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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Looking outside, it is hard to believe that the course will open in a few weeks. It feels like the longest winter ever!!!

The new Clubhouse grill room and addition look great and will be completed soon. Our first event is the Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday May 14. Due to weather delays, deck construction will extend into mid-May. Also, we have a new front entry door, new carpeting on both levels, and new epoxy flooring in the locker rooms.

The capital improvement fundraising effort is kicking off shortly and we will be selling raffle tickets with many prizes to be awarded around the 4th of July. Please support this effort!

This will be an exciting year with our new grill room, and we look forward to your involvement at the Club through participating in events and in volunteering opportunities.

Hope to see you this year at the Club!

Best wishes,

Tim Virant, President ECC Board of Directors

Eshquaguma Country Club



Neither rain, nor snow . . . will stop our 13th Annual 5K!

Eshquaguma's popular 5K Run/Walk or Bike returns on **Saturday May 27th**. Participants should check-in 8:30 at the Clubhouse for the 9:00 start. Awards, prizes, and a breakfast buffet will immediately follow the finish.

All children receive a medal and a prize and all participants receive a ticket for the breakfast buffet. Breakfast tickets will be available for sale for spectators.

Cost for this event is adults 18+: \$30,

children 7-17: \$20; and children 6 and under are free!

Email or call Meg Uhan to register – megan@gilbertbank.com or 218-248-3910. Sponsorships are available for \$100. Contact Meg for more information.

Please register by Tuesday, May 16th to guarantee a t-shirt. Please include your name, t-shirt size, and age when registering.

Sunday, May 14th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Seating times available: 10:00 a.m. • 12 noon • 2:00 p.m.

Mother's Day Brunch

FULL BRUNCH MENU All ECC members, families and guests are invited to honor mothers in a marvelous way! This event has developed into a wonderful ECC tradition and it's a great way to celebrate spring. For reservations email our Manager, Bryan Quintanar at restaurant@eshquaguma.com or call 218-865-4263. All reservations must be received by May 10th. Cancellations after May 11th will be charged to their account.

Please indicate which seating time you would prefer. Bryan will be available starting April 25th. Questions: Terri Nelson, Restaurant Liaison is available at 218-398-3021.

Adults: \$24.00 Children (7-12): \$10.00 6 & Under: Dine Free

Looking for the perfect gift for Mother's Day? ProShop will be open with 20% off on all apparel*!

ESHQUAGUMA COUNTRY CLUB

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9 Tentative bar opening: 3-7 p.m.

May 11 Ladies Book Club 6:00 p.m.

May 14 Mother's day Brunch 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Reservations required)

May 16 Restaurant open for lite fare through June 5

May 18 Ladies' Coctail Party, 6:00 p.m.

May 21 Annual Spring Spruce Up - 8:30 a.m. More info to follow

May 24 Ladie's and Men's Golf begins

May 26 Meet & Greet New Members 5:30 p.m. Numerous Appetizers!

May 27 5K Walk/Run/Bike 9:00 a.m.

May 27 Club Barbeque 6:00 p.m.

May 31 Ladie's Business Meeting - Noon

June 3 Club Opening Party, 5 p.m. Social, 6 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Band

June 6 Restaurant open with Full Menu

June 7 Ladies' Golf Guest Day

June 16-17 ECC Family/Group Photo Days See page 4

Spring is Here

Spring is a more than a little late this year! There will soon be signs of spring popping up all around us. The front gate pots and other areas will be planted as weather permits. As one of our members has said "pick a weed", help our committee keep our landscaping beautiful.

Suggestions/ideas to enhance our grounds? Just let us know. The Landscape Committee – Kathy Nelson, Cathy Lisenby, Christine Burgstahler, Terri Nelson, Susie Pearsall. Our committee always needs more help, anyone wanting to join, please let a member know!

News from the ECC Restaurant

The ECC Board is happy to report that Manager Bryan Quintanar is back for his third year and is anxious for the season to begin. We're very happy that the following restaurant staff are returning: Ashley Dahl, Dolce Everson, Hannah Hannuksela, Ruby Keskitalo, Bella Thomas, Jakob Undeland, and Lucy Virant.

In the ProShop Eli Devich returns. New employees this season are Rose Dall, Bridget Strudwick, Ellie Bjorge, Beau Foix, Madelyn Klima, Kylie Meyer, and others to be announced.

The bar will be tentatively opening on May 9th from 3 to 7 p.m. with

pizza available. Don't forget our

Lite Fare Menu May 16- June 5

Tuesday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Friday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - Midnight (Bar only) Sunday Restaurant: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bar 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

famous Mother's Day Brunch on May 14th.

"Head Chef "Alex and crew will be returning to ECC to provide us once again with their wonderful culinary experience. This is Alex's fourth season as the head chef and eighth year at ECC.

See you soon in our newly renovated Grill Room!

Terri Nelson, Restaurant Liaison



The new '23 ECC Members Directories are done!

Your copy will be mailed out soon. Extra copies are available for \$10 in the ProShop

Ladies Golf Guest Day Scramble



Wednesday June 7, 2023

Purpose of our "Guest Day" event is to recruit future members.

Includes 9 holes of golf. Lunch for guest is either paid by guest or treated by member who invited the guest.

Please RSVP to the ProShop by June 1



I'm sure all ECC members are as excited as I am to get rid of the snow and welcome the 2023 golf season on our beautiful course. We can't wait for you to see our newly renovated ProShop. We're sure you'll be proud of the shop and will be anxious to show us off to your family and friends. We have some new men's lines, many new hats and accessories. So come check us out.

Jason Teragawa has returned for his third season. He will be offering lessons and clinics, event coordination, and will help you with any questions concerning clubs and equipment. Contact him to get new club grips to start the season.

We'll have some new and some familiar faces assisting in the ProShop this year. We're looking forward to having Bridget Strudwick helping out, also. Stop and say "hi" to our helpful staff.

We want to thank you for your support. Because of our strong membership we had record numbers in the ProShop last year and have no reason to believe this year will be any different. The ProShop serves at the pleasure of the members and we welcome any suggestions or concerns.

Tom Lisenby, ProShop Liaison

The ProShop offers a wonderful selection of apparel again this year. The Buying Committee (Cathy Lisenby, Jane Stunkard, Terri Nelson, Jason Teragawa, Tom Lisenby, and Nate Lehmann) have ordered a variety of items from numerous vendors. Many thanks to Barb Richards, Mike and Terri Kern, Kathy Nelson, Pat Tamminen and Mary Skorjanec in helping get the ProShop ready for the season. Also, thanks again this year to Maggie Hillmer for her help supporting the ProShop and Restaurant with the new POS System.

From the ECC ProShop

Spring is soon upon us. I'm happy to be back and look forward to seeing you all again very soon. I'd like to give a special thank you to everyone who made our Clubhouse renovations possible. We are truely fortunate to have such compassionate and caring people here at Eshquaguma.

GOLF COURSE CONDITIONS First and foremost is the safety of our golf course. May can be a challenging month at times and the golf course might not always be playable. Frost delays may occur and it's important that we are off the grass during those times. Rachel and I will do our best to keep you informed. Please feel free to call the ProShop if you have any questions or concerns on



Jason Teragawa
ECC Head Golf Pro
proshop@eshquaguma.com
218-865-4706

course conditions. Patience is key and is also a valuable skill that can help you play better golf. Let's do everything we can to give our golf course the best chance for another successful summer.

CLUB REPAIR Now is the time for club repair or to inquire about new clubs. The grip is only connection we have to the golf club. It's important that we periodically rotate fresh grips onto our clubs. Call the ProShop to inquire about grips, repairs, or any other equipment information.

GOLF LESSONS Tee shots, iron play, short game, putting, course management, mental game? Golf lessons are great way to help improve your game and get you trending in the right direction. We're here to help! Call the ProShop in inquire about golf lessons.

PROSHOP OPENING May 1st the ProShop opens. Come checkout our new clothes and merchandise! Early bird gets the worm!

MEET & GREET - MAY 26TH I look forward to meeting all our new members. Welcome to Eshquaguma!

ERA League – Starts May 16th a.m.

Women's League – Starts May 24th a.m.

Men's League – Starts May 24th p.m.

MEMORIAL DAY GOLF EVENT Monday, May 29th 4-person scramble 10 a.m. shotgun start, hole prizes, ProShop credit. Lunch included after golf \$45 members, \$55 non members.

TUESDAY NIGHT GOLF Starts June 6th at 5:30 p.m. I look forward to playing golf with all of you!

ECC ProShop Hours

Hours Until May 7

Open Every Day from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Hours: May 8 - Sept. 17

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wednesday 7:30-7:30 Saturday & Sunday 7:00-7:30

Our Annual **Spring Spruce Up**is set for Sunday, May 21st at 8:30 a.m. Please come and help spruce up the area around the Clubhouse. We need as many volunteers as possible. Please ring any tools for gar

Please ring any tools for gardening that you might have: gloves, rakes, blowers, paint brushes, pruning shears, trimmers, shovels, chainsaws – or anything else we might need.

A light lunch will be served to all volunteers after the cleanup. Hope to see you there!!!



ECC Member Volunteer Work Crew

We had a great turnout of around 25 volunteers at our new Clubhouse on Sunday April 23. They accomplished everything on our checklist! A big "Thank You" to Terri Nelson for providing great coordination throughout the day to fully utilize all volunteers and for working tirelessly throughout the construction project. Tables were disas-

sembled and chairs were cleaned. The ProShop was set up for opening day. Kitchen equipment is in place.

We could not have done this without the ECC Member Volunteers! Your participation in this volunteer workday is greatly appreciated! Now we're ready to enjoy the new clubhouse with our ECC Members & Families!





Eshquaguma Family Photo Day!

Aaron and Elizabeth Vovk are members of ECC. They own Noah's Ark Photography and have offered to take photos of members. You could use this photo for placement in the 2024 ECC Directory.

Book time on June 16th or 17th for a 10-minute **Family Session**. You will receive one digital file and an option to purchase prints or more digitals.

The ECC **Group Session** is on June 17th at 4:30 p.m.

A scheduling link for members to book their preferred time slot is: www.noahsarkphotography.com/ ECC-family-photos. Once members schedule their session, they will receive an email with helpful tips to ensure their family photo session is a success. This way everyone is well-prepared for their session, and we believe these tips will be helpful. Aaron and Elizabeth are looking forward to seeing all our members and their families at the photo session. If you have any questions or concerns please let them know: Aaron @ 612-221-2654 or Elizabeth @ 612-889-8385

Mike Kern, On behalf of ECC Board

ECC Book Club

The ECC Book Club's May book selection is "The Maid" by Nita Prose. This is a #1 New York Times Bestseller. It's a heartwarming mystery with a lovable oddball at its center. Please call or text Pat Tamminen to RSVP at 218-780-5518.

Our June selection will be "An Invisible Thread" by Laura Schroff and Alex Tresiowski. All ECC ladies are welcome to join!

New Point of Sale System for 2023

You hopefully won't notice any difference, but ECC is implementing a new **Point of Sale (POS)** system this year that will function in both the Restaurant and the ProShop. New hardware and software will be installed prior to opening. We are expecting a quicker and more accurate checkout process and we will gain efficiencies with bookkeeping.

Of course, any billing system begins with accuracy and to attain that we request that you tell your server what your member number is at first, when you sit down or when you order by phone. Yes, they'll remember many of us, but it

Tennis/Pickleball

The tennis/pickleball courts are in excellent shape this year. Come out and enjoy playing!

Contact Pat Tamminen to sign up for the new Pickleball League. It's open to all ages and beginners are welcome. You can sign up for the open schedule in the ProShop.

> Welcome NEW MEMBERS

RESIDENT CORPORATE

Patrick and Stacy Oltmanns

NON-RESIDENT CORPORATE

Duane and Carla Holm Chris and Ann Vreeland Jason Foosness

OUT OF AREA

Charles and Erika McNeil

SOCIAL

Mark and Donna Leese
John and Joyce Miklausich
Barbara Baldrica
Joel Johnson/Tara Uppman Johnson
Gary and Georgia Epp
Jeanne Russo and Bill Lange
Edward and Christine Cvek
Marion and Mary Skorjanec

is best for all to simply make note of it at first avoiding any complications and confusion. Please be patient with staff as they learn the new system. Like anything new, it takes time to learn and get comfortable with it. If you have any questions or concerns please contact any ECC Board Member to share those questions or concerns. Let's all go easy on staff as we transition to the new system.



New ECC Website & email addresses

Eshquaguma website: www.eshquaguma.com

Questions regarding Eshquaguma Country Club: info@eshquaguma.com
Questions regarding the ProShop/golf course: proshop@eshquaguma.com
Questions regarding billing/club treasurer/accountant: billing@eshquaguma.com
Questions regarding membership/club info requests: contact@eshquaguma.com
Questions regarding the restaurant: restaurant@eshquaguma.com

ECC "Name a Chair" Fundraiser

A few years ago, ECC members purchased a name plate for a chair in the Grill Room.

With the new addition to the Grill Room, we have purchased an additional 20 chairs and 12 bar stools. The House Decorating Committee will once again be selling a name plate for these new chairs. Money generated from this will be used in



the new Grill Room.

Specific information will follow in a Week-At-A-Glance. Stay Tuned.



2023 ECC Men's Club Preview

The ECC Men's Club was busy again this offseason trying to develop a better golfing and social atmosphere for men at ECC. The good news! The efforts are paying off as the 2022 men's guest day had record numbers and the year-end men's tournament participation has increased over the last number of years. However - there is always room for more golf! The Men's Club was established fourteen years ago to bring golfers of all skill together to enjoy time on the golf course and then on the 19th hole where nobody has ever missed a shot! Here's what's on tap for this year's schedule.

Wednesday Evening Events

Be on the e-mail lookout for special Wednesday events with a dedicated theme or format for play. The Wednesday Men's day has historically fallen victim to the same ol' same ol' golf groupings and it's hurt the Wednesday atmosphere. Proshop manager Jason will aim to spruce this golfing day up with the help of Tim Virant, Troy Hughes and Steve V Harms as his trusted advisors. If you are a previous Wednesday afternoon regular, perhaps you'll consider playing with a different group in an effort to grow the men's game at ECC!

Special Golf Events

The Men's Club will again host a structured Men's Guest Day on Wednesday, July 26. Start planning your guest(s) now for a fun afternoon showcasing ECC!

The final scheduled event of the '23 ECC men's club season (August 17-20) will be the annual match play championship in August.

New Event Ideas - memberquest Friday/Saturday event; a hosted junior event; a Fall sport shoot and golf event. Volunteers

are needed to get these events off the ground.

Social Events

Most of the golfing community can attest that the best shots hit during the day are on the 19th hole. In 2023, the Men's Club is going to schedule a few social type events in an effort to connect active golfers with non-golfing members. Be on the lookout for e-mail blasts or Echo announcements advertising these events.

Dues and Handicaps

During 2023, there will be significant emphasis on members establishing and maintaining a current handicap index. Handicaps enable golfers of all skill levels to compete on an equitable basis. Golfers must post all scores and regular posting will be monitored by the Proshop. Not posting scores regularly or accurately could preclude members from participation in certain men's club events.

Get involved with the ECC men's club now and help make 2023 a successful season that will get more golfers on the course and establish a better camaraderie among our golfing brethren. For more information on the ECC men's Club or if you have a suggestion, please e-mail the men's club at matt@gilbertbank.com. Play golf Eshquaguma!

Deadline for inactivating MGA handicap index is May 14, 2023. Please contact the Proshop to updated your 2023 handicap card desires. Those active on the roster will get billed later this season (\$30)

Golf Punch Cards are back for '23

Corporate members who pay their dues in full by April 30th will receive a punch card for 4 free rounds of golf for the 2023 season!

The punch cards are available now and will be kept in the ProShop so members don't have to keep track of them.

ESHQUAGUMA OPENING PARTY



Join your friends and family at this year's ECC opening on June 3!

Cocktails: 5:00 pm **Dinner:** 6:00 pm

Music: 7:30pm - 10:30 pm

Cowboy Angel Blue

Watch for further info in the weekat-a-glance as this event gets closer.

Additional music July 16thShannon Gunderson booked for 2023

June 17thJammin Joe

July 22ndKaraoke

August 5 Bittersweet - Jay Hoiland

September 16th ... Everybody's Uncle

2023 Ladies' ECC Golf

Ladies' Golf League games begin on Wednesday, May 24 and continues throughout the season. Games are set for each week with 9 hole golfers teeing off at 9:30am and 18 hole golfers teeing off at 8:15am. League Dues are \$50 and allow you to participate in the Team Event, Handicap Tournament, Fun Day and Ladies' ECC Club Tournament.

Wednesday mornings are a wonderful time to golf with your friends and make new friends. If you are a golfing member please consider joining the Ladies' Golf League. I would like to strongly encourage you to, if you plan to golf on Wednesday to please call the ProShop and sign up! This allows the ProShop time so that we can have the games and scorecards ready to go. This also goes the other way – if you have signed up but need to cancel, please call the ProShop and let them know so that

adjustments can be made! I would like to welcome all of our ECC Lady Golfers! If you any questions or concerns, please contact me either by email srask74@outlook.com or my cell 218-969-8003.

Shelley Rask, Ladies Club President

"Meet & Greet" new members and staff

Join us on Friday, May 26 at 5:30 p.m. for our "Meet and Greet". Come to the Grill Room and enjoy a beverage, numerous appetizers and meet our new members and new staff.



MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	ProShop Opens 9-5	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Restaurant/Bar Closed	Bar Open 11 a.m9 p.m. Pizza, soup, etc. available	Pizza, soup, etc. available	Pizza, soup, etc. available Book Club Meeting 6 p.m.	12 Pizza, soup etc. available Happy Hour 4-6 p.m.	13
MOTHER'S DAY 14 Mother's Day Brunch 10 a.m 2 p.m. Lunch 2 p.m4 p.m.	15 Restaurant/Bar Closed	ERA a.m. 16 games begin Restaurant open for lite fare through June 5	17	Ladies' Cocktail Party 6:00 p.m.	19 ERA - a.m. Happy Hour 4-6	20
Spring Spruce 21 Up 8:30 - Lunch for all who help! Breakfast 9 a.m Noon/Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	22 Restaurant/Bar Closed	ERA - a.m. Private Party 5 p.m. in Lakeside Room	24 Ladies' Golf games begin Men's Golf 1:15	25	ERA - a.m. 26 Happy Hour 4-6 p.m. Meet & Greet New Members - 4:30 p.m. Board Members 5:30 - All Members	Bike & Brunch
28 Breakfast 9 a.m Noon Lunch Noon-4 p.m.	Golf & Lunch Golf 10 a.m.	30 ERA - a.m. Restaurant/Bar Closed	Ladies' Golf a.m. Business Meeting - Noon Men's Golf 1:15			









Eshquaguma Country Club Project Construction Update

In June of 2022, Hiner Homes Design and Veshe', Inc. put together drawings and designs for the July fundraiser. 3D drawings were created. It was decided that an architect and engineer are needed for this project. Foundations Architecture – Greg Strom and Hurst & Henrichs – Jim Berry are hired into these roles. Hiner Homes works as the drafting agent working with Foundations Architecture and Hurst & Henrichs to get the drawings started. Nathan Salo Construction is asked to look at completing the excavation work to get this project started. Calgaro Tree Service is brought in to remove pine trees so work can begin.

The Fall of '22 will be remembered for many years to come. An initial construction meeting onsite was held on September 3, 2022 with Nathan Salo Construction, Lakehead Constructors Inc. and Don Holm Construction all in attendance to get the earthwork started. Rick's Tree Service was onsite to remove the trees where the addition will be constructed. Construction blueprint drawings were at 90% completion.

Groundbreaking on the Clubhouse Project began on September 15, 2022 with the front deck being removed by Joe Bianchet, Jobsite Superintendent and the Donald Holm Construction Crew.Excavation around the perimeter of the old clubhouse began soon thereafter. One of the initial findings was that the foundation was in need of significant reinforcement. In addition, there was no evidence of drain tiles

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Tentatively set to open on May 9

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being present which was quickly remediated by the Holm Construction crew with the assistance of Hedberg Construction who was brought in to complete the excavation for underpinning to keep the project progressing. Home Menders Inc. was hired by DHC to complete the concrete footings, walls and slabs. Lakehead Constructors Inc. subcontracted HMI direct to complete the underpinning of the foundations to keep this extra cost as minimal as possible. DHC and HMI completed the underpinning along with footings, walls and waterproofing of addition. Nathan Salo Const. backfilled and shapes area.

We watched as the DHC crew disassembled the old clubhouse down to the first floor level of the old building. It was strange to see the new skeleton of the clubhouse being erected to replace the old one. One thing for certain was that this time the construction methods utilized will be first class. The new lakeside addition was added with basement storage added underneath. The new floor and walls were erected around mid-November. The new Kylmala Trusses installation was impressive to watch as the crew installed them with craftsman expertise. Didrikson Roofing was subcontracted by LCI to place new shingles on the entire building. December 25, the new clubhouse addition was weathertight to allow construction to continue throughout the winter months. Marvin Windows were installed by year-end.

LCI quotes out the siding to multiple lumberyards and places the order with Lamperts. Bar design details begin to come together with Veshe', Inc. TW Wood Design and LCI. The finish schedule is being finalized – faux beams, flooring, lighting, decks, railings, canopy, etc. with Sherry Simmons, Veshe' Interior Design. Sherry Simmons Principal Designer, Veshe Inc. Interior Design Studio helps the construction team along with members of the ECC House Decorating Committee in making these stylistic decisions.

Electrical specifications for fixtures and placement is finalized by Veshe' Inc. Hometown Electric is onsite for an electrical layout walk through. The project was definitely taking shape. Early March progress was a testament to the efforts of the crew over the winter. This project takes your breath away! We shared many photos of the project on the Eshquaguma Friends & Family Facebook page to keep members informed throughout the process. We feel so grateful for all contributions made by the construction crews throughout the project. They endured significant extreme weather hardships throughout the winter construction season and now we have this beautiful clubhouse to enjoy for many years.

Brian Maki, Lakehead Constructors

2023 Youth Golf Registration

Monday, June 19 · Tuesday, June 20 · Thursday, June 22 · Friday, June 23 Ages 5 & 6: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Ages 7 and up: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The registration fee is \$30.00. Make check payable to "ECC Clinics". Price includes golf lessons, daily treats, pizza, beverage and prizes. Mail this form and registration fee to: Terri Nelson, 6519 White Pine Lane, Gilbert, MN 55741. We would appreciate

this registration form & check be returned to the ProShop or received in the mail by June 11th. You may option to charge your membership account and provide this form.

Child's Name	Age
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Contact Name	Phone
Please supply your child with tees and ball ma Reelfs at: fargolite@yahoo.com or (651)336-89	arkers. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica 990.
I would like to volunteer to help	Phone
Group A - Ages 8-12: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$35.0 inclement weather, we m. Mail this form and region MN 55741. We w. to the P.	20 • Wednesday, June 21 • Thursday, June 22 co.m. • Group B -Ages 13 and up: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. co. Make check payable to "ECC Clinics". If there is any need drivers to transport kids to indoor courts in Virginia. istration fee to: Terri Nelson, 6519 White Pine Lane, Gilbert, would appreciate this registration form & check be returned troShop or received in the mail by June 11th. You may option charge your membership account and provide this form.
Child's Name	Age
Contact Name	Phone
Please supply your child(ren) with a tennis race you have any questions, please contact the Pr	quet, non-marking shoes, sunscreen and drinking water. If oShop at (218) 865-4706.

I would like to volunteer to help _____