



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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Special points of interest:

- ☉ Young At Heart Fund-raiser
- ☉ Quarry Quest
- ☉ Community Support

Did You Know...

- ⇒ Outreach programs in ACM member children's museums extended to more than 3.9 million people in 2000 and 5.4 million in 2004.
- ⇒ The largest children's museum is The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, which has a total of 433,000 square feet.
- ⇒ The oldest children's museum is the Brooklyn Children's Museum, which opened in 1899; the children's museum field is 106 years young!

Young At Heart II, The Nifty Fifties

The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac has announced that its second annual fundraiser entitled "Young At Heart," featuring food, fun and dancing centered around a 1950's era theme, will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2005 at UW-FdL Commons from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Back Again Show Band will provide the music and entertainment that will take guests back in time to enjoy some of the favorites of the American Band Stand Era. Songs such as *Dream*, *Sixteen Candles*, and *Rockin' Robin* are sure to top off the night. Guests are encouraged to dress in 1950's attire and will be able to participate in a dance contest.

The event will feature a Bucket of Fun raffle. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$2 each for over twenty different prize packages. The buckets feature many child-orientated gifts including a special chance to appear with Santa, treats and a private tour from Gilles Drive-In, toys, roller blades, and much more!! Adult-themed buckets are also offered and include a spa package, grilling package, framed artwork, tools and more.

Tickets for the event are \$100 a

person, or \$700 for a table of eight. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Rose Ahern at (920) 926-1017.



Raffle tickets will be on sale from September 26th—October 7th at Fay's Fun 'N Learning (located next to Piggly Wiggly) from 10:00—5:30 Monday thru Fridays and from 10:00—2:00 on Saturdays. On Monday, October 3rd, you may view the buckets and purchase raffles from 8:30—5:00 in the front lobby of Aurora Health Center, 210 Wisconsin American Drive. On October 4th, the buckets will be on display at the YMCA, 90 West Second Street from 8:30—6:00. Proceeds from this fundraiser will enable the museum to continue offering enriching fieldtrip opportunities to children and their families. For additional information regarding this fundraiser, please visit our website at childrensmuseumfdl.org or call (920) 929-0707.

Silica Kids Event

In August, Silica hosted its annual Kids Event. The Children's Museum would like to thank Silica for inviting us to participate. Children attending this event were able to ride on a museum boat and conduct an experiment.

"The children really enjoyed the opportunity to experiment with oil, water and color. This opportunity supported the theory that there is great value in constructive play."

— Kristine Hansen-Neftah, Event Coordinator



Pictured from left are Hailey Mand, Paige Mand, Megan Charneski and Kristin Hansen-Neftah

Michels, Agnesian Donations Help Office Space

The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac would like to thank Michels for their donation of computer hardware and software.

Because of this generous donation the museum now has access to the internet and email and has developed a webpage. The webpage can be viewed at www.childrensmuseumfdl.org.

The website includes newsletters, the museum's

purpose and history and links to fun, educational games for kids. The website is constantly being updated so check back often.

We would also like to thank Agnesian Health Care for donations of office furniture such as desks, chairs and meeting tables.

The help of these community partners is greatly appreciated.

Volunteer of the Year Awards to be Presented

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 25.

Winners will be announced October 8 at the 2nd Annual Young At Heart event.

"Without the help of our volunteers, we would not be able to provide quality events and exhibits to the children of our area. They are the life of the museum."

-Kristin Lenz

Newsletter to Begin Quarterly Issues

The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac has published bimonthly newsletters sent out electronically to a mailing of over 170 interested supporters for the past year.

This newsletter will be the first in the new schedule of quarterly issues. Expect to receive your future issues on or around the 15th of September, December, March, and June.

The hope of the museum is that by reducing the number of newsletters to four a year, we will be able to more effectively communicate to our supporters.

Please let us know if you have friends who would like to be on our mailing list or if you have any suggestions or ideas by emailing us at cmfdl@sbcglobal.net.

Quarry Quest, Fun Activity for Families

This one day, outdoor event is being held on Saturday, September 17. 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.

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.

If you still wish to sign up to volunteer please contact Pam Hammond at 929-9079 or dishmania@aol.com to set up a time.

Board Member Moment: Andrea Welsch

Andrea Welsch, President of the Board of The Children's Museum of Fond du Lac, was born and raised in Fond du Lac. She attended the University of Wisconsin - Madison and upon graduating went to work for Arthur Andersen as a CPA and consultant. She is married to John Welsch, also from Fond du Lac, and they lived in Chicago until September 2001, when they returned "home". John and Andrea have three wonderful boys: Johnny, almost 7; Zachary, 5; and Brady, 3.

"We moved back to Fond du Lac when John took a position with Wachovia Securities. We have enjoyed becoming part of this community and being close to family. Fond du Lac is a great place to raise a children."

When they moved to Fond du Lac, Andrea was asked to get involved with children's museum programs in Fond du Lac. While living in Chicago, Andrea, John

and their boys enjoyed attending several children's museums, so she was excited about the prospect of having a museum in Fond du Lac.

Andrea believes that a children's museum could benefit Fond du Lac in many ways. "They provide children and their caregivers with a safe place to play together and to learn together. They enable children to learn about the communities they live in and the world around them. Museums also provide unique learning environments for school fieldtrips."

One of Andrea's favorite parts of working with the children's museum has been the interactions she has had with other volunteers and community supporters. She has also enjoyed seeing the children eagerly engaged in the exhibits.

"I am thankful for all of our past financial supporters and volunteers!"