



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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The Children's Museum of
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Quarry Quest Volunteers Needed
- ☺ Nominate a "Volunteer of the Year"

Did You Know...

- ⇒ According to the 2005 ACM Membership Survey, more than 30 million children and families visited children's museums last year.
- ⇒ 69% of children's museums are located in urban areas.
- ⇒ 21% of children's museums are located in suburban areas.
- ⇒ 10% of children's museums are located in rural areas.
- ⇒ Sixty of the 197 children museums responding are flagships in downtown revitalization projects

Source: ACM website

Quest for a Home

The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac has hosted five events since June of 2002. These events have provided safe, fun, hands-on learning experiences for children ages birth to ten.

Thousands of visitors have enjoyed these educational and fun environments.

The Board of Directors and Site Selection Committee have explored several options for a permanent facility.

At the time of this newsletter release, no permanent home has been identified. The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac is continuing to discuss options with various organizations to determine the best way to continue to offer the community fun learning experiences.

Quarry Quest Volunteers Needed

Attention all volunteers! We need your help! The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac is assisting several companies, including Michels Corporation, with organizing this year's Quarry Quest by providing volunteers.

Over 1,000 volunteers assist in making this event an exciting experience for families. The goal of the Children's Museum of Fond du Lac is to provide 50 volunteers to this event.

This one day, outdoor event is being held on Saturday, September 17. There are four areas that need volunteers: Greeting, Children's Activities, Equipment Help/Operation, and Exit Surveys.

Volunteer shifts run between 12 pm and 5 pm. Interested persons should contact Pam Hammond at 929-9079 or via email at dishmania@aol.com to set up a volunteer time.

Created in 1999, Quarry Quest is a family event. This year's event will be held at Michels Materials limestone quarry in Neenah, Wis. The event gives visitors the opportunity to tour an active quarry.

Visitors can explore working excavation machinery and take part in over 25 exciting activities, all while learning about geology, mining and construction.

All proceeds from this event are donated to local charities.

2nd Annual "Young At Heart"

The Young At Heart Planning Committee continues to plan for the 2nd Annual Fundraiser, that will take place on Saturday, October 8, 2005, at UW-Fond du Lac Commons.

This year's festivities, including food, fun, and dancing, will be centered



around a 50's era theme. Live entertainment will be provided by the "Back Again" Band.

If interested in donating your time and talents, please contact Kristin Bahr at (920) 322-8943.

Board Member Moment: Amy Emmer-Sheldon

Dr. Amy Emmer-Sheldon, a pediatrician at Aurora Health Care Center in Fond du Lac, first heard about the Children's Museum of Fond du Lac when she attended the "Young At Heart" fundraiser last year.

Emmer-Sheldon believes that children and parents need to be reminded that learning can be fun and being part of this organization helps her do just that.

"Families should be encouraged to learn and play together," Emmer-Sheldon said.

Emmer-Sheldon grew up in the holyland between St. Cloud and Mt. Calvary. She got her undergraduate degree from UW-Madison, then went to Milwaukee for Medical school.

Her husband Neil works from their home and cares for their 11-month-old daughter, Amanda. While juggling work, baby and family, Emmer-Sheldon and her husband assisted with the set-up of the "Imagine" event hosted by the Children's Museum in April 2005.

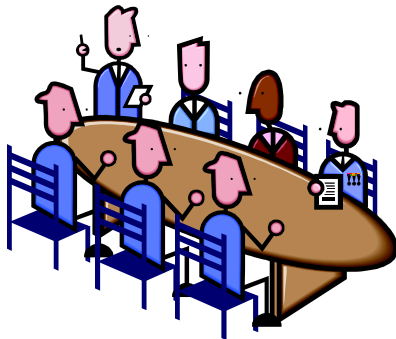
Emmer-Sheldon is looking forward to taking Amanda to the museum as she grows, to explore and learn new things during each visit.

When asked how she saw a children's museum most benefiting this community, Emmer-Sheldon responded, "I think a children's museum encourages strong family bonds by offering safe, fun learning experiences for families to participate in together. Stronger families make a stronger community."

Upcoming Meetings

These are the upcoming meetings that are planned as of release of this newsletter. Dates and times are subject to change.

The **Board of Directors** is meeting Wednesday, August 10 from 4-6 p.m. at 66 S. Main Street, the museum's office location.



The **"Young At Heart" Committee** will be meeting in August at UW-FdL Commons to continue planning this year's fundraiser. Those interested in becoming part of this committee can contact Kristin Bahr at cbahr@charter.net for more information.

The **"Buckets of Fun" Committee** will be meeting Sunday, July 17 at 6 p.m. at Backyard Bar & Grill on east Johnson Street.

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Nominate a "Volunteer of the Year"

The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac recognizes the importance of volunteers in supporting both the organizations we are part of and the communities we live in. For this reason, the Children's Museum of Fond du Lac has decided to recognize three volunteers each year, one in each of the following categories: Committee/Board Member, Community Volunteer, and Youth Volunteer.

If you would like to nominate an individual in any of these categories, please visit our website at www.childrensmuseumfdl.org and print off the nomination form. Simply fill out the form and mail it to our office (66 S. Main St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935) by September 15. Winners will be announced October 8 at the 2nd Annual Young At Heart event.

Donation Form

The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac is an asset to our community and our children. It provides the community with an avenue to come together and to learn about our culturally diverse world. However, it's success is dependent on the support of the community. Contributions are greatly appreciated during anytime of the year.

Yes, I want to support the Children's Museum of Fond du Lac!

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

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Please accept my donation at the following level:

- \$0-\$499 \$ _____
- \$500-\$999 \$ _____
- \$1000-\$4999 \$ _____
- \$5000+ \$ _____
- I would like to become a volunteer!**



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