

In Touch with



St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises, Inc.

Summer, 2008

Special Olympics

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Kneeling: Marcus, 1st row: Ricky, Kim, Kelly, Uhlon, Back row: Lois, Andre and Staff members, Rosie and Pam.



Susan and JayDee at State Special Olympics.

Last May, SAVE consumers competed at McKendree College in the regional Track & Field Special Olympics. Twenty-eight Gold medalists then went to Bloomington in June for the State Competition. Congratulations to everyone who competed - you are all winners!

At the Regional event, Sue Zaring led our group in a moving tribute to Kathy Denham, SAVE's Residential Program Manager, who died last October. The group released balloons that soared high in the sky.

Let the Games Begin!

August 24 - Special Olympics Bowling

St. Clair Bowl, Fairview Heights, 8:30am to 3pm

September 7 - Special Olympics Bowling

St. Clair Bowl, Fairview Heights 8:30am to 3 pm

October 19 - Special Olympics Sectional Bowling, 9am

Everyone who received Gold at St.Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights

December 5 & 6 - State Special Olympics Bowling

Everyone who received Gold at St. Clair Bowl in October goes to State Special Olympics Bowling in Peoria, Illinois

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Executive Director's Corner

Friends of S.A.V.E.,

This is a very busy time in the life of S.A.V.E. We are engaged in a number of projects that enable the men and women we serve to have the satisfaction that comes from utilizing their talents and abilities in ways that provide personal income through service to the wider business community.

We have established several new business partnerships in recent months which benefit our consumers - more work means more pay. One of the contracts calls for the production of approximately one million packets of service parts over the next year and will be a source of steady and productive work.

Our other business partners continue to employ the talents of our very special people in creative and affirming ways. These efforts are bolstered by the positive feedback we receive from the businesses about the quality and quantity of work provided by S.A.V.E. This work is the foundation of our mission to help our people reach their highest potential and realize their dreams.

Of course, we could not fulfill our mission or reach our goals without the faithful and loyal support provided by individuals and organizations. The Spotlight on Volunteers section of this newsletter has been expanded to highlight the **5th Annual Trivia Night** which raised over \$5,000; the members of the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Days Saints** who spent a day beautifying the grounds of our Turkey Hill site; and our faithful **Booster Club**.

We want to acknowledge several monetary gifts received recently: a special gift from the **Jr. Service Club of Belleville** that will improve our transportation security and access for people with disabilities; a generous donation from the **O'Fallon Knights of Columbus** to improve our programs and services; a supplemental grant from the **St. Clair County Mental Health Board** to increase the safety and security of our transportation services and install an automated door at our administration building; and those individuals who made donations in honor or memory of their mothers at Mother's Day.

We are deeply grateful for these gifts along with the faithful regular support we receive from individuals. All investments, large and small, in our mission and programs enable us to affirm the dignity and the personal, individual value of the men and women we serve. THANK YOU!

In this issue of *In Touch with SAVE* you will meet some of the men and women who make up the S.A.V.E. Family. You can take pride in the accomplishments that are reflected here in their work, their play, and their lives, for without YOU it would not be possible.

With gratitude and appreciation for all you do for S.A.V.E.,

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.

Trivia Night Nets \$5,000!

by Jim Freeman



Fifteen teams of six to ten persons anxious to test their knowledge in a wide variety of topics gathered for the 5th Annual Lee Hopp S.A.V.E. Foundation TRIVIA NIGHT on April 26 at the Katy Cavins Community Center in O'Fallon, Illinois.

It was an evening of fun and frustration as Trivia Host, **Roger Schlueter** ("The Answer Man" of the Belleville News Democrat), asked a wide array



of questions on topics ranging from music to mayhem, cars to cartography, sports to the sublime, and historical events and dates to

ridiculous factual minutia.

It all added up to a challenging, enjoyable experience for the more than 150 attendees who had their intellect and memory tested and who went home feeling just "a little bit" smarter.

The "real winners" of the evening

were the men and women at S.A.V.E. who benefit from the revenue generated by the event. At the end of the evening over \$5,000 had been raised through team registration fees, refreshment sales, direct donations and the Silent Auction.

Our thanks to the individuals and businesses that donated over 35 items including airline tickets to Las Vegas, baseball tickets, pictures and household items.

The S.A.V.E. men and women who volunteered their help collected the answer sheets during the evening and, by sharing their personal stories with those present, provided testimony to the importance of the evening's mission and purpose.

As those in attendance left the center comments like, "Thanks for a GREAT evening!" and "See you next year!" abounded.

Special "thanks" is extended to the members of the Foundation's Special Events Committee for planning this year's Trivia Night: **Eric Ferguson, Chair; John Wayne Anderson, Dr. Marlene Smoot, Dennis Jacknewitz, and Frank Booker.**



SAVE consumers volunteered their help collecting the answer sheets at Trivia Night. Between rounds they snacked and visited with friends.



Mother's Day Tribute

The Lee Hopp S.A.V.E. Foundation, recognizing the important part mothers have in an individual's development, created a program to honor or remember the special women in our lives on Mother's Day.

By making a gift of at least \$25 to S.A.V.E., people could honor their mothers or others who had nurtured them during their lives. In turn, these gifts will be used to nurture the women and men of S.A.V.E.

A special Mother's Day card was sent to the person being honored or family of those being remembered to inform them of the tribute.

See page 7 for our Mother's Day honorees.

Opportunities Unlimited for Recreation (O.U.R.) Mark Your Calendar!

September 20 - **St. Louis Science Center**

October - **Halloween Dance**
(location TBA)

November 6 - **Circus at Scottrade Center**

November 15 - **Annual Turkey Trot**, O'Fallon, IL

December 1 - **Annual Christmas Dance**, Bel-Air Bowl

December 16 - **Way of Lights**
Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

Volunteers Needed for O.U.R. Trips!

Call Sue at 618-234-1972 to sign up to help.

SAVE Foundation's Appreciation Luncheon

by Jim Freeman

More than sixty people attended the 2008 S.A.V.E. Appreciation Luncheon at St. Clair Country Club on June 19, 2008. **David Bruchhauser**, chair of the Lee Hopp S.A.V.E. Foundation Board, welcomed those in attendance and explained that the Board decided to host this event to say "Thank You" to the individuals and companies that support S.A.V.E., and to bring everyone up-to-date on current programs and plans.



(l to r) QMRP LeRoy Turner interviewed Kevin W. and Michelle B. about SAVE's importance to them.

The luncheon's program included **Michelle B.** and **Kevin W.**, two S.A.V.E. consumers, who shared their thoughts and feelings about S.A.V.E., along with expressing their appreciation for the help given by everyone present. **Pat White**, Michelle's mother and a S.A.V.E. Operating Board member, provided a parent's perspective on the importance of S.A.V.E.'s work. Executive Director, **Randy Law**, highlighted the progress S.A.V.E. has made in helping the men and women served to fulfill their potential and realize their dreams. Foundation Board Member, **Dennis Jacknewitz**, spoke about the importance of estate planning and options for charitable giving.

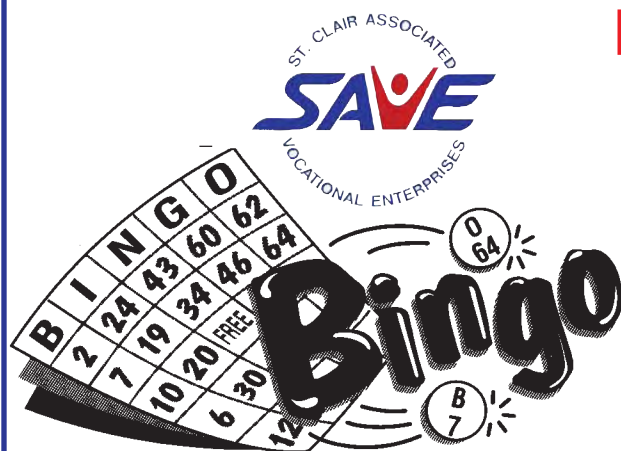
Special thanks to **First Bank**, a corporate partner with S.A.V.E., for sponsoring this year's luncheon.



(l to r) Peggy and Bill Foley, Representative Tom Holbrook and Foundation Board Member Dennis Jacknewitz were among the invitees to the Appreciation luncheon as a "thank you" for their support of SAVE.



(l to r) Norma Junod and Craig Hubbard, Foundation Board Member, attended the luncheon.



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.

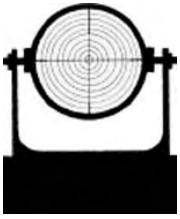
BINGO-MATES available for Early Bird

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 ****



Spotlight on Volunteers

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints **Beautifies** SAVE

by Pat White

Last fall, 105 youth ages 14-18 and 40 adult leaders from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, O'Fallon 1st Ward cleaned, painted and spruced up two houses on Turkey Hill.

Not to be outdone, this spring, the **Church 2nd Branch Young Singles** (18-30 year olds) took on the job of landscaping the area in front of the Administration Building. Not only did they dig out the old grass, install stone paths and plant shrubs and flowers, they got the \$4,000 worth of plants, mulch and material donated from Home Nursery, Albers; Troy Feed Mill; Swansea Building Products; Home Depot; Farmer's Market, Belleville; Starr Nursery, Belleville; Sandy's Back Porch, Belleville; Ace Hardware, Belleville; Effinger's, Belleville; and Value Plants. Our thanks to all these generous businesses. Twenty-eight people, organized by **Ted Greenfield** and **Leia Smith**, spent a Saturday beautifying the approach to the building. Thank you all so much for your time and talent!



Above: Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 2nd Branch Young Singles spent a Saturday beautifying the entrance to the Administration Building at SAVE. The final result is pictured at left.

SAVE Booster Club Needs You!

Dear Friends of SAVE,

My name is **Jody Syzdek** and I'm the President of the SAVE Booster Club. At the current time, we only have four members of the Booster Club, and in October, **Don Forness**, one of the Founding Members, will be retiring after 28 years. Don has done an excellent job, and now we need more members to carry on this work.

The Boosters play an important role for your loved ones who live and work at SAVE. Through the once-a-year fund raiser, we have purchased many much-needed items for the grounds, the buses, the work buildings and the staff. Each year, the Booster Club rents a tent for Special Olympics.

Booster Club membership doesn't take a lot of time, just some imagination and interest in SAVE. The main fund raising event is the Fall Raffle,

and we meet in the Spring to discuss it.

Last year, the raffle brought in \$2,003. Half was used for a laptop computer for the nurses, and the rest will be used to help fulfill the SAVE Wish List. If you can help sell raffle tickets or would like to arrange for an additional fund raising event, please contact me at 618-539-3038.

Thank you! Jody

Watch your mail for raffle tickets that will be sent out soon!

The Booster Club is accepting donations to fulfill these wishes. Contact Jody at 618-539-3038 if you can help.

SAVE's Wish List

3 - Chair tie-downs to secure wheelchairs on buses
\$350/ea = \$1,050

7 - Adjustable-height tables for clients in Vocational Development
\$175/ea = \$1,225

30 - Stacking chairs
\$35/ea = \$1,050

50" TV for Voc Building
Lawn Mowers
Exercise Equipment

**SAVE Foundation
Launches
Advocates for SAVE**

In response to a number of requests for a way to provide regular, on-going support for the mission and programs of S.A.V.E., the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation has initiated a new effort, **Advocates For SAVE**.

This honorific organization is made up of donors who provide at least \$25 per month (\$300 per year) to underwrite the SAVE programs that empower the men and women we serve so they can live fuller and richer lives.

David Bruchhauser, Chair of the Foundation Board, said the Foundation leadership is very excited about this new effort. "In the past we have focused our annual fund raising appeal in December. This effort stems from a number of people who realize that our needs are on-going throughout the year," Bruchhauser said.

"Furthermore, they have said it would be advantageous for them if they were able to give monthly. When asked what they thought their monthly gift would be, most indicated \$25 (\$.75 a day)."

Anyone can become a member of the **Advocates For SAVE** organization by pledging \$25 per month (see form) or by giving at least \$300 annually. Members will receive a special certificate identifying them as a SAVE ADVOCATE, will be recognized in each issue of *In Touch with SAVE* and will receive special updates on the SAVE program from time to time during the year. Persons wishing to participate in the program can do so by sending in a monthly check or by authorizing S.A.V.E. to charge their Visa or MasterCard account each month.

If you have any questions about this special opportunity to provide sustaining support for our vital, life-affirming mission, please contact Jim Freeman, Director of Development at 618-234-1992, ext. 25, David Bruchhauser or a member of the Foundation Board.

*"Empowering Men & Women
With Special Abilities"*



ADVOCATES for SAVE PLEDGE FORM

I would like to become an **ADVOCATE** for S.A.V.E. I will provide \$_____ per month for the next year in support of S.A.V.E.'s efforts to *make dreams come true* for the men and women it serves. (Pledges are not binding and can be revised at anytime.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Please bill me monthly _____

I authorize S.A.V.E. to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD account each month in the amount of \$_____.

Account # _____ Exp. Date: _____

Security Code (3 numbers on back of card after last 4 numbers of account): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form to:

Jim Freeman, Development Director
Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation
3001 Save Road
Belleville, IL 62221

For more information call Jim at 618/234-1992 ext. 25

Thank you!

**Press This Button at
www.saveorg.org
to make a donation to SAVE
online! Use PayPal or your credit card to help SAVE.
Easy, secure & fast!**



Thank you!

Donations to SAVE and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation for March 1, 2008 - June 30, 2008

Mother's Day Tribute

Georgia Huelsman honoring
Doris Schuchardt
 David Bruchhauser honoring
Kay Bruchhauser
 Tom Nurdin honoring
Stephanie Nurdin
 Leland Lindsey honoring
Hazel Lindsey
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 Ken Price honoring **Ruth Price**
 Ann Marie Poettker honoring
Barbara Poettker
 Karen Matzenbacher honoring
Diane Dietz

Mother's Day Memorials

Ty & Carol Cottingham
 remembering **Virginia R.
 (Denton) Cottingham**
 Carol & Hans Schwan
 remembering **Virginia Leoty**
 Pat White remembering
Grace Hall
 Frank Myers remembering
Kathy Denham
 Connie Kinsella remembering
Mary Gass

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Belleville (Swansea Moose
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 Council 1334
 Council 2932
 Council 3789
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 McCommis, Marion & Rose
 Mae
 Moore, Glen and Janice
 Palmer, Iva Lee
 Rehling, Blanche
 Riemer, John & Carol
 Schwetz, George & Susan

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Mary Gass

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Steven Schmulbach

Sue & Richard Zaring

Vince Walter

St. Elizabeth's Hospital

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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OCTOBER 10

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