

## BOARD WORK

Reminder: The board will hold its annual **Board Retreat on Saturday morning, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. The retreat will provide the opportunity for various board councils and committees to communicate and collaborate on the development of action plans to support accomplishment of the new strategic objectives. Please put this important date on your calendar!

## PASSAGES

Special thanks to **Chris Wilson** and **Dan Snyder** for providing another wonderful Healing Touch workshop.

Congrats to **Bridgette Abner**, Director of Workforce Success on her marriage to **Troy Hightower**. Bravo to **Carl Biery** on placing 1st with his Mulberry Jam in the Alexandria Fair Jam Contest.

## STAFF HERO AWARDS

In mythology, Hero is a man of divine ancestry, endowed with great courage and strength, celebrated for his bold deeds, and favored by the gods. Today... the definition of "hero" has a slightly different meaning. It is a person who shows great courage and has strived valiantly to achieve an important purpose.

The outstanding 2009 staff heroes are **Brian Sergent, Andrea Henn, Terry Schuck, Danielle Lauer, Tammy Burkhart, Maria Smith, Pat Murphy, Tom Rettig, Eric Northrup, Dawnielle Foussard, Chris Wilson** and **Latasha Lampkin**.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

For a great day of family fun, come to the **Bean Bash**, Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Turfway Park. Admission is only \$3 and children under 12 are free. Proceeds benefit Redwood, BAWAC and Special Olympics of Northern Kentucky.

We could use your help! Donations are still needed for the live and silent auction. Now might be a good time to pass along birthday, Christmas, and wedding gifts that are lovely but just not you. Any item, small or large would be welcome. Please call **Beth Moore** (331-0880) to arrange pickup or drop off of your item. No time to shop? We'll shop for you. Cash donations are always greatly appreciated. All items donated on behalf of Redwood will benefit Redwood directly.

Don't forget... you can also register in advance for the Bean Bash Dash (5k) that will begin at 11 a.m. or the Texas Hold Em' Tournament at 2 p.m. Visit [www.beanbash.org](http://www.beanbash.org) for more event and registration information.

Special thanks to **Specialty Interiors** for their generous contribution to Redwood in lieu of holding **Night at the Races** this year. Their contribution will support nursing services, personal care equipment, and continuation of the iRobot program. The robotics curriculum transforms Redwood participants into programmers, scientists, and engineers! Thank you **Specialty Interiors** for supporting these life-enriching benefits. Watch for details for the **Night at the Races** event to return in May of 2010.

Congratulations to September Derby winners: **Dale Liming, Raymond & Mary Bezold, Tom & Joann Jacober** and **Mary Jo & Dennis Moore**.

## HOMEOWNER WANTED

In partnership with the non-profit organization Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK) and the Home Builders Association of Northern Kentucky (HBANKY), the 'House of Hope' located on Carneal Street in Ludlow was built. It is Green Build Certified and is wheel chair accessible on the first floor. Qualifying as affordable housing (below market value) this house is available to qualifying low income working families as a direct purchase (down payment assistance may also be available) or through HONK's lease-to-own program. The new homeowners must have a member in the family who is wheelchair bound.

Please share this opportunity with friends and family so that HONK and the HBANKY can achieve their goal of assisting a family in need and the desire of owning their own home.

## ARTISTS ON TOUR

The Cincinnati Arts Association will be reaching out to Redwood through their Artists on Tour initiative.

Through the generous gift on behalf of the Luther Foundation, the children and adults of Redwood will be taking a trip around the world. The Artists on Tour outreach will include the following performances through the 2009-10 season:

- Bi-Okoto Drum & Dance Theatre (Ghana, Africa)
- Appalachian Culture through Music & Stories
- Indian Culture Comes to You: Dance of India
- Bacchanal Steel Band (Trinidad)

Thanks to CCA, the Luther Trust, and especially our good friend Narley Haley for suggesting our inclusion in this project!

## CALENDAR

10/10 – *Bean Bash* (Turfway Park)  
 10/27 – DynaVox Training (3:30 – 5 p.m.)  
 11/14 – Board Retreat (8:30 a.m. – noon)  
 11/26 – Thanksgiving holiday – Redwood Closed  
 11/27 – Thanksgiving holiday – Redwood Closed

## YOU AND YOUR WHEELCHAIR SURVEY

The University of Connecticut is requesting help from wheelchair users. They are conducting research on wheelchair user's opinions pertaining to wheelchair technology and services. The survey is about 40 questions, takes 10 minutes to complete, and includes a chance to win a **\$50** Amazon.com gift card.

Your responses will remain confidential and will provide valuable insight into current wheelchair user needs in an effort to promote the development of improved wheelchair services and technologies.

Please visit the link below to begin the survey and feel free to share with other wheelchair users:  
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229DYFNVLV>

Your responses will only be used in student research and your email address can be provided solely for the purpose of entry into the gift card lottery. Should you have any questions pertaining to this survey, please contact Carlton Forse at [carlton.forse@business.uconn.edu](mailto:carlton.forse@business.uconn.edu) or (860) 728-2143.

## WISH LIST

The **Honorable Order of KY Colonels** has again been generous in their support of Redwood. They are funding 3 large capacity, energy-efficient washers and dryers. This will be such a blessing as Redwood does a mountain of laundry every day and regular washers/dryers just don't hold up to all that wear and tear. Items/support still needed include:

Carpet cleaner Mops Vacuum Recliner (vinyl) Wood bookcases/cabinets 9' x 12' area carpet	Play food MagnaDoodles Bubbles Hard cardboard books Playdough Dress-up clothes
Games (Operation, Lucky Ducks, Uno, Hullabaloo Cranium, Checkers, Battleship, Crazy Eights and Go Fish)	External hard drives Laptops Digital cameras
Wet wipes and tissues	Wrought iron patio furniture
Batteries (all types except AA)	Portable suction machine (for first aid/emergency kits)

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.  
 - Mark Twain

## COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

This is your newsletter. Suggestions or comments for/about articles are welcome. Direct responses to **Shannon Hollenkamp** at Redwood, 71 Orphanage Rd., Ft. Mitchell, KY Phone: 331-0880, Fax: 331-6177, Email: [shollenkamp@redwoodnky.org](mailto:shollenkamp@redwoodnky.org)