

Comprehensive Corner

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"No Name Car Club" cruises for CSDD!

October 9, 2005 was the 16th Annual Fall Color Run, sponsored by Cindy Ball and the "No Name Car Club." This is the second year in a row that CSDD Macomb has been the grateful recipient.

Representatives from CSDD included: Janet Hope, Robert Garon, Paul Rieneke and family, Dianna Pergitone, and Chris Davidson.

Furthermore, there were cruisers from Trenton, Mt. Morris, and all the way from Canada! Some of the clubs with a high number of participants included the Bearing Burners, The USMA, and the Klassic Haulers.

This year there were over 130 classic cars and trucks starting at Blakes Apple Orchard and cruising the scenic back roads to Port Austin.

Once in Port Austin we had a wonderful meal with plenty of food for all who attended. After dinner, Mr. Jeff Green talked to the cruisers about CSDD's annual Talent Show!



Cindy Ball enjoying the day with Robert, Jeff & Janet!

Also, there was a silent auction with a huge selection of items. The 50/50 raffles were a big success as well, with one of the winners returning the entire proceeds to the fundraiser.

At the end of the day the "No Name Car Club" raised \$4,323.00 to benefit CSDD's annual Talent Show!

We want to give a special THANK YOU to Cindy Ball for all her dedication and hard work, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Green for their ongoing support of CSDD.



October is—"Investing In Abilities Month"

On October 26th, Monroe CSDD along with Monroe County Intermediate School District, Michigan Dept. of Labor & Economic Growth / Rehabilitation Services, Monroe County Regional Interagency Committee, and Monroe County Mental Health Authority, held an appreciation luncheon to recognize consumers who have succeeded in their jobs and employers who have supported persons with disabilities. Monroe supported employment manager, Melissa Turner, presented a certificate to employer Bob Evans and consumer Kendra Owens.

Mayor John Iacoangeli was the emcee and guest speakers were Brenda Ochodnicky from CCS Consultants, LLC, and Karen Blohm-DeLucia from Lowe's

We want to send a special Thank You to Monroe County Regional Interagency Committee for donating \$500 towards the luncheon!

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"To provide adults with developmental disabilities and/or mental illness with employment opportunities and alternatives, including recreational, vocational, and therapeutic services to enable them to function at their optimum potential with all the rights afforded them as full citizens."

HI HO SILVER ...Away!

CSDD staff Denise McKinney and Becca Romero, of the eagles group and the New Haven groups, planned a special outing of horse-back riding. They attended the Rexford Center, a therapeutic horseback-riding program located in New Haven, Michigan.



We had quite a few participants who really enjoyed riding the horses while others cautiously observed. The arena is enclosed so riders can stay out of the rain, heat, and cold weather. The Rexford Center also provides games for riders to participant in as well. We will definitely plan on going again!

CSDD MACOMB VOLUNTEERS AT ...



Solid Ground

CSDD Macomb recently started a new volunteer site at Solid Ground in Roseville, Michigan. CSDD staff Sharon Martin reports that Solid Ground is a homeless program for persons in Macomb County and its mission is to keep the family together until they gain independence with housing, employment, transportation, and other community necessities. Solid Ground occupies the former Red Cross building and is currently being renovated, from the ground up, by volunteers in various trades and professions.

CSDD volunteers included: Debbie Denardis, Lynn Filipiak, Charles Lee, Pat Meyer, and Kathy Bostwick. CSDD volunteers on Mondays and is responsible for sweeping, vacuuming, cleaning windows, and dusting. We would like to thank Dee McCardle for the opportunity to give back to the community.

Habitat For Humanity

CSDD started volunteering this summer at the Habitat for Humanity new resale store on Grossbeck Highway in Clinton Twp.

The store features building materials, appliances, plumbing fixtures, and many other supplies.

CSDD staff Dee Wilkins related that initially the volunteer group started taking care of the flower beds outside the office area. However, due to the groups persistence and dependability they now have additional tasks inside the warehouse which include: dusting the furniture, taking out the trash, sweeping the warehouse, and helping unload incoming donations.

We would like to thank the staff at Habitat For Humanity including Christine, Daniel, Emily, and Judy.

The Mike Sentowski Story



Mike Sentowski started working at CSDD October 12, 1987 as an assistant warehouse employee at the age of 18 at the former Livonia workshop. Mike worked in this position nearly 2 years until he was promoted to the warehouse supervisor/driver position for the Taylor, Livonia, Battle Creek and Monroe workshops.

At present, there are three workshops in Monroe, Macomb, and New Haven where Mike is the sales/production manager. Mike works out of the Monroe workshop and is responsible for keeping an ongoing balance of incoming and outgoing production. Mike relates that he also strives to obtain a variety of jobs so consumers with different abilities can work on jobs at their own levels.

Mike also does a lot of delivering and picking up of products. His biggest pet peeve, on the job, is being stuck in traffic as the Detroit metro area roads are usually under construction at one point or another.

Moreover, Mike relates that he also has to work closely with all the various companies to make sure CSDD meets all their production deadlines. Some of the companies CSDD does contract work with include:

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Mike was born and raised in Westland, Michigan where he resides today. He is very close to his 2 brothers, 1 sister, 4 nieces, 3 nephews and his parents. Mike enjoys all types of sporting events and going to Las Vegas.

Mike's future plans include winning the "power ball", and would like to start a work program through CSDD for senior citizens interested in doing piece work.

Catholic Social Services Honors Macomb Volunteers

CSDD volunteers were honored with an appreciation banquet on October 20, 2005. Each volunteer received a \$10.00 gift card from Meijer, a certificate of appreciation, a Catholic Social Services T-Shirt, a gift bag of goodies, and not to mention a luncheon of pizza and salads.

CSDD volunteers included: Shirley S., Tanya F., Glenn C., Amy H., Dan B., Theresa C., Robert G., Stuart H., Rosemary C., and Dee W.

WELCOME NEW STAFF!

Macomb: Cindy Vang, Sharon Martin, Leng Xiong, Rosalind Dominek, Enver Zeqollari, George Breckner, and David Hayton

New Haven: Ann Marie Hoover, Darlene Waters, Edgar Petrevics

East: Azure Smith, Margarite Pittner, Andrea Pittner, and Kemper Davis

Supported Employment: Larry Cornell

Mark Rosenthal: Michigan's Own "Crocodile Hunter"

Mark Rosenthal visited CSDD Macomb again this year and brought his entourage of exotic animals! Mark's show "Animal Magic" features some of the world's rarest and most exotic creatures. Furthermore, Mark rescues many animals and is often called by police departments when they need help saving or relocating wild creatures.

Mark also raises, breeds, and rehabilitates sick and abandoned animals and releases them back into their natural environment or sells them to pet stores and zoos.



Mark again combined the thrill of all the animals and the entertainment of magic in his show this year. The baby wallaby was very cute and spent much of his time in a purse-like satchel that simulated the pouch of his mother. Mark also brought his famed 250 pound Burmese python, Julius Squeezer! Moreover, Mark brought his sloth, which looks cuddly, but is dangerous. We hope to have Mark and his animals visit CSDD again next summer!



On another exciting note, Mark and former CSDD Macomb manager/talent show hostess Diane Anteau were married July 3, 2005! They truly make a perfect pair! Mark, Diane and their daughters Samantha and Jessica, reside on their exotic animal farm in Belleville, Michigan. Congratulations Mark and Diane!

"Heidelberg Projects" Raises Awareness with Art



CSDD staff Denise McKinney and Becca Romero, of the eagles group, planned an outing to the world-renowned Heidelberg project of Detroit.

Artist Tyree Guyton started the installation in 1986 to raise awareness of Detroit's east side neighborhoods by using art to rejuvenate and inspire hope in the Heidelberg area. Social issues addressed by the project include racism, drug abuse, and unemployment.

An example of the artwork includes rows of shoes lined on the sidewalk representing the thousands of homeless people living in the city.

Denise McKinney related that the consumers really liked the outing and it sparked topics of conversation, which provided educational opportunities. Furthermore, Denise shared that the people living amongst the art were all very friendly and really seemed to take pride in it!

CSDD Macomb celebrates Augie Molissani's 80th Birthday



CSDD celebrated Augie's 80th Birthday by inviting his family and friends to a surprise bash at our office! Over 90 people were in attendance. We had cake, balloons, streamers as well as a huge homemade birthday card that the consumers made especially for Augie. Furthermore, his sisters and niece showed up for this special occasion.

His family shared some of the significant events in his life. Augie was born October 1, 1925. Augie's mother was very adamant about keeping him out of the institutions. She always had high expectations for him and enrolled him in a Lutheran school while he continued living with his family. Augie's family shared that he has always been good natured and forgiving.

Augie's family reported that President Kennedy's social programs were very helpful. Furthermore, Augie was employed by Harper Hospital in downtown Detroit for 10 years working in the kitchen washing pots and pans and cleaning the dining room tables. Augie became good friends with many of the doctors and nurses at the hospital with his naturally friendly disposition.

While he and his family lived in the city Augie liked going to the Romona Theatre, swimming at the YMCA, and going to the libraries. His family reported that he would do a lot of walking or take the buses wherever he needed to go.

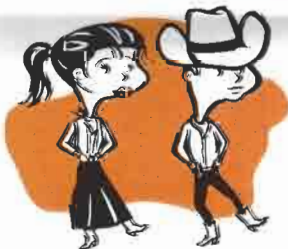
Some of Augie's hobbies include: going to McDonald's for coffee and fries, going to Antonio's restaurant, spending time with his family, and talking on the phone with his niece Joyce. Augie enjoys Jackie Gleason and the Three Stooges.

Also, Augie is an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ in Chesterfield Township where he loves singing church songs.

We wish Augie many more years of happiness!



My Chance To Dance



CSDD Macomb is again participating with the CC PLUS dance program! This is a great activity for the winter months. The classes use music as a tool for socialization, following directions, and exercising. Peggy Di Mercurio has been an instructor since 2000. She relates that she teaches over 65 classes a month and loves what she does! Furthermore, Peggy related that CC PLUS started by teaching line dancing to adults but has since broadened its focus to include classes at nursing homes/assisted living programs and persons with special needs. CSDD is looking forward to the upcoming dance classes.

Martina Bender Becomes a Mother

Former CSDD Macomb case coordinator, Martina Bender gave birth to a beautiful baby girl in July named Carina Delilah Jackson! Martina and her husband Terrel are very proud parents. We wish them the best of luck!



We want to thank all our supporters for their gifts over the years. Charitable donations including Cash, Stocks and Professional Services assist in our continuing efforts to promote personal growth and enrich the lives of the people we serve. If you would like to discuss a donation with a member of our staff, please contact our corporate office:

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Holiday Cards Coming Soon



Again this year CSDD Macomb will be selling holiday cards created by the participants in our program. We still need more art work! If you are interested, draw a holiday picture on a 8x11 white sheet of paper and turn it into Dianna Pergitone. All entries must be turned into our office by November 4, 2005. Last year we sold over 52 packages and made over \$650.00. If you have any questions please call the office 586-294-3644.

Talent Show Videos ???

Our sources tell us that the videos are held up in the production phase. As soon as we receive them we will send out order forms for the families! Sorry for the delay.

Thank You Monroe Knights of Columbus!!

Thanks to the success of their annual tootsie roll drive, K of C donated \$1,000 to the East workshop.