

A world of opportunity at the Timebank

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Like many of us, I have avoided joining the Northside Timebank because I couldn't think of anyway I could contribute to the pool of talent offered by fellow members. Well, think again.

The Timebank has been operating for 10 months and has been very active on the Northside. Chuck and Connie Smalley have been involved since the very beginning and have had many successful and enjoyable experiences.

The Smalleys do a lot of transportation. They are retired and available during the day, which is helpful for people having appointments during business hours. They have even taken a woman to a job interview out of town and waited to bring her home. Beauty parlor appointments, doctor appointments and visits with friends are all possible. If it is acceptable to the rider, they are willing to swap the cost of gas by adding an extra hour to the time dollar charge.

Baking, pet sitting, plumbing repairs, and sewing are other possibilities. Loretta Giove is a new member, having joined two months ago. She says she thinks the Timebank "is just great. I like to help people, so if I can help, I'm right there." She makes home visits and goes shopping for people. In exchange, a Timebank member helped her move.

A very busy member of the bank is Clare Norelle, local singer-songwriter.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Sept. 11, 6:30 to 7:30pm at Troy Gardens - Welcome Meeting.

Attendees are urged to bring excess produce from their gardens to be sold to others for one time dollar per bag. This will serve as a fundraiser for the Timebank. You don't have to be a member to come.

Oct. 20 - First Anniversary Meeting, Potluck and Dance!
Stay tuned for more details.

She has given Yoga/Meditation sessions, done office work for the Lindbergh PTA, done Spanish translation and cross-cultural outreach, vegetarian cooking help, fitness and exercise training, given French lessons, and received piano and slide guitar lessons, computer assistance and help building a website.

The Timebank now has 370 members according to Terrie Anderson, Northside coordinator. The group now has an office in the Family Centers building at 2120 Fordem Ave. Terrie will be at the office Wednesdays from 5pm - 7pm. They can be reached online at www.danecounty-timebank.org.

In order to join, interested volunteers can do so online or by calling Terrie Anderson at 241-9080 or Stephanie Rearick, Timebank director at 442-8229.

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He reiterates the fact that regardless of the ratio of smokers in the city, 80% of his clientele smoked—a number echoed by most Northside taverns.

"I'm just glad we got the kids through college," he says, "We couldn't do it now."

His wife Jan, a teacher for over thirty years at Madison East, is due to retire soon.

"We were hoping to retire and run the tavern. Now...I don't know."

The Villa Tap's Al Tedeschi faces tougher times because as a relative newcomer, he's had the bar seven years, and he still has a mortgage to contend with.

"I'm down \$120,000 which for me is a 60% loss. For seven years I was up 10% in gross sales every year until last year. Only one thing changed last year."

Both Wiggie's and the Villa Tap have lost many if not all of their softball and dart teams.

"I'm looking at \$6000 in city taxes coming due soon," says Wiganowsky, "\$2100 in air conditioning bills, and I just made five trips downtown at an out-of-pocket cost of \$550 just to get approval for a canopy in back to cover my customers."

And, as the only Northside tavern owner charged with a violation of the ban, his case has gone nowhere.

"It's been months and I haven't even had my initial appearance yet. I want a jury trial, and if they don't move soon,



Photo by Marcus Watson

we'll file for dismissal.

Needless to say, Wiganowsky sees this fight as far from over.

"I don't think it means anything that most of the liquor licenses were renewed. If you want to sell a money-losing bar, it's hard to do so without the license. And people want to sell before they're forced to close.

New Italian restaurant to open this fall

A new tenant will soon occupy 1826 N. Sherman Avenue, the former Ole-N-Rick's Northside Inn.

Restaurateur Pietro Pipitone has announced the late August/early September opening of La Belle Italia.

He will offer classic Italian dishes, pizza, beer and wine, served in a warm, family atmosphere.

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