

SPECIAL OLYMPICS THE MEDALLION



Newsletter for
Clackamas County

SUMMER 2004

GREETING FROM GARY... YOUR LOCAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR

In the first edition of the Medallion I introduced you to our area management team members. I would like to thank the following managers for the extra time and energy they have put in to support the Clackamas County Special Olympics program. A special thanks to our managers:

- **Terri Gilreath;** Fund Raising
- **Dena Whitley;** Communication
- **Natalie Stewart;** Finance
- **Jacqui Bostrom;** Athlete Medicals

I am very pleased to have **Wayne Lund** as the newest member of our management team. He brings enthusiasm and experience to the position of Summer Team Manager.

Recently the Management Team met and developed the following goals for 2004 as well as a Vision Statement with a Guiding Principle

Vision Statement:

Develop and maintain a quality program for all eligible Special Olympics athletes in Clackamas County.

Guiding Principle

All participants in Clackamas County Special Olympics (volunteers, coaches, athletes) will be guided by and committed to:

- Respect
- Courage
- Pride
- Health
- Growth

Goal 1: To provide financial stability to support the needs and standards of all the sports programs for the calendar year 2004 by generating \$20,000.00.

Steps to accomplish goal:

1. Increase and maintain revenues from 2003 fund raising programs which include perpetual income and service organizations.
2. Develop 3 new avenues for fundraising:
 - Golf Tournament
 - Organize letter writing campaign for individuals
 - Corporate donations

Goal 2: Increase volunteer and athlete participation in 2004

Steps to accomplish goal:

1. Add 3 members to the Area Management Team
 - 1 Volunteer Manager
 - 2 Team Managers for the Fall and Winter seasons

2. Increase qualified membership by 2 additional people on the volunteer, fundraising and communication committees.
3. Update and maintain data base of existing or inquiring athletes, donors or volunteers.

To help us realize our goals we need your help!

Please carefully review the accompanying article entitled "Volunteer Opportunities." County." We have a wide range of opportunities in which you can support our program. Your gift of time is invaluable and allows us to continue to provide a quality sports program for our athletes.

I am excited about the accomplishments our program has made. We continue to face many challenges but I look forward to working with parents, volunteers, care providers and others who touch the lives of our Special Olympians.

Sincerely,
Gary Paxton

FIRST ANNUAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLF TOURNAMENT!

On Friday **July 9th**, 2004, Special Olympics of Clackamas County will be hosting our first annual **Special Olympics Golf Tournament** and silent auction. The event will take place at the gorgeous Stone Creek Golf Club in Oregon City. The tournament will also bear the title 'The Dan Loomis Memorial' in honor of our recently lost friend Dan Loomis, 20+ year PGE veteran, avid golfer, and father of Leslie a very very special Special Olympian.

The Friday afternoon shotgun format will involve 144 golfers (a full field) and will incorporate a buffet dinner, silent auction, and exciting activities as we come together to raise money for the Special Olympians who so need and value our assistance. Our objective is to raise \$10,000.

Please support our first annual GOLF TOURNAMENT July 9, 2004.

We seek assistance via sponsorships and donations of various kinds including but not limited to:

cash support, major prizes, silent auction gifts, trips, door prize, gift bag supplies, tee sign advertiser, printing & banners!

POWERLIFTERS ROCK AT REGIONAL!

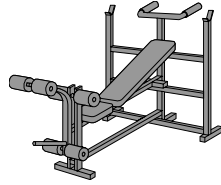
Clackamas brought home 12 medals.

Alex Dewolf, 2 silver & 2 bronze

Gordon Fast, 1 bronze

Larry Tlusty, 2 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze

Shaun Wright, 2 gold, 1 bronze, and 4th place



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BIKE CLUB

Do you like the feel of the wind on your face as you cruise down a hill or talking with other athletes while pedaling on a beautiful bike path?

Then you might consider being a member of the Clackamas County Special Olympics bike club known as the "Speedy Sprockets." Starting in May we will be getting together once a week to ride on different routes that are 5 to 15 miles in length.

All you need is a bicycle in good working order, a bike helmet, and an interest in seeing some beautiful country while on a bike.

Since this is a club, you can ride with us **and** participate in one of the four sports offered during the summer season. If you are interested in becoming a "Speedy Sprocket" then mark on the registration form contained in this newsletter.

ALBERTSON'S COMMUNITY PARTNER CARD

The partnership with Albertson's is a way to raise funds to support Clackamas County Special Olympics.

How does it work?

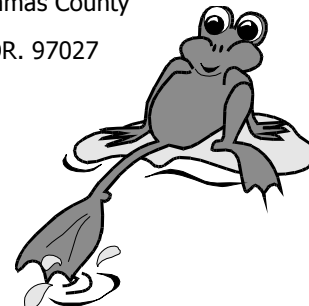
You present your card to the cashier anytime before the order is tendered. The amount of your purchase is automatically recorded and credited to Clackamas County Special Olympics.

At the end of each quarter Albertson's calculates the percentage that will be awarded and sends us a check.

How do you get a card?

You can call our message center at

503-675-3550 or write to:
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P.O. Box 592
Gladstone, OR. 97027

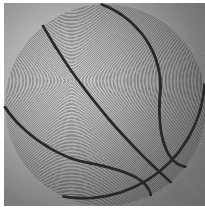


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