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GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK!

TradeWinds Board of Directors, staff, and Consumers would like to say a special *GOOD-BYE and GOOD-LUCK*



to Mr. Raymond Cook of Legends Gaming. Mr. Cook was on the Board of Directors of TradeWinds and an important asset to the organization. We wish him good luck in Las Vegas.



G A L A !



On April 21, TradeWinds held their 40th Anniversary Gala at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza. With a ruby-red theme, the room looked

elegant as the guests lined up for the hors d'oeuvres and Martini-ice bar. The evening began with a champagne toast by Executive Director Jon Gold, and concluded with a full dance floor swaying to the Monterray Band. As every year, TradeWinds honored poster children Eric and Erion Johnson and successful Consumer, Carlos Rodriguez. Special honoree, W.F. (Bill) Wellman, accepted a position onto TradeWinds Lifetime Board of Directors.



A special thanks to the Gala Committee and all sponsors/attendees of the event. Next year's gala will be held on April 19, 2008.



Mark Your Calendar

Golf Scramble for Kids – July 9th at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville

Consumer Picnic – July 18th at Lake Etta in Gary • TradeWinds 40th Anniversary Celebration – November 2008

Chuck E. Cheese



May 18 marked the 3rd Annual Chuck E. Cheese party with TradeWinds' Board of Directors, staff, and the Little Treasures Childcare. As the 28 children piled pizza into their little mouths, eager to get to the games, Chuck E. Cheese came out for a

special visit. As the children jumped from arcade game to arcade game, their adult "buddies" tried frantically to keep pace. The party was designed as a way to get the Board of Directors interacting with the children in the daycare.

Thank you to all the Board and staff members who participated and supported this annual outing.



Funds Help Create Children's Lending Library at TradeWinds

TradeWinds Board of Directors recently allocated funds to enhance the Children Services Department. A comfy couch, chairs, and bookshelves were purchased for a new library, which is in partnership with Indiana University Northwest Early Literacy Academy (ELA).

The ELA Lending Library at TradeWinds will be open for 10 hours per week and is a place where children and their parents can come to borrow one or more of the 153 books donated by IUN Early Literacy Academy.

TradeWinds also accepts donations of new or gently used books.



Splash Down TradeWinds Style

Giggles, laughter, and joyful screams fill the air in the TradeWinds atrium where the children enrolled in Little Treasures Childcare enjoy the newly purchased waterslide. The funds for the

slide were allocated by the TradeWinds Board of Directors who are committed to providing quality services for the children.



HOOPS & HOLLERS!



On Wednesday, May 31 TradeWinds had some very special guests drop in to tour the facility and meet with the Consumers. The Gary Steelheads, with Coach Levingston, dropped by the Seventh Avenue location treating the adults and children to autographs and photo opportunities.

On Tuesday, June 5, TradeWinds Board Members, Staff, Consumers, and families attended the Gary Steelheads game to celebrate "TRADEWINDS DAY." The 150 attendees enjoyed a win from the Steelheads while they cheered on the familiar faces from the previous weeks visit.

GOOD LUCK STEELHEADS!



TradeWinds Gets An **EXTREME MAKEOVER**

Arbor Day: A nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care (www.arborday.org).

And a planting we did! In observance of Arbor Day on April 27, TradeWinds Board of Directors, staff, and Consumers bore the gloomy weather to re-landscape the front of the building on Seventh Avenue. With over twenty-five trees and plants, the day's events took an interesting turn when the Gary Steelheads basketball team

showed up to help! Each team member worked with a Consumer to dig holes, plant, and assist in the events chores. "The front of the building looks better than ever! This was a really good idea, we needed this," remarks Judie Fenstermaker of TradeWinds.

"The event was dual-driven to help bond the organization internally and help perk up the outside to prepare for our 40th Anniversary in November," states Marketing Director, Susan Abbott.



Sign Shoppe – Ambassador

TradeWinds Sign Shoppe is the exclusive producer of banners for the South Shore Sports Legends Exhibit at the Indiana Welcome Center, Aug. 16 – Nov. 10, 2007. Among these Legends include Tony Zale, Hank Stram, and basketball player LaTauna Pollard.

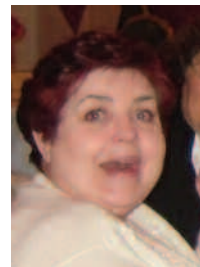
A total of 50 Olympians, Teams, Families, Coaches, Organizations, Athletes, and Contributors will be highlighted on banners produced by the Sign Shoppe staff, said Jon Gold, executive director, TradeWinds Services. "It is a credit to the TW Sign Shoppe that we have been selected to display our rich sports heritage through banner art," he said.

The Sign Shoppe is producing three types of banners. The first consists of "sky banners," highlighting photographs of these sports greats; these will be hung throughout the 6,000-sq.-foot exhibit hall. The second is a "ground banner" also highlighting facts about each Legend. The third consists of specialized banners for the exhibit, including one that will display the names of the top 100 who fall into "special mentions."

Meanwhile, businesses, not-for-profits, and communities are urged to support this exhibit by sponsoring Legends. "This not only will be a showcase of our sports heritage," Gold said. "But it will also be a showcase for the TW Sign Shoppe."



Do Widzenia!



After nearly 21 years at TradeWinds in our Sewing Department, Cutting Room Supervisor Elizabeth Kocel is retiring! Elizabeth plans on spending her "life of leisure" with her family in her native land of Poland.

Best of Luck to you, Elizabeth, your TradeWinds family will miss you!





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MISSION STATEMENT

TradeWinds is dedicated to providing support services and training designed to promote individual choice, growth, and self-sufficiency for people of all ages and abilities.

We seek to enhance the quality of life for both the individual and the community-at-large.

Wish List

Adult Training

- Gardening Tools – all sorts
- Washer/Dryer/Refrigerator – new or slightly used
- Table with 4 to 6 chairs – new or slightly used
- Dishes/Silverware
- Glassware
- Cooking Utensils – all sorts
- Pots/Pans/Bakeware
- Dish Drainer



Lake Area United Way is an organization that strives to mobilize people and communities to create lasting changes in conditions that improve lives. United Way funds are directly distributed back into the community through organizations such as TradeWinds. TradeWinds has been a proud recipient and supporter of United Way for over 30 years.

Thank You Lake Area United Way for all your support!

WELCOME!



Welcome to our three new Board Members: Mr. Paul Cornish, Mr. Sean Kelleher, and Ms. Lisa Tatina. Mr. Cornish is the Vice President of Slot Operations at Majestic Star Casino. Mr. Kelleher is the Vice President Team Lead/Commercial Real Estate at Fifth Third Bank, and Ms. Lisa Tatina is the Vice President of Advertising for the Post-Tribune.



ENDOWMENT FUND

The John and Helen Sourlis Endowment Fund has been created to help fund our many programs and services on a year-to-year basis. While the monies donated are untouched by the organization, interest accrued on these funds is used to help support “special-need” families as well as uncovered operating expenses. For the past four years, we have been fortunate to have an opportunity to build our Endowment Fund through a donor who offered to match contributions 2-for-1 up to \$200,000! Incredibly, this donor has again offered a 2-for-1 matching opportunity with a maximum of \$200,000! While this opportunity is too good to not maximize, this goal of \$200,000 is a very ambitious goal.

If you are reading this, we need your help. Help us continue to provide these needed services for the next 40 years. Help us grow into an organization that is a true testament of what a community can accomplish when it comes together for one cause.



At a 2-for-1 match, your donation will serve three times as many causes so the children we currently serve know that they will have a place to go when they get older.

For more information on the John & Helen Sourlis Endowment Fund please call (219) 949-4000, ext. 245.



Explore the Possibilities