



# CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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## First Fundraiser a Success

Nearly \$13,000 was raised at our first annual fundraiser, "Young At Heart," held on Saturday, October 16, at UW-Fond du Lac. Thank you to all who attended the event and donated their time, talents and resources. This could not have been a success without the tremendous community support.

The event featured food, fun, and dancing centered around a 1940s era theme. The atmosphere was swinging as Ray Wifler and The New Century Dance Orchestra provided the music to take guests—who were dressed in their 1940s apparel—back in time.

Over twenty-five different prize packages called "Buckets of Fun" were raffled off during the evening. The buckets featured many child-orientated gifts including a ride on the Fond du Lac Library's Bookmobile, a youth tennis package, a party at Geoffrey, and tours of various local businesses. Adult-themed buckets were also won.

A silent auction was held that night. Items bid on were Packer tickets, a gourmet pizza party, a private photography session, a Nordicware bakeware set, and a crab tree planted by Stuart's Landscaping.

The night was topped off when the new logo for the museum was unveiled. (The logo is displayed above.)

Excitement for next year's event was felt by all as we look forward to another "decade" of fun!



"Kristin Bahr and the entire event planning committee did a fantastic job at coordinating the event. Thanks to all for your dedication to the start-up of a museum!"

—Andrea Welsch

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Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

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### Special points of interest:

- ☺ "Young at Heart" a Success
- ☺ Non-Profit Status
- ☺ New Logo Unveiled
- ☺ Upcoming Meetings

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# Non-Profit Status Granted

On October 14, 2004, the Children's Museum of Fond du Lac received notice from the IRS that non-profit status was officially granted. The date this went into effect was May 4, 2004.

We also received our licensing from the state of Wisconsin to practice as a "Charitable Organization."

Terry Gaffney, attorney at law, provided guidance in this process and we are grateful for his assistance.

## Site Selection Continues Search for Location

The Site Selection Committee continues their search. The idea of a children's museum has prompted local property owners to contact us, however at this time no specific site has been selected.

The goal is to find a space that is 10,000 square feet and DONATED or available at a significantly reduced rate (less than \$4 per square foot). Many children's museums in towns close to the size of Fond du Lac have donated or greatly reduced rent. (Source: Association of Children's Museums Directory)

The committee is working off a set of criteria. For example, two story ceiling height, adequate parking, and location (downtown, other higher traffic areas) are essential.

If you have any suggestions (or space to donate) or would like to assist the Site Selection Committee, please contact Julie Garrison at [jjjhmngarr@wmconnect.com](mailto:jjjhmngarr@wmconnect.com) or Pam Hammond at [dishmania@aol.com](mailto:dishmania@aol.com).

## Logo Design Unveiled at Fundraiser

As mentioned on page one of this newsletter, a new logo was unveiled at the October fundraiser. Several local artists worked hard on producing a logo that would fit the character of the museum. Numerous possibilities were presented to the Board of Directors. The new logo that was chosen was designed by Chris Clementi, a local graphic artist.

Chris is a graduate of UW-Madison where she received her art degree. She's previously worked in both Madison and California as a graphic artist. Chris is currently a stay-at-home mother of three school-age children. Most recently she received the honor of being the recipient of the "Cheers for Volunteers" award from the Volunteer Center of Fond du Lac. The Children's Museum is grateful for her time, patience and talent. Thanks, Chris!

We'd like to take time to thank several other individuals who also generously donated their time, talent and helpful attitudes to this project: Sherry Holz, John and Kim Zebley, Tania Twohig, Sharon Garrison, Julie Garrison, James Fullmer, Dave Hornung (Graphic Center), Kristin Deutsch (Hair of the Dog Graphics), and Derek Schneider (Sign Pro). Thank you all for your hard work!



# Upcoming Meetings

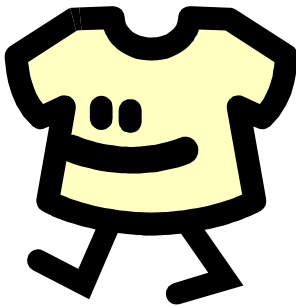
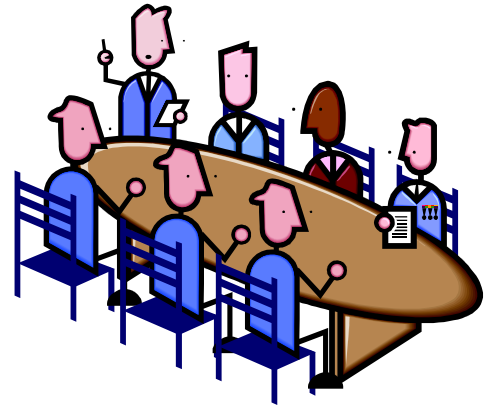
Below is a list of upcoming meetings that are planned as of release of this newsletter. Dates and times are subject to change.

The **Board of Directors** is meeting Wednesday, November 10.

The **Site Selection Committee** is planning to meet. Anyone interested in attending should contact Julie Garrison at [jjjhmngarr@wmconnect.com](mailto:jjjhmngarr@wmconnect.com) or by phone: (920) 923-5916.

The **Exhibit Design Committee** is meeting Friday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m.. Anyone interested in attending should contact Kristin Lenz at [kbkblenz@tds.net](mailto:kbkblenz@tds.net) or by phone: (920) 322-9010.

The **Education Committee** has no meetings scheduled at this time.



## Be a Walking Billboard

Sweatshirts and other apparel for both children and adults with our new logo will soon be available. Contact Andrea Welsch at [welsch05@charter.net](mailto:welsch05@charter.net) if you are interested in purchasing this apparel and supporting the museum.

## Board Member Moment: Welcome Tim Havican

Tim Havican is the newest edition to the Board of Directors. Tim is originally from Marquette, Michigan.

For over the past 2 years, Tim has been working at St. Agnes Hospital Foundation and Agnesian Health-Care as a grant writer and planned giving associate. His wife, Nadra, is also employed by the hospital working as a pharmacist.

Tim has two children. His son, Carter, is 11 and a sixth grader at Woodworth, and his daughter, Madeline, is 9 and a fourth grader at Rosenow.

Tim has participated in many exciting projects in the past including developing a health education non-profit agency with his wife that still exists today as the [www.painandhealth.org](http://www.painandhealth.org) project.

In addition to the Children's Museum board Tim also serves on the YMCA board and the Family Resource Center board.

"I look forward to meeting all of you and working on this wonderful and exciting project," adds Tim.

## Office Space

The Children's Museum is looking for temporary office space. A site has been located and negotiations are taking place with the owners. This space will enable us to have a central location and maintain visibility in the community until a museum site is found. Stay tuned for more information.

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## Volunteers Keep Museum Momentum Strong

With over twenty-five active volunteers the CMFDL has many people to thank. Among these volunteers are community advisors and several different committees. These committees include Annual Fundraising Event, Capital Campaign, Logo Development, Site Selection, Exhibit Design, and the Education Team.

Kristin Bahr	Julie Garrison	Kristin Lenz
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