



# News & Notes

October 2012

## *In With the New...*

If you look above, you'll see a pretty big change to our little newsletter and to our organization. That is the new logo! Unveiled at Summer Camp 2012, this logo was the winner by a landslide during online voting at the beginning of the year. Thanks to Kristen Martin, who submitted the winning entry. The upbeat and colorful logo is more than fitting for the positive and successful track our organization is taking into the future.

## *Hot Weather, Cool Friends and a Lot of Fun*

Just thinking about it makes me perspire a little! It was another hot one this year at WALH Summer Camp 2012, which took place from July 28 to August 3. With arrival taking place on Saturday this year, it gave us all one more day to enjoy everything that makes us come back year after year. As always, we were able to share a fantastic time with friends, new and old, even though the humidity drove us indoors from time to time. There was always plenty to do, whether it was game night, the lipsync contest, movie night, paintball, arts and crafts or the Texas Hold'em tournament. Of course the trail rides and the pool times were always well-attended, especially with those tasty drinks being served poolside! Nothing cools you off like a frosty fruity non-alcoholic drink.

The week saw the election of a new board of directors, with Samantha Kostowicz taking over as President. Outgoing president Linda Lee was honored with the June Price Spirit Award for her years of commitment to WALH. And as always, the memorial service gave us a few moments to pause and remember those of our membership who have gone before us.

One of the high points of the week was the visit from our friends Chuck and Stephanie Bermke and the Milwaukee Chapter of the Wisconsin Corvette Club. The rides they give never fail to leave smiles on the faces of everyone in attendance. This year was special because it marked a milestone. Summer Camp 2012 marks the **thirtieth** year of our friendship! To honor the occasion, they had special pins made up for everyone. Chuck and Stephanie have extra pins in case someone didn't get one at camp. If you're looking for one, contact Scott at [suhlman@wi.rr.com](mailto:suhlman@wi.rr.com) and I'll make sure you get one. Thanks again to Chuck, Stephanie and to all of the members of the Corvette Club who help to make our week at camp so special.



I'd like to add another thank-you to the volunteers. Without your help we would not be able to get our butts in and out of those beautiful cars. Without your help, and your generosity, the entire week would not be possible. Thank you all.

I cannot end this piece about Summer Camp 2012 without mentioning a very special contribution by one of WALH's original members. He has not only given of his time and efforts year after year, but this year he went that extra step. What he did resulted in over \$1,000 being donated to WALH! Now, I could go into a detailed description of just exactly what Jim Coyne did, but as the old saying goes, a picture is worth a thousand words.



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## *The End of an Era*

When we spend our week at WALH Camp Wawbeek every summer, it's always a great time. We have a lot of fun, spend time with great people who we may not see very often otherwise and we get to take a break from the everyday world and the stresses that go along with it. But do we ever think about what it takes to take charge of and organize an undertaking like a week of summer camp? Coordinating such an event demands a huge amount of time, effort and commitment.

For twelve years, Tom Downs has stepped up to take on the job of WALH Camp Coordinator and has done so with great success. Tom's commitment to WALH has shown in the devotion he has given to the job of making sure camp runs smoothly and is a source of enjoyment year after year for everyone who attends. He has done so on his own time and has never asked for anything in return.

In case some of you haven't heard, Tom has decided to retire from his position as a board member and camp coordinator. Tom decided it was time to step aside and give someone else the opportunity to take the summer camp reins so he can devote more time to his family and to his health. He still plans to stay involved, however, taking part in fundraising efforts and offering his help whenever he can.

Tom is leaving the camp coordinator position in good hands, as Erica Andres will be taking the job for Summer Camp 2013. Congratulations Erica! We know you will do an excellent job!

## *Carrabba's Dinner, Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Event*

Thanks to the generosity of W.A.L.H. family and friends the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual wine tasting was indeed a success, raising just over \$4,600 for summer camp. This year we teamed up with Carrabba's Italian Grille in Greenfield and offered guests dinner along with the wine tasting and silent auction. The addition of dinner to the event certainly proved to be a popular one, while the wine flowed and a little competitive action was seen at the silent auction table. One guest enjoyed her evening so much she wanted to buy tickets for next year that night.

Special thanks to the generosity of the individuals and local companies that provided silent auction items. Thanks also to Anthony at Carrabba's for offering W.A.L.H. this opportunity. The committee will be meeting next week to review the evening and start thinking about how we can make next year's event even more successful.

Thanks to committee members Erica Andres, Julie Chaloupka, Linda Lee, Mary Kay Lee, Donna Palkowski and Jean Wiza for taking time out to plan the evening.

## *2013-14 Year-Long Raffle*

It's time once again to begin selling tickets for the next year-long raffle. This has quickly become our largest fundraiser and it's so important for everyone to get involved! One \$10 ticket puts the holder in the drawing for four monthly \$50 drawings between February 2013 and January 2014. That's 48 chances to win a **fifty dollar** cash prize! But of course the more tickets you buy the more chances you have! And remember that only one thousand tickets will be sold, so buy soon!

To buy tickets or get tickets to sell, contact Mary Kay Lee at 414-306-0690 or [MaryKayL@bvk.com](mailto:MaryKayL@bvk.com). Remember, we need your help to make this fundraiser a success, so get involved!

## *Boston Store Community Days Coupon Books*

Boston Store's semi-annual Community Days events are being held on Friday and Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Community Days coupon books are available for \$5 each. The books contain many saving opportunities, including a coupon for \$10 off of a purchase of \$10 or more. That's the cost of the coupon book **plus another \$5!** One-hundred percent of the proceeds from the coupon books we sell goes to WALH, so buy your coupon books now! Contact Jean Wiza at 414-529-4347 or [wizaj@grangeinsurance.com](mailto:wizaj@grangeinsurance.com) to purchase a coupon book or to obtain books to sell to family, friends and coworkers.

## *Bucky Books and Entertainment Books*

Once again Karen Foxgrover is spearheading the sale of Bucky Books, the coupon books containing tons of savings for businesses all over the Madison area. To make a purchase or to get more information regarding this fundraiser, contact Karen at 608-255-7728.

Entertainment books are also being sold to benefit WALH. In addition to going online at [www.entertainment.com/email](http://www.entertainment.com/email) and entering the WALH group ID number, 892038, you can also contact Kim Whitmore at [kimmynelson11@yahoo.com](mailto:kimmynelson11@yahoo.com). Kim has a small supply of Milwaukee are Entertainment Books.

## *WALH Board Meeting/Get-Together Planned*

Don't forget to take a look at the flyers attached to this issue, including the one for the Holiday potluck. It takes place on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 at Hans and Debbie Christiansen's place. A big thank-you to Hans and Debbie for hosting. Come to the meeting and stay for the festivities!

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