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Fall 2007

2007 Season Update **"How can you improve on perfect?"**

WOW RHI's 2007 season may be the most successful one yet! We started out the year with a grant from the Toledo Community Foundation for \$6,550. Add to that a small grant from the Northwest Ohio Affiliate Susan G. Komen for the Cure of \$450 to cover the cost of 6 scholarships for women who are unable to pay. Add to that all of the other donations from fly fishing community how could it go wrong!

Our three retreats were truly a "Renewal at Water's Edge." To quote one participant..."you can't improve perfect!" My favorite quote, however, from the retreats is "Catching fish gets in the way of my casting." The participants, the hugs, the tears, the laughter, the fish, the accommodations, the food, the yoga stretches, the chocolate facials, the foot soaks, the massages, the stamping, the scrapbook, the bon fires the hand knitted scarves, the fly brooches and don't forget the wine, ...that's what makes the retreats perfect.

The highlight of the first retreat may have been the President, Judy Walle floating down the Manistee River just to get the pink boa to



participant, who had just caught a fish. While the highlight of the last retreat may have been when the participant hooked Judy in the hand. It was truly the biggest catch of the season!

Fishing was tough at the first two retreats on the Manistee River, due to low water level and high temperatures, but we had fun with all of the bluegills in Ray's casting pond including the two fish on one hook catch! Our participants learned

a new skill, made new friends and shared themselves with each other. If you have not attended a retreat yet, there is no time like the present to register. Our 2008 dates are listed below and on the attached flyer.

2008 Retreat Dates Announced

The 2008 retreat dates for Reeling and Healing, Inc. are all set. We are excited to announce that we will be adding a fourth and fifth retreat in 2008. Both are Spring retreats. The first will be held at Rockwell Springs Trout Club near Castalia, Ohio on May 4-5 and the second will be held at Mohican State Park on May 18-20. Then two retreats will be at Schmidt Outfitters in Wellston, Michigan from July 6-8 and July 20-22.

Our July 20-22 retreat is an alumni/new participant retreat. The alumni will be fishing more and will do some fly tying. Get your reservations in early since there is limited space available.

Our fall retreat will again be held at Rockwell Springs Trout Club in Castalia, OH on September 22-23.

If you would like to sign up for one of the 2008 retreats, please call Judy or Dick Walle at 419-536-2469 or visit the website at www.reelandheal.com.

Volunteers Needed

As you read above RHI is expanding to at least 4 retreats in 2008 and perhaps 5 or 6. That means we need more help. We are looking for people to help us in the following areas: fund raising, finding participants, fly fishing instructors, massage therapists, nurses, fly tyers, retreat

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directors, grant writers, newsletter editor, goodie bag donors, booth help at fly fishing shows, etc. If something appeals to you or if there is something else that you think you might be able to help with, please call Judy Walle at 419-536-2469 and volunteer. You can help make the organization even more successful and help us grow. **We need you!**

If you were a retreat volunteer in 2007 and want to volunteer in 2008, please let Judy know which date(s) you are interested in ASAP.

Reeling and Healing Receives Proceeds From Pollyball Tournament

Reeling and Healing, Inc. was chosen along with The YWCA's Breast Cancer Awareness Center in Toledo, Ohio to be the recipients of the proceeds of the 16th Annual Polly Hylant Tracy Pollyball (volleyball) Tournament. The Tournament was held on Saturday, August 18, 2007 at International Park in downtown Toledo. We were very excited to be chosen for this important and popular event. Thanks to all of you who volunteered at the event, especially Joe and Dee Spencer who were our official representatives for the day.. We are pleased to announce that we will be receiving \$5,000 from the event. Thanks to the Hylant and Tracy families for making this possible. Mark your calendars now for August 16th for the 17th Annual Polly Hylant Tracy Pollyball Tournament.

Bamboo Fly Rod

Thru the generosity of Bret Reiter we will again be raffling a bamboo fly rod made especially for Reeling and Healing, Inc. The tickets will be on sale starting at the FFF Expo in Mason, MI on 12/1/07. Tickets will be \$10 each or 3 for \$20. If you are interested in buying or selling tickets, please call Judy Walle 419-536-2469.

Scrapbook Fundraiser

On Saturday, February 9, 2008 Renee's Survivor Shop is hosting *Scrappin' for Life* a scrapbooking fundraiser with the proceeds being donated to Reeling and Healing, Inc. The event is being

held at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 5990 W. Temperance Rd., Ottawa Lake, MI 49267 from 10 to 7. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be provided. The cost is \$35 for registration on or **before** Jan. 15, 2008 and \$40 **after** Jan. 15, 2008. Send your registration fee (checks payable to Reeling and Healing, Inc.) and contact information to Reeling and Healing, Inc., 5137 Newhart Circle, Toledo, OH 43615. For more information, please call Renee at 419-471-0603 or Mary at 419-478-8574.



Look at what I caught!!



Relaxing after a hard day on the river!