

Consumer Spotlight

Lordy, Lordy, look who's 40! Michelle's birthday party at SAVE

In This Issue

Consumer Spotlight
It's a Birthday!...Cover

Letter from the
Editor...pg 2

Good News!..pg 3
Clothing Donations
Benefit SAVE,
CARF Accreditation,
O.U.R. Spring Dance

What's
Happening..pg 4
New Building Fund,
Wanted: Bingo
Callers,
Trivia Night Silent
Auction & Heartland
Rivers Wine Trail
Event

Volunteer News...pg 5
SAVE Booster Club,
SAVE Bingo

Donations...pg 6 & 7

SAVE Foundation
Trivia Night...Back
Cover

In Touch with SAVE
welcomes submissions
for publication

Contact the Editor:
pwhite1948@charter.net
618-234-1992



l to r Sharon, Michelle, Lois & Janice



(l-r) Sarah, Kathy, Sharon, Michelle,
Angie, Barb, Kelly (front) Linda & Susan



(l-r) Lorena, Michelle, Mary,
Kathy & Chris

The clan gathered in January for a 40th birthday party for Michelle B. Almost everyone at Turkey Hill came, along with other friends, her mom and members of the SAVE staff. There was much dancing, singing and eating in SAVE's Snack Bar.

Michelle moved to Turkey Hill in June, 1994. She works on the Secretary of State license sticker contract (see Employer Spotlight) and loves her SAVE family!



l-r (front) Andre, Joe, Tammy (back) Nola,
Michelle, Chris G., Marcus & Patty



(l-r) Denise, Vicky, Kimmy, Charles, Tom, Lois,
Michelle, Joan, Susan & J.D.



SAVE Board Members

Ty Cottingham, President
 Pat White, 1st Vice President
 Hank Keeley, 2nd Vice President
 George Lewis, Secretary
 Jim Wescoat, Jr., Treasurer
 John Bethard
 Eugene Briggs
 Lisa Doiron
 Larry Fox
 Barbara A. Hohlt
 Margo Origliosso
 Don Rigney

Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation Board Members

David Bruchhauser, Chairperson
 Eric Rhein, Vice Chairperson
 Eric Forguson, Treasurer
 John W. Anderson, Secretary
 Randolph Law, President
 Jack Butler
 Frank Booker
 Laninya Cason
 Craig Hubbard
 Dennis Jacknewitz
 Dr. Marlene Smoot
 Steve Voss

Honorary Foundation Board Members

Jamie Auffenberg
 Michael Buehlhorn
 Mrs. Georgia Costello
 Harry Cruncleton
 Alan J. Dixon
 Sheriff Mearl J. Justus
 Elizabeth Metcalf
 Marianne Serkin
 Rev. Bernard Voss
 Paul Waller, Jr.
 Nestor Zenarosa, M.D.

Executive Director

Randolph Law
 3001 SAVE Rd.
 Belleville, IL 62221
 618-234-1992
 www.saveorg.org

Letter from the Editor

Dear Readers,

There's a lot going on at SAVE! Check out the Volunteer News article this month highlighting the **SAVE Booster Club**. This organization has been very instrumental in helping SAVE raise money for necessary equipment that isn't in the budget.

Speaking of volunteers, we welcome **Lisa Doiron** to the SAVE Operating Board! Lisa is Manager of Marketing Services for Emerson in St. Louis. She says she has wanted to become more involved in community activities. She knows several of our board members and said, "they have told me about the wonderful things SAVE accomplishes. I feel that I will be a good fit with the other members and hope to be a positive contributor to the organization." We all look forward to working with Lisa.

Ok, I admit, this is hopelessly selfish, but I couldn't help putting in some pictures from my daughter, **Michelle's**, 40th birthday party held at SAVE in January! Everybody had a great time teasing her about being "over the hill." The party showed what a blessing SAVE has been to our family.

Thanks to **Randy Law** for letting us use the Snack Bar; thanks to all the friends, family and staff who attended the party; thanks to **Andre, Sharon, Janice** and **Lois** who came early to help set up and stayed to clean up; thanks to **Marcus** for being our DJ and bringing the CD player; and thanks to

Angie, who kept Michelle busy all day until it was party time. Special thanks to **Marilyn Vise**, without whose help I couldn't have managed.

Congratulations are in order to the staff and consumers who prepared SAVE for the recent **CARF** survey. Details of this accreditation are on page 4.

Dust off your brain and come to the **SAVE Foundation Trivia Night** on April 21 (details on the back cover). If you haven't done this before, I highly recommend it as a fun way to spend an evening. There's a Silent Auction, also, so plan to bid on gifts and goodies from the area.

For those of you who are trivia novices, bring snacks to share. Soft drinks, beer and wine are available for purchase. Put together a group of friends and coworkers or ask to join a table that isn't full. Everyone is welcome!

The **Zonta Club** is planning a Wine Trail fund raiser that will benefit SAVE and other organizations. Details on pg. 4.

Please read the article about the **New Building Fund** on page 4. This is an ambitious joint effort of the Operating and Foundation boards to build a new facility at Turkey Hill that will combine office and workshop space. Everyone's help will be needed for success.

Don't forget to keep me up to date. You can email 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.

Good News!

SAVE Earns Three-Year CARF Accreditation!

by Randolph Law

CARF, International (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) has once again issued their highest rating to SAVE!

Without the accreditation, SAVE would not be eligible for state funding, so this is very important.

Congratulations to the staff and consumers who went into high gear to clean and polish everything to get ready for the inspection. And a special thanks to Guy Gregg who coordinated our efforts over the past year.

In their report, the Survey team said, "The organization is well known and respected in the community of Belleville and in the state as a provider that has had good outcomes for the persons served with very limited income. SAVE has a rich history of providing services in the St. Clair County area."

The survey results noted SAVE's many strengths: the longevity and dedication of the management and professional

employees; good use of technology; the commitment of the volunteers, including both the Operating and Foundation boards; the emergency treatment guide that uses pictures and simple language to describe situations; the high level of consumer and stakeholder satisfaction in all programs; the high level of organization; strong relationships with area employers including the JOBtrack program; the "homelike" atmosphere of the residential program; and the broad range of services offered in the contract jobs that accommodate the unique needs of persons served.

In it's summary, CARF said, "On balance, SAVE is a well-established organization that in recent years has ventured into the community to provide services despite limited funds and challenges of an aging campus setting in the country. St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises has earned a Three-Year Accreditation."

YOU are invited to O.U.R. Spring Dance!

Opportunities Unlimited for Recreation

Spring Dance
with **D.J. Pat**
at the **Specialized**
Living Center Gym
1450 Caseyville Ave., Swansea
Friday, April 27, 2007

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$2/person

Staff & Volunteers FREE

Everyone is invited!

Call Sue by April 18th
at 618-234-1992, ext 31 or
email szaring@saveorg.org
for reservations and
transportation information

Spring Cleaning?

Clothing Donations Benefit SAVE!



At several locations around town, **Community Link SN Foundation** manages these familiar boxes to collect used clothing, shoes and linens. At these nine locations, SAVE is designated as the recipient of a percentage of the proceeds. Now, isn't it time to clean out YOUR closets?

SAVE Drop Box Locations

The EDGE (Laser Rock & ds vespers), 701 S. Belt West, Belleville
Safe Lock Storage 2215 Lebanon Ave., Belleville
State Beauty Supply, 1600 N. Illinois St., Swansea
Dollar General, 844 Jefferson Rd, Mascoutah
Mascoutah Plaza Inc, 10033 Fuesser Rd, Mascoutah
American Legion, 1414 W. Main, Mascoutah
Lake Pointe Center, Lake Pointe Center Dr., O'Fallon
United Access, 3709 North Belt West, Belleville
South Belt Warehouse & Storage, 2785 S. Belt West, Belleville

What's Happening!

New Building Fund Established

by Randolph Law

SAVE's Board has established a New Building Fund to raise money to construct a building that will encompass all of the developmental and vocational services provided at the Turkey Hill location. This project has been identified in SAVE's Strategic Plan as a top priority.

Over the years, SAVE's needs have drastically changed. SAVE now employs over 300 developmentally disabled adults and needs more space! The buildings on Turkey Hill date back to the early 1950's and are showing their age.

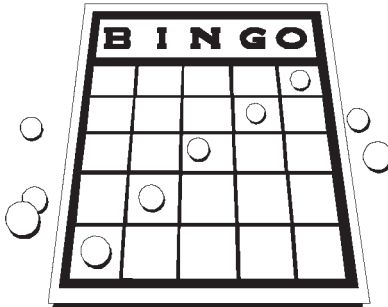
Maintenance costs and space limitations have become a serious concern. In addition to the space needed to provide services, the administrative offices must be updated and expanded to accommodate additional staff and technological requirements.

The Board is now exploring options for the building including location, usage, size and costs. The preliminary cost estimate is \$3 million. Tentative plans have been drawn, and the general consensus is to build at Turkey Hill now that we own the property. This will probably necessitate tearing down some of the existing structures to make room for the new facility.

Fund raising for a project of this size is a huge undertaking. Over the next few months, the Board will be looking into what is involved in launching a Capital Campaign and arranging financing.

Recently, Operating Board President **Ty Cottingham** donated \$10,000 in his parents' names to start the New Building Fund. Ty's hope is that his donation will spur others to dig deep and add their contributions.

Please contact **Randy Law** at 618-234-1992 to make a monetary donation or offer your expertise to the Building Committee. The committee meets monthly and welcomes input.



Wanted: Bingo Callers

Competitive Salary,
unbelievable benefits
package, including:

~ over 300 vacation
days a year

~ health, life &
disability insurance

~ unlimited sick leave

~ every Friday,
Saturday & Sunday off

If you're thinking this
is too good to be true,
you're right!

We can't promise any
of this, but if you are
looking for a fun time
and the opportunity to
help out a worthwhile
charity, call Carol or
Denise at 618-234-1992.

Trivia Night Silent Auction

On the back cover of this newsletter are the details about the upcoming **SAVE Foundation Trivia Night** on April 21st at the Katy Cavins Community Center in O'Fallon.

An important part of this fund raiser is the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate an item, a basket of goodies, gift certificate(s) or anything else to the Auction, contact **Wendy Guyer** at 618-234-1992, ext 25. You can find an auction donation form at www.save-org.org or Wendy will send you one. Please send or drop off your form and donation to SAVE Trivia Night, 3001 SAVE Rd., Belleville, IL 62221. Auction items must be received no later than April 11th. If you need your item picked up, please call Wendy by April 2nd.

This is a wonderful way to promote your business to the community. Donations are tax deductible.

Heartland Rivers Wine Trail Event

May 12 from 10:30 am – 5pm
\$40/person

The Zonta Club, one of SAVE's most valuable supporters, is planning a fund raiser that sounds like great fun!

The Heartland Rivers Wine Trail Event begins at **Ravissant Winery** in Belleville and makes stops at **Schorr Lake Vineyards** in Waterloo and **Lau Nae Winery** in Red Bud. Lunch will be at **Lau Nae**.

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the participating wineries, at SAVE, or through the Violence Prevention Center or Zonta Club.

Proceeds benefit Zonta S.A.V.E. House, Violence Prevention Center, and the SWIC - Zonta Scholarship. Call **Wendy Guyer** 618-234-1992, ext 25 for more details.

The event is sponsored by Southwest Bank with promotional assistance by KHITS Radio, Oliver C. Joseph, SAVE, and the Violence Prevention Center.

Volunteer News...

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.

SAVE Booster Club

No facility like SAVE is able to function without the help of many, many people. Staff, referral agencies, parents and guardians, and of course, the consumers who are served usually come to mind first.

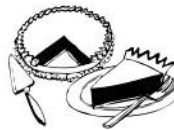
At SAVE, there is another group that quietly helps raise money for equipment, supplies, Special Olympics and other needed items. They are the unsung heroes of the **SAVE Booster Club** led by **President Jody Syzdek**.

In the past year alone, the Booster Club sponsored a quilt

bingo, garage sale, church bake sale and other events that raised \$6,396.75 for SAVE. This money is being used to buy two heart defibrillators.

The Boosters recently purchased a recliner for Joe, one of our Voc Development consumers who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Joe didn't want to stop working at SAVE, but he has to be able to rest during the day. The Boosters filled that need with his comfortable chair!

Jody is planning another **Bake Sale** on a Saturday in June. It will be held at her church in



Freeburg, and she is hoping other church groups, as well as individuals, will band together to provide lots of cakes, cookies, brownies, pies and other goodies to sell.

Jody is looking for more volunteers and ideas for projects. If you're interested in the Boosters, call her! You can spend as much or as little time as you can afford.

To help with the Bake Sale or volunteer your time, contact Jody Syzdek at 618-539-3038 or send an email to:

david2831@sbcglobal.net.




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

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 **

Thank you!

Donations to SAVE and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation for October 1, 2006 - March 31, 2007

Thank you to everyone who responded to SAVE's 2006 Christmas Appeal.

Thanks to you, this was the best on ever! Your support has a direct effect on SAVE's mission.

Althoff, Dr. James & Kris	Groesch, James in memory of Linda	R. Moon in memory of Carol Reisser
Anonymous	Groesch	Landshire, Inc.
Arriola, Rose Anne	Gundlach, Theodore & Patricia	Law, Randolph & Ellen
Badgley, William & Margaret	Guthrie, Hoover & Mollie	Lee, Jr., Maurice E.
Battoe, Mary Ellen in memory of Kathy	Haas, Kenneth in memory of Tammy	Lennens, Harvey & Mary
Evans	Haas	Lynch, H. Gordon & Ruth E. in
Bench, Mary in memory of Ed Bench	Hageman, Dean & Susan	memory of Norma Camp
Bench, Daniel & Mary Ann	Hannigan, Kenneth	McCommis, Marion & Rose Mae
Bench, Mary Louise	Headrick, Barbara	McKenna, James D. in memory of
Beuckman, Dr. Barbara DBA	Heap, Brian T.	Virginia Shipley
Beuckman Chiropractic Center	Heinz, Michael & Margaret in honor of	Meriwether, William & Rosalyn
Bien, Rita & Gordon	John Gass	Metcalf, Elizabeth
Blount, Agnes Munoz & Marsha	Herrmann, Glenn & Mary in honor of	Michels, Charles
Bone, Maurice	Don & Lori Forness's 50th Anniversary	Collinsville Shrine Club
Brinkman, James & Patricia	Hicks, Willie	Midwestern Propane in memory of
Bruchhauser, David	Hideg Pharmacy	Martha M. Urban
Butler, Arthur J. Jr.	Holbrook Committee To Elect Tom	Morton, Stewart & Kathryn in memory
Caldwell, Nora	Holdener, Pauline	of Grace Hall
Campbell, Roger & Loretta	Horton, Rodney & Barbara	Mueller, Roy
Christ Church Women's Fellowship	Hubbard, Craig	Mueller, The Estate of Vernon & Helen
Citizens for Justus	Hudzik, Robert & Kay in memory of Tim	Munoz, Agnes
Clark, Robert & Veronica	Maserang	Murdale True Value
Cline, William & Jann	Huelsman, Robert & Georgia	Myers, Frank
Collins-Reeves, Flora Reeves & Bernice	Hyde, Alma	Newcomb, Edna
Creamer, David & Shirley Davis, Dale	Jennings, Robert & Delores	Palmer, Iva Lee
& Mary Ann	Jones, Dennis & Trudy in memory of	Pierce, Michael & Patricia in honor of
David Hauling Company, Inc. in honor	David Jones	Kelly Syzdek.
of Eugene, Hank, and Tim Keeley	Kaiser, Jane in honor of Peggy	Poe, Janet
Denham, Jack & Sharon	Heimann Kappel, Michael	Poelker's Garage, Inc.
Dressel, Aleta in memory of Kathy	Karier, Frederick & Jane	Poettker, Linus & Barbara in honor of
Evans	Keeley, Eugene & Anne	Ann M. Poetteker
E G Vogt Oil Co., Inc.	Keeley, Henry & Susan	Priester, Frances
Eitzenhefer- Tune, Mary	Keeley, P.J. & Virginia in honor of Susan	Quinn, Shirley & Edward
Elmore, Edward & Patricia	Keeley	Rakers, James & Jeanette
Evans, Herbert & Phyllis	Keeley & Sons, Inc.	Rehling, Blanche
Franouer, Victor & Patricia	Kinsella, Connie H.	Reimer, John & Carol in honor of
Frey, Dennis & Carolyn	Kinzinger, Russell & Angela in honor of	Randy Riemer
G.L. Thomas CPA, Inc.	Kelly Syzdek	Reno, Terry & Shannon
Gallion, Martha	Knewitz, John & Gladys	Rettig, Patricia in memory of Irene
Gallop, Johnson, & Neuman, L.C.	Knights of Columbus - Freeburg	Willeford
Givens, Scott & Deborah	Knights of Columbus - Mount Vernon	Rhein, Eric
Graham Col. (RET), James & Carol in	Council # 2964	Rigney, Donald & Carmen
honor of SAVE Staff	Koehler, Virginia	Santucci, Mary M.
Graham, Mattie	Kohnen, Ann L. in memory of Celeste	Schaper, John & Dorothy
Graulein, Richard & Carmen	E. Sweat	Schwendeman, Danny & Karen
Gregowicz, Andrew & Virginia	Kurrus & Koch, Cleo & Judith in mem-	Schwetz, George & Susan
Griness, Mathilda	ory of Edward Bench.	Sherrell, Lt. Colonel W.
	Ladies Auxiliary VFW 1739 c/o Grace	

Thank you!

Christmas, cont'd

Siekmann, Henry & Donna
 Spencer, Johnnie & Mary
 Spies, Pearl
 Stenger, Martha A. in memory of Ralph T. Stenger
 Stephens, James & Theresa in honor of Dorothy Stephens
 Stevenson, Helen
 Stumph, Wayne & Marilyn
 Sunderman, Pauline E.
 Tribut Distributors
 Vernier, Robert & Janice
 Vick, Dr. Larry & Joan
 Wade, Donald & Vivian
 Waller, Jr., Paul
 Anonymous
 Walther, Terry & Charlotte
 Walton, Carvel & Joann
 Watkins, Thomas, in memory of Patricia Watkins
 Watters, Allen & Bonnie
 Weisman, Mark
 Gallop, Johnson & Neuman, L.C.
 Wescoat, James
 White, Pat in memory of Grace Hall
 Wilson, Kenneth & Emily
 Wolfe, William & Opal Jane
 Women of the Moose - Swansea
 Belleville Chapter No. 0053
 Work, Charlene M. in honor of Michelle Buchheit
 Zaring, Richard & Susan in memory of Dale Schwartz.
 798th Squadron
 Ameren CIPS
 American Legion Locklar Smith
 Belleville (Swansea) Moose Lodge
 1221
 Belleville Masonic Temple
 Bel-O Sales and Service, Inc. in
 memory of Paul Luge.
 Custom Towels
 E G Vogt Oil Co. Inc.
 E-Lite Tool & MFG. Co.
 Exchange Club
 G.L. Thomas C.P.A., Inc.
 Hoernis Auto Body, Inc.

Hudson Tree Service
 John Sakach Co. of St. Louis
 Kappa Tau Chapter Lambda
 Landshire, Inc."
 Martin Glass Company
 Murdale True Value
 Poelker's Garage
 Rhutasel and Associates, Inc.
 Roho Group
 Star Greenhouse & Florist
 The Medicine Shoppe
 Wilke Window & Door

SAVE, Inc.

Blount, Agnes Munoz & Marsha
 Freeburg Knights of Columbus
 Council # 13197
 Cahokia Knights of Columbus
 Council # 4596
 Fairview Knights of Columbus
 Council #6996
 Knights of Columbus, Council #
 3789
 Millstadt Knights of Columbus
 Council # 4741
 O'Fallon Knights of Columbus
 Council # 4239
 First United Presbyterian Church
 Presbyterian Women
 McTaggart, Mary
 Munoz, Agnes & Marsha Blount
 Twigg, Lawrence & Ana
 Vick, Larry & Joan
 St. Nicholas Catholic Church
 St Teresa Perpetual Help Society
 Vick, Dr. Larry & Joan

New Building Fund

Cottingham, Ty & Carol

SAVE Foundation

Atchison, Robert J. & Marcia
 Fox, Larry & Kay
 Greater St. Louis
 O'Brien, Dolores
 Rhein, Eric

In Memory of...

Kenneth Anna

Bremmfleck, Richard & Beverly Baum
 Eckhardt, Eunice
 Schwan, Hans & Carol
 Steinkamp, Mary
 Zaring, Richard & Susan
 American Legion Auxiliary

Ann Babka

Burtz, Larry & Carol
 The Depigian Family

Kathy Evans

Dressel, Aleta

William J. Law, Sr.

Law, Randolph & Ellen
 White, Pat
 Zaring, Richard & Susan

Myrtle Lynch

Babka, Frank
 Forness, Donna
 Hentze, Mr. & Mrs. Terry
 Robert J. & Marcia Atchison

Rose Parent

Faith Baptist Church
 Jerome Parent
 Carol Molnar

Carol Reisser

Heimann, Johanna
 Juen, Mark & Denise
 Law, Randy & Ellen
 Lewis, George & Lorraine
 Pfeil, Kay M.
 Schwan, Hans & Carol
 Stenger, Martha A.
 Sullivan, Patricia
 Syzdek, David & Jody
 Young, Yvonne

Earl Ritzheimer

Vick, Larry & Joan

Robert Shankle

Gower, Stephen & Aimee-Michelle
 Haeffner, Raymond
 Haeffner, Vicki
 Haeffner, Walt & Vickie
 Huff, Bill & Pat
 Huff, John
 Huff, John & Carol
 Huff, William & Patricia
 Plaisted, Beverly J.
 Shankle, Walter
 Viall, Willard & Rebecca

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.



St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises
3001 SAVE Road
Belleville, IL 62221

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Belleville, IL
Permit No. 15

SAVE Foundation Trivia Night

Saturday, April 21 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Katy Cavins Community Center

308 East Fifth Street, O'Fallon, Illinois

\$12/person ~ min. 6, max. 10 per table

2 drink tickets included ~ Cash Bar ~ Bring snacks

(no outside drinks, please)

Reservations & Information

Nicole Shoemaker at 618-234-1992, ext 10

secretary@saveorg.org

All proceeds benefit the SAVE Foundation

**Attendance
Prizes!**

Cash Prizes!