

Bi-Fri Social & Work Club Needs You!

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS

Are you handy and free on some Friday mornings? With some current members getting older, the number of participants in our bi-weekly sessions has gotten fewer. We need new members and renewed energy to keep our building well-maintained. **We welcome anyone who can participate regularly and is willing to do a little work.**

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

If you are interested in becoming a Bi-Fri'er please contact the "High Bi-Fri Guy" Brownlee Field via email: Bi-FRI@rochesterunitarian.org.

TESTIMONIALS FROM CURRENT AND PRIOR MEMBERS

Don: *Over many years we all have had small and large projects on which we sort of leave our fingerprints. I used to get quiet pleasure walking around the church reflecting on the "I DID THAT's."*

Glenn: *As a Bi-Frier for many years, I have enjoyed having a "hands on" experience of taking care of our church home. Knowing that the Bi-Friers have saved the church thousands of dollars on repairs to our building and grounds over the years has been very satisfying! One of my favorite memories was when we played the role of Monks in a musical rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus. Having fun together while doing something constructive for the church is our goal.*

Ken: *I joined Bi-Fries before we joined the church. Erin Julian introduced me to Dave, the then "High Bi-fri Guy" and I have been hooked ever since. Because the church has an idiosyncratic electrical system built under the 1960 electric code, the resident guru was Dick Foxx and Dave asked me to help him and learn the ropes because his wife didn't want Dick climbing ladders. After Dick was no longer able to participate, I continued. The best thing about Bi-Fries was the lunch we got after the work was done and we met at the diner before Covid.*

Lee:

- *The gathering before going to work gives you a chance to meet members you didn't know. And to hear some good jokes.*
- *Working together on projects gives you a chance to learn new ways of accomplishing something. Also the opportunity to train someone who has never done something.*
- *The importance of listening. "Look before you leap" you don't always have the best ideas, but sometimes you do. The standard joke of "how many BiFri's does it take to do something" may have merit.*
- *The most fun I had was our two stage performances as Monks in our robes. We performed the "Hallelujah Chorus" and my wife put on a robe to perform as a BiFri.*

Dick: *Bi-Friers have helped maintain the building and have saved money for the church by doing a variety of repairs that otherwise would have to be hired out. And our informal social interaction over coffee and doughnuts, or going out together for lunch, has built an important community within the church for many of us.*

My most memorable task for many years was that of repairing sanctuary chairs. Over time, glued leg joints loosened, backs became insecure, seats split, screws fell out, leg gliders became lost, and frames wobbled. During each Bi-Fri session, I would retrieve good chair parts, repair backs and seats, salvage good stretchers, refinish the wood, find new screws and gliders and put chairs back together. Over the years, the Bi-Friers knew that I had repaired dozens and dozens of chairs. Not only did I enjoy this work, I also enjoyed being known as the CHAIR-MAN!