



News & Notes

November 2013

How An Afternoon At The Museum Equals \$10,000

By Patrick Donoghue

Three scholarly minds from "With A Little Help...", Inc. descended on the Milwaukee Public Museum Saturday, participating in the Quest For The Lost Hour- a scavenger hunt event coinciding with the expiration of Daylight Savings Time. Led by the lovely and talented Samantha Donoghue, the team searched, scoured, and sifted through four floors of the museum in a frantic chase against several other teams. The goal? A grand prize contribution to the charity of their choice.

In the end, With A Little Help's team of Samantha, Scott Uhlman, and Patrick Donoghue were the second team to finish- and the only team to answer all clues correctly- securing the contribution of \$10,000.

The Quest began weeks ago with a series of 12 online riddles. They referenced numerous different articles and areas on the organization's website, and included Vigenere ciphers- which were once thought unbreakable, and variants of which are still in use in intelligence operations today.

WALH's team was one of only three in the Milwaukee area to solve all twelve online clues, which qualified them for the final contest and earned them a time advantage versus the other teams involved.

On the day of the final, WALH's team was the first to arrive, and scouted the territory. None of the clues involved the museum's current The Scoop On Poop exhibit- "The #1 exhibit on #2"- so this ruled out one section of one floor, but three floors and part of the basement's worth of territory still needed to be covered.



The Davinci-Code-style game involved searching exhibits about archaeology, the rainforest, Central American cultures, Aztec calendars, a centuries-old section of a fallen tree, and several others. Teams were given the clues, a bag of tools, and a two-hour time limit for the final round. In the tool pouch was a cipher-solving wheel, pencil, ice pack, and hourglass. Some riddles involved reading text in the exhibit and interpreting the text into something that the clue asked for. Others referred the players to something else, and still other solutions referred the player back to the clue itself- such as an answer printed on the back of the page in UV ink or ink that reacts to cold. Finding the answer printed in UV ink required teams to track down a specific staff member who held a UV light used to scan wristbands.

In the end, WALH's team was announced the winner, and let out an enthusiastic cry. They took home the donation as well as a prestigious gold-painted garden gnome trophy, and "With A Little Help...", Inc. made a name for itself amongst this crowd of code-crackers.

Summer Camp 2013 Is Over? Say It Ain't So!

By Erica Andres

Summer is over, which can only mean one thing... With A Little Help, Inc.'s weeklong summer camp is over for another year. I don't know about the rest of you that attended, but this also meant a small state of depression in the days after camp for me. I feel myself coming around, but it's a slow process.

Many describe this week as the "best week of their year" and with good reason. The returning favorites of swimming- when the weather cooperated- paintball, arts and crafts and trail rides were again a huge success. We tried something

different this year with a cut throat game of Logo Trivia and may have some American Idol contestants emerge with their Karaoke performances. Not to mention the games going on throughout the week, including the cribbage tournament, won by Jeff "Biff" Martinkoski, the Texas Hold 'Em Tournament, won by Matt Hoehn, the 500 tournament won by Billy Foelkner and of course Bingo, won by everyone, except me I believe.

This year we were lucky enough to have a couple volunteers step up and do camp fundraisers throughout the week. Thank you to Rick Crespo for the wheelchair washes and Joe Aderhold for the hair and beauty treatments. I hope you both know that you are now locked in to these fundraisers for years to come! And of course, what WALH summer camp would be complete without the dance on the last night. Thanks to Mike Showalter and his family for donating their time, music and energy to a fantastic night. The night was made even better by the excellent decorations and photo booth from Julie Chaloupka and Bonnie Lindemann. They were able to transform the Nature Center into a red carpet event.



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Year Round Raffle tickets will be available November 8th-January 15th. Tickets are \$10 each and only 1,000 will be sold. Four \$50 winners will be drawn the first Wednesday of each month February 2014 through January 2015. This is such an important fundraiser for our organization. Please do whatever you can to sell as many tickets as possible. Sell to friends, family and whoever you can. Sell them as Christmas presents! The potential profit from this one effort is **\$7,600!!!** That is a huge chunk of our summer camp bill! Contact WALH email or a board member to buy tickets or to obtain tickets to sell.

Bucky Books are once again available for purchase. The books feature coupons for the greater Madison area, as well as some for the Milwaukee area and Wisconsin Dells. Contact Karen Foxgrover (mediate@chours.net or 608-255-7728) if you are interesting in purchasing Bucky Books.

Boston Store Community Days booklets will be available for redemption Friday, November 15th and Saturday, November 16th. WALH is selling booklets for \$5 each. Included in the booklet will once again be a \$10 off an item of \$10 or more. You may also consider buying more than one booklet to use the \$10 off coupon on multiple items. Contact the Board to buy books.

The 2013 Fondy Car-A-Funda Car Show From Our Man On The Scene

By Jeff "Uncle Biff" Martinkoski

Dear friends of WALH,

I've been picked by our editor to submit a field report. Every year while we're all at summer camp, I and my merry car-loving cohorts leave camp (with permission) to represent and help out at the Fondy Vintage Auto Club Car Show at Lakeside Park. This beautiful park overlooks the southern end of Lake Bagawhino, er, um, I mean Lake Winnebago, in Fond Du Lac, WI. Our awesome friends Jerry & Marge Gordon and the rest of the great people in the club spearhead the fundraising project that is earmarked for our group. Why? Two excellent reasons; Tim and Reed Gordon.

While we were all driving to camp in vans, the Gordon brothers would cruise into camp riding in a 1937 Chevy Sedan Deluxe with their wheelchairs stowed away in a custom made matching trailer. Wow, what a sight! Tim liked playing sports with us. He had a wicked, fast n loud radio controlled race car, that he would hot lap around our parking lot. Reed was a very social, happy, and snazzy dressed ladies' man. He always looked forward to our themed dance parties. You see, that's what makes WALH such a win-win for everyone. Jerry and Marge dedicated their lives 24/7 to make sure their sons' lives were happy, viable, and loving. They needed and deserved a brief respite and trusted us with their sons. Tim and Reed came back every year. See? Win-win!

As always the Fondy Car Show is on the last Sunday of July. Yup, during camp. Kinda hard to believe that there are other things to do in this world when you should be at "With A Little Help" Summer Camp. This year's car show had bad weather. It was cloudy, overcast, maybe 70 degrees, and basically dreary. But that didn't stop 200+ cars- old, new, and customized, from showing up. There were other car clubs participating in the show as well, along with moms and pops still driving their cars that they drove back in H.S.

The Fondy Car Club hands out awards that are prized by the car owners. The judges favorite and car fans favorite just to name two. WALH volunteers oversee a booth selling 50/50 raffle tix along with walking (rolling?) the grounds to meet and greet car enthusiasts; maybe, just maybe, meeting the next new volunteer or donor. It's a long, fun day, then, an hour + drive back to camp. Hey it's all win-win.

Annual Dinner, Wine Sampling & Silent Auction

Carrabba's Italian Grille in Greenfield hosted WALH's annual dinner, wine sampling & silent auction on Monday, October 7th. The evening was a remarkable success raising over \$5,200 for summer camp. Those in attendance had the opportunity to bid on a broad selection of silent auction items – top bids went to the Walt Disney World package, Grand Geneva Hotel stay, Wisconsin Dells package and of course the bucket of booze.

Thank you to all that joined us for this special evening, without your generosity this event would not be the success that it has become. Also thanks to committee members Erica Andres, Julie Chaloupka, Samantha Donoghue, Linda Lee, Mary Kay Lee, Donna Palkowski and Jean Wiza for organizing such a quality affair.

Plans are already underway for the 2014 Annual Dinner, Wine Sampling & Silent Auction with the hope to make it even more successful. If you would like to be part of the committee please contact Jean Wiza.

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A Trip To Meet With Some Great People

On Tuesday, October 15 Linda Lee, Mary Kay Lee and I had the opportunity to join the members of the Fondy Vintage Auto Club at the American Legion Hall in Fond du Lac for their monthly meeting. It was a chilly and damp drive up there from Milwaukee, but the warmth we encountered once we got there more than made up for it. As always, they made us feel like longstanding members of the club. We chatted with them and listened in on what a success their cruise to the auto museum in Hartford was. The three of us felt right at home.

As if that wasn't enough, the group presented us with a \$2,500 check for WALH, the fruits of their hard work and efforts at the summer's Car-A-Funda car show. It never ceases to amaze me what a generous group of people the Fondy Vintage Auto Club members are. Year after year they take on the huge task of making the car show happen, and year after year they come through. Thank you just doesn't seem to be enough. I sincerely hope they all know how much their generosity is appreciated by every member of "With A Little Help...", Inc. Thanks to each and every member of the Fondy Club and to everyone who attended this year's car show!

You can learn more about the Fondy Vintage Auto Club at www.fondyvintageautoclubinc.com. In addition, the Club would like to post your stories of what WALH means to you in their newsletter. If you are interested in telling your story, please submit it to Bonnie Lindemann (bolin3163@gmail.com).

Yearlong Raffle Winners!

With only a few months remaining for our annual raffle a lot of lucky people have won already. If you know any of these people, don't forget to tell them congrats! And if you're still waiting to win, don't worry. There are still plenty of drawings ahead!

June

Mike T., Wind Lake, WI Sold by Tom D.
Ed H., Mukwonago, WI Sold by Scott U.
Rita K., Brown Deer, WI Sold by Bonnie L.
Valerie Z., Greenfield, WI Sold by Donna P.

July

Corey W., Cudahy, WI Sold by Kim W.
Patrick D., Franklin, WI Sold by Sam D.
Jon Hoppe, Oconomowoc, WI Sold by Scott U.
Juliane S., Beaver Dam, WI Sold by Stephanie S.

August

Dean K., Cross Plains, WI Sold by Tyler E.
Bob L., Wauwatosa, WI Sold by Bonnie L.
Inez B., West Allis, WI Sold by Rick S.
Mary Lou G., Fond Du Lac, WI Sold by Linda L.

September

Lisa G., Milwaukee, WI Sold by Erica A.
Shawn B., Sussex, WI Sold by Mary Kay L.
Jim K., Fond Du Lac, WI Sold by Linda L.
Valerie Z., Greenfield, WI Sold by Donna P.

October

Cheryl L., Waukesha, WI Sold by Tom D.
LuAnne C., St. Francis, WI Sold by Jim C.
Stephanie B., Waterford, WI Sold by Tom D.
Stephanie S., West Allis, WI Sold by Erica A.

Congratulations!

*Tickets are now available for
the 2014–2015 Raffle*

Contact Scott Uhlman at
414-571-0234 to purchase.