



Midwest Orphan Train Riders and Friends

48th Celebration of
MN Orphan Train Riders of New York
Saturday, October 18, 2008
St. Francis Center, Little Falls, MN

Everyone is Welcome—Bring your family, friends, and any interested persons.

8:30 Registration (\$10.00, Riders \$5.00)

9:00 Meeting Election of Officers, Announcements/Silent Auction, Old Business, New Business- **Planning our 50th Celebration!** Please bring your ideas and suggestions on how we might plan for our Big 50th reunion (only two short years away.)

10:15 Pictures Group Pictures of Riders

10:30 Guest Speaker **Renee Wendinger, Daughter of Rider, Sophia Kral**
Slide Presentation of the Immigration Orphan Train Experience

12:00 Lunch and Sharing of Stories Chicken Dinner (\$9.50)

1:30 Patti Dietrick of Long Beach, CA. Photo Documentary Project (engaging portraits of Orphan Train Riders...riders come prepared for a short photo session with Patti. She is preserving history by embracing OTR survivors through her long standing educational photographic experience.)

We will be holding a Silent Auction again this year from 10:00-12:30. If you would like to donate something, please bring quality items to the celebration. Preference supports orphan train associated items, or similarity. Please provide a brief written description of the item(s) on a piece of paper, item value, and who donated item. Accumulated funds from the auction benefit our reunions expenditures. Thank you all for your tremendous help in this endeavor.

Orphan Train Memorabilia. We would like to start a scrapbook of our celebrations. If you have pictures, news clips, or memorabilia of past meetings or orphan train rider information and would like to contribute to a community scrapbook, please submit. An open scrapbook will be available at each reunion for individuals to physically position their own memorabilia.

Current Officers

Vicki Koscianski, President, 763-972-3299
Joan Prochaska, Secretary, 763-389-4892

Beverly Sweet, Vice President, 612-788-6385
Janice Gonsior, Treasurer, 763-571-4462

Accommodations in Little Falls

St. Francis Center, 116 – 8th Ave. SE, 320-632-0695 or Fax: 320-632-1714

Super 8 Motel, 300 12th Street NE, 320-632-2351 or 1-800-800-8000

Country Inn & Suites, 209 16th Street NE, 320-632-1000 or 1-888-201-1746

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See attached registration form. Return by October 8th.