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C.W.O. MONTHLY NEWSLETTER- IMPORTANT EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT C.W.O.

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RECENT EVENTS

C.W.O. hosted it's first **DISCO** dance on May 20th!! It was a great evening filled with dancing, afro's and boogie fever!! Thanks to everyone that helped make this dance a night to remember!! The 1st place winner of our costume contest was **Aretha Horton**!! Dig that afro!! The second place winner was **Gerald Zink** with his cool side burns!!



UP-COMING EVENTS

- **June 6th/7th-Relay for Life!!**
- **June 21st—Father's Day!!**

We will be holding a Father's Day Mug Raffle, \$1.00 ticket!! Buy now!! Dream Weaver items also for sale now!

GEMINI

May 21-June 21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

(Elaine and Tina too!!)



G.W.O REPORTERS

Jane Vermuelen
Andy Lacis
Ben Riley
Greg Marshall

C.W.O. BREAKING NEWS!!

A big congratulations to our own Jane Vermuelen for her 1st place medals in the recent Special Olympic Area Games held at Livonia Franklin. Jane won her medals in the 50m backstroke swim competition and the 50m freestyle. This earned Jane a spot at the State Summer Games which start this week in Mt. Pleasant. Jane will be racing in the 25m freestyle, the 50m back stroke and the 50m freestyle. **Good Luck Jane and bring us home some gold!!!!**

BOWLING BANQUET

By: Ben Riley

Well, another bowling league year has gone by! The winners were:

- 1st place –The Dover Team
- 2nd place– The Super Hero's
- 3rd place– The Striking Sweethearts

We held a vote for next years President of the bowling league and guess what?? **I won!!!**

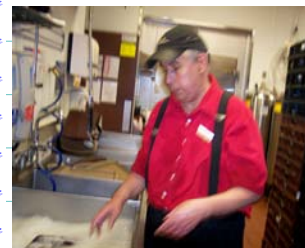
We had an awards ceremony and a dinner; Chicken legs, potato salad, and dinner rolls. For dessert I had this really good brownie, some kind of jello, cream, strawberry and banana pudding!! Delicious!!! See you next year!!

JOB SITE CORNER:

Welcome to the job site corner! Each month we will spot-light a job site or individual that has made great strides in the area of job development or placement.

JUNE:

Robert Romeo has been a member of the C.W.O. family since 1989!!! 20 wonderful years!!!! Robert is an employee at our local McDonalds. The next time you find yourself craving a Big Mac stop in and say hi!! Robert has learned many valuable skills and we are so proud of his dedication and success!! Keep up the good work Robert, we are very proud to have you as a member of the C.W.O. family!!



Inspirational Quote of the month:

“Follow your passions. It’s never too late to achieve your goals!!!”

MONTHLY MICRO-BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

FRAME IT!!

This is one of our newest micro businesses. The owners of this business design and create specialty picture frames. The frames are available for purchase at craft shows and all C.W.O. special events. If you would like more information about this business or service opportunities please contact Mary Ellison 734-981-3709.



DID YOU KNOW??

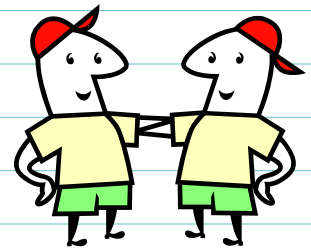
Did you know that acupuncture is such a powerful pain reliever that the U/S/Military will begin teaching a “battlefield acupuncture” class to medics serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Acupuncture can also relieve the pain and symptoms of fibromyalgia, migraines and arthritis, it can even help you quit smoking!!



SENSORY CORNER

CWO SENSORY HAPPENINGS

The occupational therapists at CWO develop and monitor sensory programs for all the individuals in the sensory program at CWO, currently 95 individuals. But did you know they also are involved in providing many other services through CWO? There are home therapy services provided to individuals that are not able to attend our program, due to severely challenging behaviors or scheduling conflicts, such as children that are in school, who are seen after school. This past year the occupational therapists were contracted to design a “sensory friendly” classroom environment for an elementary school and ran a pilot project implementing sensory equipment and strategies to reduce problem class room behaviors and improve attention span and educational performance. Just recently, on May 5, 2009, Lynn Stroup, OTR and Maureen Jones, OTR, presented a workshop on Sensory Integration at the Michigan Assisted Living Association conference in Lansing, and on June 30, 2009, Marsha Page-Poor, OTR and Elaine LaMontagne-Director of Vocational Services, will be presenting at the “Autism Across the Lifespan” Conference in Dearborn. Another sensory program that will be coming up in about a month is the CWO Summer Sensory School which runs July 27th—30th and August 3rd—6th. This program is two fun filled weeks of sensory activities for children with special needs run by the therapist and sensory staff at CWO. So, as you can see, the CWO sensory department is a busy group, always looking for new ways to spread the word and use the principles of sensory integration to help individuals to be more successful in their lives.



Maureen Jones, OTR

NEWTON’S CORNER:

Hi Everyone!!

Well, Rocky and the babies left us, so I can’t play with Rocky anymore. My Mommy has left me again!!! She is going to the Special Olympics!! Yeah!!!! Go Mom!!!! I hope she brings home some hardware (hopefully some 1st place Gold) !!!

Woof!!

Newton (Fig Bar) Vermuelen

