

Editor: S.T. Uhlman Fall 2010



WALH's Most Ambitious Fundraiser!!!

Since its birth in 1982, "With A Little Help...", Inc. has relied solely on donations, grants and the fruits of constant fundraising efforts to sustain itself. WALH has received funds from foundations, grants, outright donations and of course a lot of generous help from groups such as Fondy Vintage Auto Club and the Wisconsin Corvette Club. That always has been and always will be more appreciated than words can express. Along with that there has also been a <u>lot</u> of selling! We've sold candy, nuts, pizzas, kringles, coupon books, cutlery, wrapping paper, pens, coffee mugs, cookbooks and t-shirts just to name a dozen or so. It's a long and distinguished list that has seen us through a lot of good times and a few bad.

That fundraising list needs to continue to see us into the future as well, and things are not going to get any easier. The costs associated with organizing our

summer camp and weekend getaways are steadily on the rise. That and the hard economic times we face are forcing us to look for more lucrative, and sometimes more risky ventures. With that in mind, the WALH Board of Directors has decided to undertake one of the most ambitious fundraising efforts to date. Mary Kay Lee and Jeff Martinkoski have put in a lot of hard work on this event and it promises to be very successful.

With that said, tickets will be available at our Fall Weekend for the very first WALH Yearlong Raffle! Here's how it works. We have 1,000 raffle tickets to sell between our fall weekend and February 1st, 2011. Yes, you read it correctly, 1,000 tickets. These tickets will sell for \$10 each. Push them hard. Sell to everyone you can think of. With the holidays coming up, sell them as gifts that might just keep on giving for a whole year!

Beginning Wednesday, February 2nd, 2011 and on the first Wednesday of every month for twelve months, four tickets will be drawn. That means for every ticket a person buys, they will have 48 chances to win - and you can win more than once. And what will they win? Good question. Each ticket drawn will win \$50!!

If we can sell all 1,000 tickets, we stand to raise \$7,600!!! Now that's one heck of a profit! However, here's the risky part of the whole thing. We have to sell 240 tickets just to break even. That is \$2,400 worth of tickets. That's why we are counting on everyone who is reading this to help us out. We need our WALH family - new members and old - to come together and make this fundraiser the success it can be!

I would like to challenge everyone who went to summer camp this year to sell 30 tickets each. I know what you're thinking, but it's not as hard as it sounds. When I first started going to WALH Camp, I didn't think I had the guts to go around asking people to buy kringles or candy bars or any of that stuff. But the people who go to camp, the members of WALH, became such a part of my life that I felt like I had to give something back. I needed to make the effort to help make camp possible. So I decided to "man up" and make some money for WALH. Once I made the first couple of sales, I realized that it's not that hard. Just tell them what a great time camp is and, before you know it, they'll be begging to buy something!

So here's the deal. If you think of everyone you know, I'm sure you can come up with more than 30 people. You need one \$10 sale from 30 people you know. Heck, if you can find one person who'll buy 30 tickets, then that's cool to! But you need to sell 30 tickets. You need to sell them to your family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, mail carrier, the guys you carpool with, the lady next door who waves at you when you pull out of your driveway every day, EVERYBODY! We have a little over three months to sell these tickets and we can do it!

So be prepared to take tickets with you when you leave our weekend getaway on October 22-24. If you're unable to be at the weekend getaway you can get tickets by contacting either Jeff Martinkoski at 414-430-0740 or Mary Kay Lee at 414-306-0690. I've made the challenge. Show me you can do it!!



Summer Camp 2010 "Decades" of Fun!!!

Once again I find myself looking back on another great week of summer camp. It seems that they go by faster and faster every year. The good thing, however, is that it never gets old. I never fail to have a great time and this year was no exception. Everything seemed to go very smoothly. Even the weather, although a little on the muggy side, provided us all with a lot of sunshine and a minimum of the wet stuff.

It was great to see so many new faces this year. New blood always seems to bring a shot of energy to the activities at camp. Whether it was that fun lip-sync contest or the "Woodstock Day" events or the good old Thursday evening dance, there was no shortage of laughter or smiles everywhere I looked. Of course a visit by Chuck and Stephanie and their friends in the Wisconsin Corvette Club brought more than a smile to some of those faces. It was also great to see Mike from Stalker Paintball back this year. He brought us all some stress relief with a little paintball target practice. Sorry about that whole target thing Jeff, Jim, Erica and Kim. It was nothing personal!!

While I could go on for another five pages about all of the great times at Summer Camp 2010, I subscribe to the old adage that a picture being worth a whole lot of words. I just want to thank everyone who had a hand in making camp the time it was. You all know who you are and I trust that you know how much your contributions mean to this organization and all of its members. And, speaking of members, I hope each and every one of our WALH family members, new and old, had the time of their lives and plan on being back again.

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Wine/Beer Tasting Is On!!

So after two unfortunate postponements the WALH Wine/Beer Tasting evening is back! The date has been set for Saturday, November 6th from 7:00-9:00pm. Come sample some of the finest wines from around the world as well as the best in Wisconsin craft beers at the Three Cellars Wine & Beer Lounge, 7133 South 76th Street, Franklin. There will also be silent auction items and Yearlong Raffle ticket available as well. Price of admission has been set at \$30 per person, and tickets are being sold in advance_only! If you are interested in attending you must hurry as there are a very limited number left. Call Linda at 414-571-0234 for ticket information.

Boston Store Community Day Coupon Books

You can help WALH by selling coupon books valid for Boston Store's Community Event Day on Saturday, November 13th, 2010. Each coupon book costs \$5 and contains a lot of great coupons, including one for \$10 off any purchase. So you can get your investment back right away! The great thing is that W.A.L.H. gets ALL of the money raised! We will be selling the books between now and November 13th. If you'd like to help out or if you would like to purchase one or two or five books, contact Krystal Hince at krystalhince@gmail.com or Linda Lee at (414) 571-0234. So come on! Make some money for WALH and save money at the same time!

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