

## **Registrations Re-Opened, Donations Address Changed**

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Hello all,

This is just a quick update to make everyone aware of what's going on with 4hv.org. There are some important things that I'd like to cover, so bear with me.

First, I apologize for getting behind on featured projects. I intend to restart this feature and keep it going every other Friday, starting August 7th. If you have any projects in mind, please feel free to drop me a PM or put a note in the suggestion box forum. Otherwise, I will continue to select ones that I think will be interesting to the most people.

Second, registrations have been closed for a while. This was partly due to some database tests I was performing with regards to getting existing user profiles integrated into the new site, and partly due to a large flood of users registering and not doing their part to follow the rules or keep the board clear of clutter. Registrations are now re-opened. If you've signed up and haven't received a verification email, please sign up again. Remember to observe the rules of the site; I don't want to have to step up to things like warnings and bans.

Third, the paypal address for donations has changed, both to keep things secure, and to keep things simpler. Donations will now go to **\*\*link\*\***, the same address used for collecting webhosting payments. So, if you decide to make a donation, which I always appreciate, don't be alarmed if the address has changed. Note also that I currently bold and highlight the names of people who have donated recently. As always, if you'd like to donate in someone else's name, or would like your name displayed differently, send me a PM or include a note with the donation.

Fourth, I know times are tough. I am extremely grateful that even with the economic downturn, people have continued to donate when they are able. This really means a lot to me, and even though I know it isn't always visible, it makes a big difference in how much time I'm able to spend working on the site, even if it just means testing a script or a database link for the upcoming new site. As a way of saying thank you to everyone who has donated, if anyone whose name appears on the donation list would like a free @4hv.org email address for life, just let me know via PM and I will gladly set it up: email accounts can be accessed via IMAP/POP3 clients, or through a webmail interface.

Last, but not least, as many of you may be aware, I'm moving to northwestern Pennsylvania in August. I will no longer be living in Maine. Both money and time will be tight during the relocation, but I think everyone will be happy with the end result; starting in September, I'll be able to set aside much more time for 4hv.org. That means the long-awaited changes won't be far off, which is good news for everyone concerned. Fortunately, much of the behind-the-scenes work is complete. Exciting times lie ahead!

-Chris