

News & Notes

May 2014

# Summer Camp 2014—Saturday, July 26—Friday, August 1

So, I'm looking out my window and trying to mentally will the weather outside to get sunnier and warmer. Unfortunately all that is happening is I'm getting a headache and the neighbors are looking at me funny – again. I guess I should probably turn my attention to something else. Of course the first thing that pops to mind is one of the best weeks of the year...WALH Summer Camp!

Yeah baby, that most anticipated of events is rapidly approaching! I know I say this every year, but this camp promises to be the best one yet. As always, plenty of sunshine has been ordered and a lot of great activities have been planned for the week. There's been talk about a dance with a 70's disco drag-queen type of theme. Where the drag queen thing came from I'm not sure but hey, whatever happens at camp stays at camp...and on Facebook...and Twitter...and Instagram... If you have anything in the way of costumes for this shindig, bring it along! Dresses, wigs, feather boas, four-inch stiletto heels, you know – whatever you have in the closet!

If you're interested in the more creative side of summer camp, there will be plenty to keep you busy. There is even going to be a craft fair! If you have some crafty items that you've been working on and would like to bring along to sell, then by all means bring it! All we ask is that a paltry 20% of the sales goes to WALH.

There are so many other great activities on the schedule for camp too! We're having a pool party, a little paintball action, our annual Texas Hold 'Em and cribbage tournaments and a visit by the Milwaukee Corvette Club just to name a few! So I hope you got your applications in on time. Confirmation letter will go out on May 31.

For anyone looking to get some kind of donation for camp, we are always looking for soda, water and snacks. If you need a letter or other info for your local stores, contact Linda Lee at 414-571-0234.

If you have any questions about camp, A-Number-One coordinator Erika Andres is the one to contact. Drop her a note at <u>ericky1834@yahoo.com</u> or call her at 414-708-1834. She's got the info you need to know.

So there you have it! The stage is set, the 'vettes are getting waxed and Jim Coyne might just pull on a pair of pantyhose...or maybe not. Either way, I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

WALH Logo Clothing & Accessories

Anyone interested can still order items with the "With A Little Help..." Inc. logo. We have hooded sweatshirts, fleece pullovers/zipfronts, tote bags, blankets for sale. If you would like more information, contact Linda Lee at 414-571-0234.

Fall Camp Dates

Get out that big Sharpie marker and pull the calendar off the wall! We have some dates for you to remember. Fall camp has been set for the weekend of **October 24-26, 2014**. Applications will go out on August 29<sup>th</sup> and will be due back by September 19. It's a little ways off but hey, we're being proactive!

## Sponsorship Giving Program

Whether it be selling raffle tickets, buying a kringle or perhaps attending our Wine & Beer Tasting each year we try to have a variety of fundraising opportunities available for our members. We know it's hard to always ask the same friends and family to purchase, but the end result helps support our week of summer camp. Here is an opportunity that might be better suited for someone that may have business contacts within the community or even a friend or family member that is in the position of donating to "With A Little Help...", Inc. on a grander scale. Again this year we are reaching out to you with our Sponsorship Form. The Sponsorship Form includes information on a tiered giving program.

Included in this issue is the Sponsorship Form. Please feel free to complete and return with a donation or if you would like to have a letter and sponsorship form sent to you or an individual/business on your behalf I would be happy to do so. Please feel free to contact Linda at 414-

## **FUNDRAISING**

### Subway Coupon Cards

"With A Little Help" is excited to partner with Subway™ Restaurants in offering Peel-A-Deal© cards. These great little bargains include 5 coupons for a free regular sub when you buy a regular sub and soda and 3 coupons for Party and FootLong subs, plus more! At only \$10 per card, they pay for themselves over and over again! Offers valid

through 12/31/14 in the Milwaukee, Green Bay, Appleton, Wausau, Rhinelander Wisconsin, and Marquette Michigan markets.

If you're interested in buying one or more Peel-A-Deal© cards or selling them for WALH, contact MaryKay Lee at 414-306-0690.

### ONLY \$10 EACH

Yearlong Raffle Winners!

We're three months into the current yearlong raffle and that means we have twelve new winners! Make sure you tell them congratulations when you see them! If you haven't won yet, don't worry. There are still plenty of drawings left!

#### February

Belinda M, Hinckley IL - sold by Michael M. June U, Long Branch NJ - sold by Kirsten N. Dan P, Algonquin IL - sold by Erica A. Dennis S, Elkhorn WI - sold by Erica A.

### March

Mike Z, Cottage Grove WI – sold by Kelly Z. Edna F, Jefferson WI – sold by Foelker family Nicole M, Oak Creek WI – sold by MaryAnn K. Michael's Helping Hands, Waukesha WI – sold by Jenny C.

#### April

Jeanne J, Brown Deer WI – sold by Scott U. Linda L, Oak Creek WI – sold by Scott U. Lynn W, Milwaukee WI – sold by Scott U. Dave F, Milwaukee WI – sold by Rick S.

### May

Jean W, Franklin WI – sold by Jean W. Michael's Helping Hands, Waukesha WI – sold by Jenny C. Teresa F, Verona WI – sold by Foelker family Kristy M, Hinckley IL – sold by Mike F.





## It's Hard To Say Goodbye

I have always liked to think of WALH's members as being a big family, as I've mentioned many times over the years in the newsletter. For as long as I've been a member of this organization, I've always felt a kind of comfort at summer or weekend camp. You feel at ease, like you can be yourself. It's kind of like you've grown up with them and you know you don't have to put on an act around them...just like family. You don't necessarily see these people every week but you still know them all and, one way or another, you keep up with what's going on in their lives. Especially these days with social media, it's like you instantly know what's going on with your camp friends as it happens. Sharing the good, and the bad, is only a few keystrokes away. It all comes together to make that family feeling even stronger. Unfortunately it also makes it harder when you lose them.

Over the last six months WALH has suffered three major losses. Monika Butkute (11-22-13), Billy Foelker (1-20-14) and Margaret Vickio (2-8-14) were all significant parts of our family. They never missed a summer camp or a weekend getaway, and their smiles and personalities always made an indelible impression on everyone around them.

As with all families, we mourn their passing and we move on into the future. But there will always be a special place in our hearts for those that touched our lives and made this world just a little bit better place to live.

## From the Treasurer

### By Mary Kay Lee

Several years ago, your Board of Directors made it a priority to increase our revenues and cut our costs. We have succeeded in both. With the help of both campers and volunteers, we have aggressively fundraised, targeted corporate donations, and actively sought out donations for camp supplies. "With A Little Help..." Inc has continued to provide summer camp at no required cost to either camper or volunteer. Although it has been tough. We've needed to require fees for weekend camps, just enough to cover facility fees, and have asked, dare I say insisted, that everyone participate in fundraising.

In the past five years, "With A Little Help..." Inc has doubled our assets. We have come from barely enough in the bank to cover one year's summer camp fees to now having three years fees in the bank. Awesome Job!

Even in tough economic times, people see the need of small non-profit organizations as ours. We cannot however sit back on our achievement; we need to continue the trend. Please continue to fundraise and seek out donations, this is the lifeblood of your organization. With everyone taking ownership of "With A Little Help..." Inc, we'll continue to make summer camp the 'Best Week of the Year'. Newsletter submissions can be sent to Scott Uhlman, Editor suhlman@wi.rr.com

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### 33<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Camp for Adults with Muscular Dystrophy July 26 – August 1, 2014

### **SPONSORSHIP FORM**

### **COMMITMENT SPONSOR - \$750 DONATION**

The cost for <u>one disabled adult and their volunteer</u> attendant to participate in <u>one week</u> of summer camp.

### **UNITY SPONSOR - \$350 DONATION**

The cost for <u>one disabled adult</u> camper to participate in <u>one week</u> of summer camp.

### **CELEBRATED SPONSOR - \$150 DONATION**

The cost for <u>one disabled adult and their volunteer attendant</u> to participate in <u>one day</u> of summer camp.

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