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You're Invited...Don't Miss It!

HearthStone's First Ever FUNd Raising Event.

An evening of Fantastic FUN and Fabulous Food to celebrate people with disabilities in the Lakeshore area. Join friends and family and other community advocates for a social hour (cash bar) followed by your choice of plated gourmet dinners prepared by City Streets Riverside executive chef/owners Bill and Baron Gottsacker. Choose from Mustard Crusted Pork Loin, Chicken Marsala, Shrimp Scampi, or Fresh Vegetable Pasta Primavera...complete with house salad, rolls, buttered starch, seasonal vegetables, coffee or tea...plus build your own sundae at our ice cream buffet bar! YUM!

Then get ready for the wild and wacky fun of Comedy Sportz. This hilarious troupe of improvisational comedians combine current events, audience member participation and their own original observations and make "funny" a competitive event. If you haven't seen them before, don't miss it. If you have, we know you'll want to come back for more.



So, round up your own group of funny friends and family and join us. Tables of eight (8) may be reserved in advance.

Go to www.hearthstonewi.org and click on "Events" to sign up, or call (920) 451-3179 for more information.

See you there!

10th Annual Employer Recognition Luncheon

RCS Empowers, Inc is pleased to announce that on October 6th, 2011 the 10th Annual Employer Recognition Luncheon will be held at The American Club in Kohler. This event will recognize over 100 employers throughout Sheboygan County who employ and support individuals with disabilities in the workplace. This year the Exemplary Award is being presented to Restoration Gardens for their superior commitment to this endeavor. The featured speaker is Thomas Cook, Executive Director for Rehabilitation for Wisconsin. Sponsors for the event include the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Hearthstone, and RCS Empowers.



President's Report

By Jon Rost

Just When We Thought Waiting Lists Were a Thing of the Past.

Well, "They're baaaack!" Regrettably in the first month since the Walker administration's "Cap" on Family Care, we have a waiting list of 40 people in Sheboygan County alone. While we recognize and appreciate the need to contain governmental spending, once again we must advocate for our population when spending priorities are sorted out.

Right now, HearthStone, together with DRW (Disability Rights Wisconsin), is requesting a meeting with Gov. Walker, Sen. Leibham, Reps. Kestell, Endsley and LeMahieu. The agenda is to clarify the Governor's "concerns" over the Family Care Legislative Audit as well as the "Cap" and process for "emergency" placement. Thanks to former Board Member Frank Sterzen for his continued efforts to provide a "voice of reason". More as it develops.

Time for some good news

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of SueAnn Schuh and her steering committee, the first ever HearthStone fund raising event is in the final planning stages. It is sure to be an event you won't want to miss. Great fun, food and fundraising!

Save the Date: October 21, 2011 – 5:30 pm – City Streets Riverside

Also – be sure to buy plenty of tickets for our BIG CASH RAFFLE

Regards, Jon

Jon Rost,
President,
HearthStone of Wisconsin



Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 6th, 2011 - 11:00 a.m., Employer Recognition Luncheon
The American Club in Kohler

Friday, October 14th, 2010 - 7:00 a.m., HearthStone Monthly Meeting
Fountain Park Restaurant in Sheboygan

Saturday, October 15th, 2010 - 1:00 pm., Legislative Bowling Party
Maple Lanes in Sheboygan

Friday, October 21, 2011 – 5:30 p.m., Laugh to Live, Live to Laugh
City Streets Riverside in Sheboygan

Friday, November 11th, 2010 - 7:00 a.m., HearthStone Monthly Meeting
Fountain Park Restaurant in Sheboygan

Commitment leads to action. Action brings your dream closer.

Marcia Wieder

RCS “Gone Fishin”

Summertime brings a number of things to mind at RCS Empowers Inc. Day Services program, but one of the most popular is the fishing groups that resident Art Therapist, Laura Griffin, leads. For the past 12 years Laura and various other staff have been taking groups of clients to local fishing holes to partake in this favorite pastime. When asked what started this, Laura said that while she was doing an art unit on fish, some of the clients shared their “fish tales”. When she saw the enjoyment it brought, she had the idea to start the outings. Laura has taken groups to Lake Winnebago, Jetzer’s Lake, Mauthe Lake, and the most popular spot, the Sheboygan Falls Lagoon. One year she was even able to take a small group charter fishing on Lake Michigan thanks to local charter captains donating their time.



A favorite memory Laura shared was a time that she and another staff member took a group to Pipe to fish off of the docks into Lake Winnebago. It had started to rain, but the group was determined to get some fishing in. So the staff took individual clients out in raincoats and umbrellas until a fish was caught. When the day was done, Laura said she turned around and looked back at the soggy adventures and saw the smiles radiating off of each individual face and took a picture to capture that special moment.

Laura makes a point to get photos of the fishing groups which are then put into memory books for those participating on the outings. She has found that everyone involved enjoys reliving the adventures, especially the participants! Memory books have been particularly helpful this year since cut backs in funding has resulted in fewer fishing trips. Through

the photographs that Laura takes and shares with everyone, past adventures can be relived and stories shared along with dreams of future “fish tales” that are just a cast away.

RCS Empowers, Inc. is a private not-for-profit organization whose mission is to empower individuals with disabilities and special needs so they may work, live and function with dignity and respect. RCS provides an array of services to 800 children and adults including Birth to 3 Services, Day Services, Recreation Groups, Work Training, Job Placement, and Job Coaching.

Family Caregiver Coalition

HearthStone has been privileged to serve as one of the founding organizations behind the new Family Caregivers Coalition in Sheboygan County. Now beginning its second year, the FCC/Sheboygan is reaching out to ALL family caregivers in Sheboygan County to provide education, recognition and support to those who care for family and friends in need. “Caring for the Caregiver” is all too often forgotten. Helping those who help others is the mission of the organization. The vision of the Family Caregivers Coalition in Sheboygan County is to be the well-known and utilized resource to empower the family caregiver.

Founding organizations include: Aging & Disability Resource Center • Alzheimer’s Association of SE WI • Dementia Care Network • Hearthstone of Wisconsin • Mental Health America in Sheboygan Co. • Sheboygan & Plymouth Area United Way • UW-Extension Sheboygan Co/Family Living

For more information contact: Kathleen Manny, Community Services Specialist Sheboygan County Aging and Disability Resource Center 920-467-4100 or mannykrm@co.sheboygan.wi.us





“Hearth” to symbolize a loving, caring home; “Stone” to symbolize permanence”

Harrington Beach Accessible Cabin

Do the handicap challenges of your loved ones prevent them from enjoying the nature experience in a State park or a camping trip with friends and family? The Friends of Harrington Beach State Park (Town of Belgium - northern Ozaukee County) has initiated a handicapped accessible cabin project for Harrington Beach. The design is similar to the existing cabin at Terre Andre State Park; the location is outstanding above a beautiful natural pond with an expansive view of Lake Michigan. The DNR has seven accessible cabins available in the Park system at present. They are consistently at a high occupancy rate and the need especially in the Southeast is obvious for additional cabins. This project must be entirely funded with donor contributions. The Friends estimate \$150,000 is needed. The money by State mandate must be collected before the project ground breaking. This is a challenge; the Friends are optimistic and hope to have the money and shovels in the ground within two years. Occupancy by Fall of 2014 or Spring of 2015. Everyone needs to get closer to nature and enjoy the scenic beauty found in our state parks. You can help make the accessible cabin a reality for many handicapped and special needs campers who might otherwise never be able to enjoy the experience of camping in the great outdoors.



The “Accessible Cabin” at Kohler-Andrae State Park

Consider a generous tax-deductible, 501(c)(3) donation to FHBSP/Accessible Cabin, c/o Neil Kraemer; 531 County Road D, Belgium WI 53004.

HearthStone Summer Picnic

On Saturday, August 6, twenty Hearthstone picnickers got together at Firemens Park in Elkhart Lake. The weather was perfect with lots of sun and a nice breeze. After filling up on pizza and ice cream we all had a wonderful tour of Elkhart Lake on the Elkhart Queen pontoon boat. Captain Jim did a nice job of telling us some of the history of the lake and pointed out spots of interest.



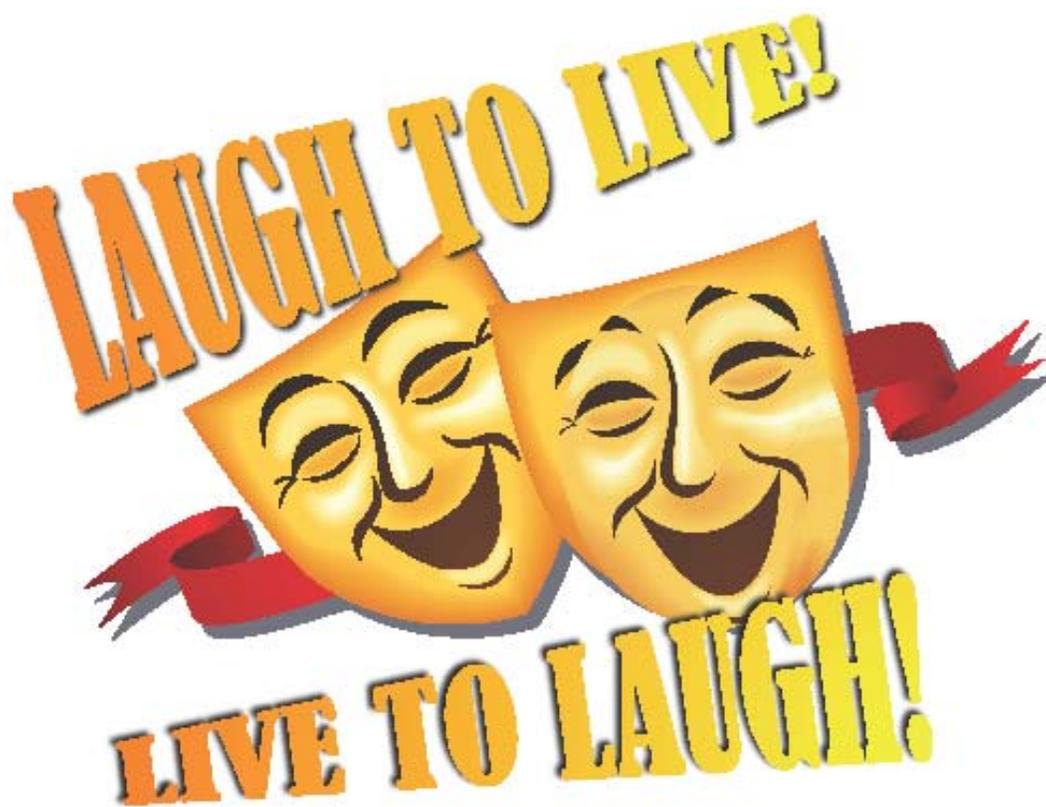
Captain Tom serves as our tour guide.



Ellie & Natalie Share some laughs.



The beauty of Elkhart Lake is enjoyed by Dana & Eric. .



An evening of fantastic fun and fabulous food
to benefit Sheboygan's own HearthStone of Wisconsin
Celebrating people with disabilities in our community

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COMEDY SPORTZ SPONSORED BY HOMES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Friday October 21, 2011 - City Streets Riverside

For information & tickets: www.hearthstonewi.org

5:30 cash bar - 6:30 dinner served - 7:30 Comedy Sportz!

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In addition to your financial support, you can help HearthStone with your
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our expenses are minimized and more goes to the people we serve.

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