 47 which is significantly lower than the previous years. Vendors present were the Department of Public Assistance, Students in Transition, Homer Community Food Pantry, Independent Living Center, The Center for Behavioral Health, Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic, CICADA/ All Things Addiction and South Peninsula Hospital and Public Health. Various supplies were distributed; backpacks, hygiene kits, comfort care packs, food

boxes and snack packs, pet food, sleeping bags, blankets, tents/ tarps, flashlights, mess kits, water canteens, warm socks, hats, gloves and scarves. All items were donated by the following organizations and agencies: Homer United Methodist Church, St. John's Knights of Columbus, Homer Emblem Club, Homer Kachemak Bay Rotary, Haven House, Salvation Army, Helping Hands, Homer Community Food Pantry and Anchor Point Food Pantry, Kenai Food Bank, Homer Animal Friends and South Peninsula Hospital and Department of Public Health. This event could not happen without the support of these fine organizations. Thank you. -- Cinda Martin 🕞

McDonough Re-elected Board President.

At the meeting of the Homer Community Food Pantry Board held on Tuesday, January 18th, Thomas McDonough was re-elected to the position of President. Also re-elected was Pat Boone as Vice President.

There were four new members added to the board, including Michael Raymond, Jessica Shepherd, Deb Schmidt and Bhree Roumagoux.

The board also re-elected Cinda Martin, Laura McBride, Grace

Hagen and Bette Seaman. Rounding out the executive committee are Cinda Martin, Treasurer, and Bhree Roumagoux as Financial Secretary.

Three board members saw their terms expiring in January. These include Dave Nofziger, Deb Smith and Ruth Dickerson.

A special thanks to all who agreed to serve on the board and to those whose many years of service have come to an end. Your selfless service will always be remembered and appreciated.

Providing food and emergency assistance, with compassion, to those seeking our services.

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