

St. Louis Camera Club Members,

In January your board approved my proposal to establish a committee to research and implement activities in which members can use their time and photographic talent to benefit the community.

Over a period of seven months I have been meeting with Jenny Reini and Nancy Donnell to brainstorm ideas for establishing this group. We discussed everything from a name, guidelines, possible activities, to communication with volunteers. Jenny even designed a logo for us!

Now that we are official, Pat Oberkfell, Carolyn Schlueter and Bill Zimmerman (in an advisory capacity) will be joining our committee.

We have already provided volunteers to photograph several events and are checking with organizations that may want us to provide prints.

We will also pass on requests from members to assist them in their volunteer activities. For example:

Dave Coblitz, [dcoblitz@gmail.com](mailto:dcoblitz@gmail.com), is requesting a donation of inexpensive digital cameras to use in an art therapy class he is teaching this spring at Children's Hospital. Scott Avetta, [scottavetta@hotmail.com](mailto:scottavetta@hotmail.com), would appreciate a donation of used 35mm film cameras for a class he is teaching at the Community College.

If you know of an opportunity you may want us to be involved in please email me, Susan Standish, at [pogstl@swbell.net](mailto:pogstl@swbell.net) or suggest it to a member of our committee.

Our guidelines define an Event Sponsor as an organization serving the community through charitable activities without religious, political or controversial affiliations.

Bob Schmidt has expanded our Hold Harmless Agreement that will be signed by the Event Sponsor and an officer of the Camera Club to insure that the Officers or members do not incur any liability.

Wade Clutton will work with us to put information on the website that will include activities, guidelines for the photographers, event pictures and the Hold Harmless Agreement.

We are looking forward to making this a positive experience for the volunteer photographers and the community. Your ideas and involvement will be appreciated.

Susan Standish  
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