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Special thanks to **Bill Brauer**, who once again treated us to his unique brand of humor as Toastmaster for the Annual Dinner, and to **Pastor John Rouse** from Mt. Zion Baptist Church, East St. Louis for the moving invocation.

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Consumer Spotlight

The Spotlight is on the Winners who received awards at the Annual Awards dinner in September. See the entire list on page 3.



Rashida Smith (r) received the DT-North Consumer of the Year from **Beth Lawson**.



Carol Schwan (l) congratulates **Mike Myer** as Residential Consumer of the Year.



Bobby Stephens feels good about his SAVE Road Consumer of the Year award presented by **Beth Lawson**.



Paul Wibbenmeyer (l) gave **Sharon Parent** the plaque for Vocational Development Consumer of the Year.



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Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

As you read through this newsletter, you'll notice that it is devoted almost entirely to the Annual Dinner held at Bel-Air Bowl (formerly Panorama). This event recognizes those consumers, employers, volunteers and staff who have excelled during the previous year.

This time, it's almost embarrassing for me to write this column because I was chosen as the Board Member of the Year. I was totally surprised and thrilled. It is an honor for me to do what I can for SAVE, so receiving this award was truly icing on the cake.



There are so many wonderful people who give of their time, money and talent to keep SAVE growing, that I was humbled to be singled out. **Ty Cottingham**, Board President, gave me the award and asked my daughter, **Michelle**, to help. Yes, it got a little teary!

As I've noted before, my family is so grateful that Michelle lives and works at SAVE. What I do seems small in comparison with what we have gained. She is so happy "on the hill," and that's what really matters.

My admiration is for those folks who work or volunteer for SAVE when they don't have a personal reason to do so. They are the ones with angel's wings.

Recently, I received a letter from **Judy Koeller**, who wrote, "I am editor-in-chief of the IARF magazine, *Newsbreak*. I was just reading your Spring 2007 newsletter and noticed the article about SAVE receiving a three-year CARF accreditation. I would like to share this information with the IARF membership in the June issue of *Newsbreak*. Could you email me the programs that were accredited so I can place this information in the 'Accreditation Accolades' section? Thanks. Congratulations also on the accreditation." True to her word, SAVE was mentioned in the magazine.

I received another letter from **John and Carol Reimer**. Their son is a resident at Turkey Hill and they frequently express their gratitude for the staff and others who keep SAVE going. Distance and health issues prevent the Reimers from volunteering at SAVE, but they regularly contribute to the Booster Club. Our thanks for your support.

Speaking of this, be on the lookout in your mailbox for SAVE's annual Christmas campaign. The state budget was not kind to facilities for the developmentally disabled again, so your generous contribution is more necessary now than ever.

Please keep your notes and letters coming! I'm very interested in telling *your* stories about SAVE! Email me at pwhite1948@charter.net or leave a message at SAVE 618-234-1992.

Pat White
Editor

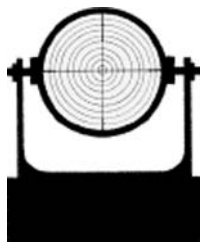
SAVE Programs & Services

JOBtrack offers employees who WANT to work and onsite job coaches to help train and monitor their progress.

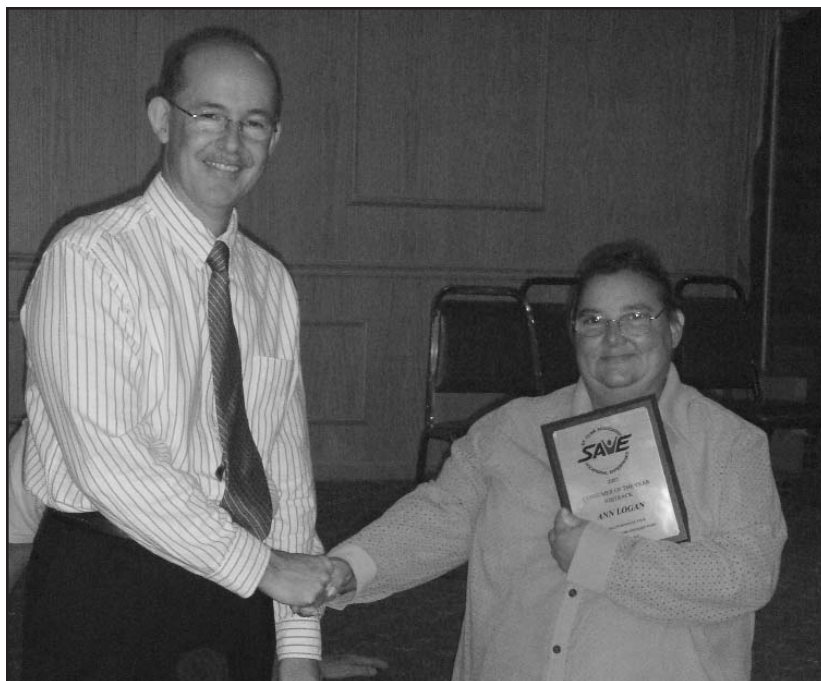
Developmental Training and **Vocational Development** programs provided consumers with 100,000 hours of employment last year.

Residential Services offers 40+ individuals supervised, independent living in a home and neighborhood environment.

For information on SAVE's programs and services, visit us online at www.saveorg.org or call 214-234-1992. For contract services, contact **Jim Schnipper** at 618-234-1992.



Employment Spotlight



Paul Wibbenmeyer gave Ann Logan the JOBtrack Consumer of the Year Award. Ann works as a custodian on SAVE's NISH contracts in East St. Louis.

Congratulations to Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Shiloh! JOBtrack Employer of the Year

by Pat White

When I interviewed **Jim Jara**, General Manager of the **Cracker Barrel** at Green Mount Crossing in Shiloh, he told me he thinks it's great that he can get good employees like the JOBtrack consumers from SAVE. Jim was highly complimentary of Dee, the job coach who works with them. "She's fabulous," he said.

"This is a good relationship for both of us. I'm very excited about the award. Our employees are the foundation of our business. You tell those job coaches to keep sending me good people!"

Jim was unable to attend the SAVE Awards Dinner because he was in Tennessee receiving another award for his restaurant. Wow! What a great place to work. Our thanks to Jim and other employers like Cracker Barrel who work with the JOBtrack program.



And the Winner is..

These are all the Award Winners at SAVE's Annual Dinner in September.

**Volunteer of the Year
Johanna Heimann**

**Staff of the Year
Jeff Rush**

**Edward Bench Memorial
Sue Helferty**

**Friends of SAVE
Richard "Foz" Ryan**

**Developmental Training
Consumer of the Year
(SAVE Road)
Bobby Stephens**

**Residential Consumer
of the Year
Mike Myer**

**Developmental Training
Consumer of the Year
(North)
Rashida Smith**

**JOBtrack Consumer
of the Year
Ann Logan**

**JOBtrack Employer
of the Year
Cracker Barrel Restaurant**

**Northwest Optimist
of the Year
Marcus Matlock**

**Board Member
of the Year
Pat White**

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn keynoted the Green Cleaning Expo and presented awards to environmentally savvy Illinois citizens and school districts.

On Tuesday, May 8, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn delivered the keynote speech at the Southern Illinois Public Cooperative Environmentally Preferred Purchasing & Green Cleaning Expo. Quinn also helped present awards to Illinois citizens and school districts who are leading the way toward a cleaner and healthier Illinois by purchasing green cleaning products.

"Many of the chemicals found in everyday cleaning supplies are released as toxins and fumes into the air we breathe," Quinn said. "We salute these Illinois citizens and organizations who are leading the way by swapping chemical-based cleaning supplies with natural, non-toxic products that are widely available and cost comparable."

The following organizations received the Southern Illinois Public Cooperative Stewardship Award in recognition of their dedication to cleaning for health and reducing environmental harm:

Belleville School District 118
Bond County School District 2
Wabash County District 348
Mt. Vernon School District 80

S. A. V. E. St. Clair County Associated Vocational Enterprise

In addition, Harrisburg native John Greenstreet, and Ed Bradley and Jeff Holder of Carbondale received awards in recognition of their vision and dedication in establishing the Southern Illinois Public Cooperative (SIPC). The mission of SIPC is to make students and teachers safer, while saving schools money through the use of green cleaning products. Their commitment to environmentally preferred purchasing and green cleaning has resulted in healthier buildings, greater efficiencies, increased service, reduced cost, and sustainable work practices.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency estimates that half of all students, teachers, and school staff are exposed to polluted indoor air that may be five to 100 times more polluted than outdoor air. The chemicals found in everyday cleaning supplies cause much of this pollution.

An estimated six billion pounds of chemicals are used in cleaning supplies each year.

In addition to creating a healthier school environment, natural products may also improve school attendance. The Healthy Schools Campaign estimates that students miss more than 14 million school days each year due to asthma that is exacerbated by poor indoor air quality.

Lt. Governor Quinn is a leading advocate for green cleaning, having championed the Green Cleaning Schools Act, sponsored by State Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park) and State Senator Iris Martinez (D-Chicago), which will require all K-12 schools in the state to purchase and use non-toxic cleaning products.

The act will be administered by the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council. Lt. Governor Quinn is chairman of the council, which is charged with developing green polices that reduce pollution, incorporate conservation, and promote green policies into government operations.

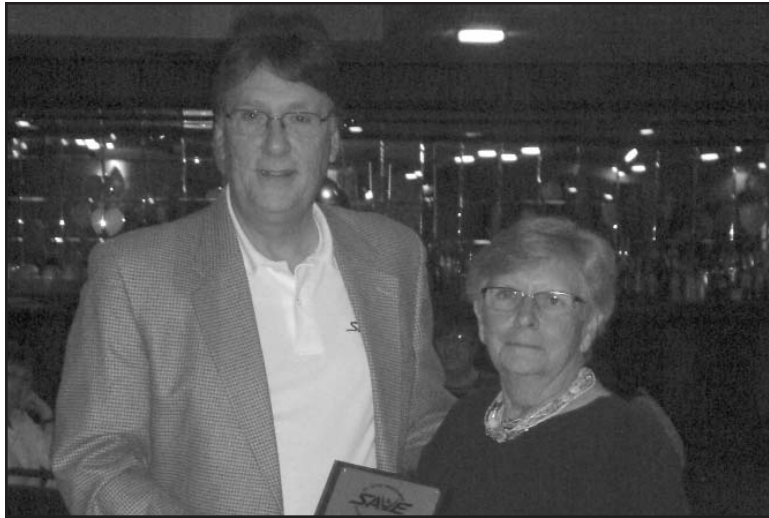


Check out greensolutions.il.gov for ways you can help the environment. This is one of the 52 tips:

Use washable cloth towels and napkins instead of paper towels and paper napkins.

Volunteer at SAVE....

Got a little time on your hands? Spend a few hours as a SAVE volunteer. Many opportunities exist to help out SAVE, including Foundation and Operating Board members, bingo on Wednesday night and helping with programs like Opportunities for Unlimited Recreation (OUR). For more information, call Sue at 618-234-1992, ext. 31.



Randy Law presents Johanna Heimann with the Volunteer of the Year Award

The big question is, "What would Bingo be without Johanna?" And the answer is, "Not much." Johanna Heimann has spent countless hours helping with SAVE Bingo. Wednesday nights find her at Belle-Clair Exposition Hall at the St. Clair County Fairgrounds making sure everything is running smoothly. Johanna, along with many other faithful volunteers, is responsible for this ongoing fundraising effort for SAVE. Our congratulations for an honor well-deserved!



Richard "Foz" Ryan was honored with the Friend of SAVE award to a standing ovation from the crowd.




Every Wednesday Night Belle-Clair Fairgrounds!

200 South Belt East, Belleville, IL 62220

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner available for bingo players

Bonus and Regular Bingo

Early Bird 7:00 p.m.

BINGO-MATES available for Early Bird

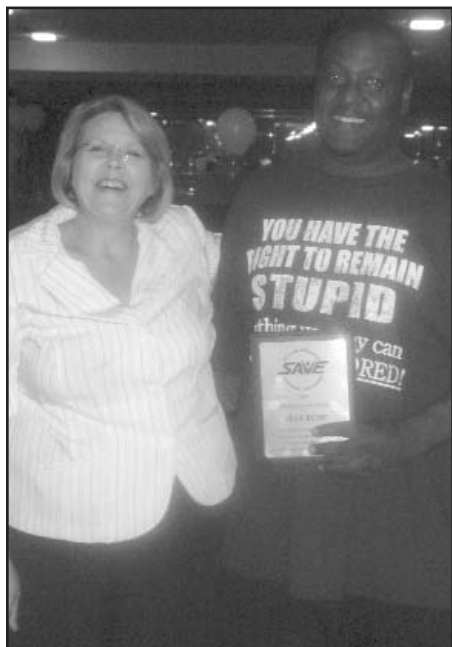
1st & 3rd Wednesdays - Bring a Friend! 2 for 1

Pick-a-color Raffle in 20 numbers or less with a Powerball

6 cards for \$5.00 ~ Additional cards \$.50/ea.

**** All Proceeds Benefit Adults with Disabilities ****

And the awards keep coming....



Jeff Rush (r), who works with the Developmental Training program, was named Staff Person of the Year. **Beth Lawson** presented the award.



The Northwest Optimist Citizen Award was presented to **Marcus Matlock** (r) by **Carol Schwan**.



An emotional **Sue Helferty** (r) received the Edward Bench Memorial Award from friend and coworker **Carol Schwan**.

Mark Your Calendar!

November 10, 2007

Annual Turkey Trot and Veterans Day Parade in O'Fallon

November 13, 2007

Movie and Popcorn, O'Fallon, IL

Nov 30 & Dec 1, 2007

State Special Olympics Bowling for Gold Medalists in Peoria, IL

December 3, 2007

Annual Christmas Dance at Bel Air Bowl (formerly Panorama)

December 13, 2007

Way of Lights at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

January 4, 2008

Harlem Globetrotters, Scottrade Center

January 24, 2008

Casino Queen to Try Our Luck

February 2, 2008

Special Olympic Dinner Dance at Granite City Knights of Columbus

February 8, 2008

Valentine Dance at SLC (hopefully)

February 21, 2008

Stars on Ice Tour - Scottrade Center

Volunteers Needed for O.U.R. Trips!

Call Sue at 618-234-1972 to sign up for a trip or to volunteer.

New Clothing Boxes

Two new clothing collection boxes have been set up in Freeburg. SAVE receives some of the money collected from the sale of your donation.

**Dollar General, Freeburg
BP Station, Freeburg**

Sheri B's dream came true on her 50th birthday when her family came to pick her up in a LIMOUSINE!



Thank you!

Donations to SAVE and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation for April 1, 2007 - September 30, 2007

SAVE

798th Squadron
798th Squadron, Horton, Rodney & Barbara
Atchison, Robert J. & Marcia
Bretsch, Darwin & Mary Lu
Delta Theta Tau Sorority
Democrats Association of Sugarloaf
Emmanuel Church of Nazarene
Hallam, Conchita
Junior Service Club of St. Clair County
Keeley, Henry & Susan
Knights of Columbus
Council # 11691
Council # 12799
Council 2932 - Trenton
Munoz, Agnes & Marsha Blount
Rotary Club, St. Clair County West
Twigg, Larry & Ana
Vick, Dr. Larry & Joan
Zonta Club of Belleville

In Memory of...

Phyllis "Jean" Idoux

Lavon Bott
Thomas & Verna May Erwin
Winifred Gibbs
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Kathy Evans

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Terry Roth

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The Gardening Angel
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SAVE Booster Club
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Pamela Gunsten
Martha & Robert Halvachs
Mark & Denise Juen
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Pat White
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Joann Huber

Frances D. Sweeney

Planned Giving Adds Value to Your Charitable Donations

From the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation..

The generosity of the American people is evident in the record of charitable giving in the United States. 89% of American households give to charitable causes each year.

Planned giving allows you to provide for your favorite charity as well as your loved ones, all the while protecting valuable assets from income and estate taxes. It can help provide the donor guaranteed income for life, create a gift that will live on after the donor's death, or both.

There are a variety of ways to structure a planned gift:

Life Insurance where the charity is the owner and/or designated beneficiary. This can be convenient for you, and certainly would be welcomed by the charitable organization.

Life Insurance for Asset Replacement is when an asset is donated to a charity, then you use part of the money saved (through the ensuing income tax deduction) to purchase a life insurance policy. This can help replace the value of the asset and generate cash for your heirs.

Charitable Remainder Trust where you receive income from the gift during your lifetime or for a specified period of time (up to 20 years). Upon your death, the remainder of the asset goes to the charity.

Charitable Lead Trust which provides income to the charity for the term of the trust.

Talk to your attorney, accountant or financial adviser about the tax benefits and Planned Giving strategy that is best for you.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones, and we thank them for designating SAVE as the recipient of these memorials. For information on how you can contribute to SAVE and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation, including gifts, life insurance, bequests in a will or trust, and through other tax planning methods, call 618-234-1992.



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***If you know someone who should be added to the SAVE
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