

***IRF Monthly Memoranda***  
***Summer 2009***

This paper lists significant news for the upcoming month. It is intended as an aid to memory for Board Committee members and not as a substitute for the newsletter. If you would like to include any items for next month's paper, please send them to the IRF office 479 Maitland Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666. Thank you. The IRF phone number is 201-833-8009. The IRF FAX is 201-833-8011.

**Meetings:** All meetings are at the IRF Office unless otherwise noted

**GOLF & TENNIS OUTING**—Monday, June 1-Knickerbocker Country Club

**ANNUAL MEETING** – Monday, June 15 –St. Mark's Episcopal Church

**Executive Meeting**—Thursday, July 16—8:00 AM

**Finance Meeting**—Monday July 20—7:00 PM

**Board Meeting**—Tuesday, July 21—8:00 AM

**Executive Meeting**—Thursday, August 20 –8:00 AM

**CAMP LOTS OF FUN**  
**AUGUST 17-29**

**GOLF & TENNIS OUTING**—June 1<sup>st</sup> was a spectacularly glorious day for golf and tennis. Over 100 individuals participated in the golf, tennis and the reception/dinner that followed. It was an enjoyable event for all. Tiger Woods was not there, but some golfers did well, won prizes and went home after a lovely dinner provided by the Knickerbocker Country Club. This year's event was a revival of the Golf Outings that we ran for many years in the past and we are hoping it will be the first of many in the future! Mark your calendars for next year **June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010!**

**ANNUAL MEETING:** The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the IRF was held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. About 70 people attended, enjoyed a delicious buffet meal and heard about the possible new path we are investigating. Family Promise, a national organization out of Summit, NJ, presented their program and answered many questions. The next step will be visiting various congregations to see who would be willing to engage in this new program.

**FOOD-** The initial rush for food at our small food pantry has let up, but so have the donations. The shelves that were overflowing with non perishable foods are now almost empty. If we could ask you to pick up a few cans of soup or pasta sauce or peanut butter, stews, chili or cereal when you go to do your personal shopping and bring it here when you get a chance, we would be able to stay ahead of the requests. And gift cards are always needed to fill in the holes for perishable foods like bread, milk, juice, eggs or cheese.

**CAMP LOTS OF FUN**—August 17<sup>th</sup> is the first day of the camp that has provided much fun for the children in the shelter and many of the alumni- whose yearly return tells us how much fun it really is! Even when they have moved on to their own homes and new lives, many of the children beg to come back to renew old friendships, and to enjoy the wonderful trips, great activities, meals and general fun that the camp provides. This year, in addition to some repeats, the camp will be going to the Museum of Natural History and peach picking at a local farm. When the camp closes, the youngsters will have backpacks stuffed with school supplies and a gift card to start school with new clothes. The camp director, Cindy Blinn starts planning for these two weeks in January and it shows-it is a wonderful experience for children who might not have many in their young lives!

**DISASTER AGAIN!!!** Some of you may remember 31/2 years ago when we had to close the Family Shelter to deal with an infestation of bed bugs. We did our best! We placed all the residents, we cleaned, we fumigated, we vacuumed, we polyurethaned all the furniture, we cleaned again and finally reopened, believing that we had done everything to ensure no reoccurrence! We were wrong! Those pests returned within a year and in spite of our best efforts, we could not get rid of them. What we learned was that there is no way of getting them out as long as we have lovely wood furniture that they love to nest in! All they need is furniture to hide and breed in! They can live for a year without food! Most people think it is the mattresses that are the culprits, but in fact it is the bed frames and headboards that they love. So we have decided that we must bite the bullet, get rid of everything especially the wood and start from scratch! This will be an expensive venture-first get rid of the old and then buy new non-wood beds, dressers and racks. And it will probably take some time! The congregations that are on the schedule for the near future have been notified, and for the rest only time will tell. We will keep you posted. If you are moved to help us pay for this project we will happily accept your donations—and if anyone knows of suppliers of metal or institutional furniture, who can give us a break, please call Nancy at 201-833-8009. Thank you!