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## Member Winter 2012 Newsletter

Happy New Year to everyone. Hope 2012 brings great joy and fellowship to each and every one of you.

An email was sent out to everyone so we can update your bio and respond if you wanted to remain on our email/contact list. I tried to honor everyone's request but if you received this and do not want to hear from us anymore, please send PATH an email indicating so. I did redo the list and if you know of someone who wants to receive information from PATH, but doesn't already, please connect us and give needed bio information and I will add them to our contacts.

### What is happening at PATH?

**February 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Vivian Hazell will be doing a presentation on Challenging Behaviors. This is joint sponsored event by Community Programs and PATH. More information to follow in a couple of weeks.



**Movie Day:** We are working with the Sturgeon Bay Cinema to sponsor another movie day for families. It will be hosted the end of February or the beginning of March.

**Summer Picnic-** Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual PATH family picnic at Ottumba Park. You may want to mark your calendar.

**Summer Camp registration:** Information will first be sent to last year's participants at the end of March, and then registration will be open to the general public the beginning of April. If your address/email has changed please contact PATH immediately to give us correct contact information.

New to camp this year will be a volunteer requirement. To ensure the sustainability of this camp, we need families to assist in our fundraising events. Some families have already met this requirement by taking care of this last fall. We thank those families who assisted us last fall and look forward to working with the rest of the families this summer and fall. Information regarding this will be included with registration materials for camp.

Also new this coming summer will be the addition of a tutoring component. Tutoring will be offered in addition to our camp experience. Tutoring will occur one hour prior to the start of camp and will be an additional charge to families. The tutoring will occur at the same place that camp will be held. Parents will have the opportunity to just do tutoring, just do camp or participate in both. We are still in the developing stages of this but specific information will be released with our camp registration. The tutoring session will run for 45 minutes. Families will have a choice of one on one tutoring or small group. The cost of tutoring will be

5.00 as session if participate in the small group option and 10.00 a session if go private. Slots will be limited. Enrollment information will be sent out soon.

The cost for the eight week camp will be \$400.00 . Families will be allowed to use PATH bucks if earned, to offset the cost. Camp will start on Tues. June 19th and end on Thurs. August 9<sup>th</sup>. The camp will run on Tues. and Thursday form 10-2 pm. If you are interested in more information, please email PATH at [path@sbmoravian.org](mailto:path@sbmoravian.org) or leave a message at 743-1890.



### **PATH BUCKS:**

You have been reading about PATH BUCKS throughout the second half of 2011.

Effective January 1, 2012, we had to raise participation fees due to increases in salaries, overhead expenses and less generation of overall funds from private sources. The executive team realizes that this can be a hardship for some. You have to realize that anything we offer is less than one fourth of our actual cost. This means we fundraise for over 75% of our organizations costs. Our overall family participation in these fundraising events has been poor. We have about six families that routinely have stepped up to the plate and offered help and gave up their time to fundraise. The rest of the volunteers have been the executive team and friends. I am sure you are tired of hearing about this time after time but it saddens me that more of you aren't willing to help keep us in business. We can't continue to do this without your support. This being said, volunteer shifts will be given a credit of \$15.00 in path bucks. Each PATH member, family member that volunteers is eligible to earn these bucks for an individual who participates in PATH events. There will be some record keeping involved and volunteers will have to sign in and out at the event to get their credit. With most of the PATH sponsored events there will be an amount of PATH bucks that will be accepted to offset the cost of that event. This will be posted along with the event announcement. This way you will know ahead of time what you will be allowed to use. More information will be sent out to individual families within the next month, giving more information and details as to how this will work.

### **Respite:**

Respite continues to be offered once a month at the Moravian Church. The cost is \$15.00 a session. One must pre-register before attending. For more information: Contact Diane Anderson (program director) at [danderson6486@att.net](mailto:danderson6486@att.net) or call 493-3035.

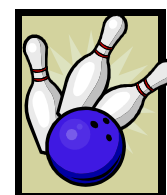
### **PATH BUSTERS:**

Path Busters is our adult youth social program. Young adults 8<sup>th</sup> grade through adulthood are invited to participate. They meet monthly and venture out for some activity or stay behind and have a quiet night of games and fun. For more information and a schedule of events please contact Diane Anderson (program director) at [danderson6486@att.net](mailto:danderson6486@att.net) or call 493-3035.

Most events will have a free will offering (Suggested donation of 2.00 per event) but there may be an occasion or two when there will be a participation fee due to the cost of the actual event. PATH BUCKS will be honored at this event and will be indicated on the actual announcements of events.

### **Sunrise Bowling:**

We are in our second year of bowling and again we have a great turn out. We have added a



youth component and this year we had five new younger youth join our league. The members are having lots of fun.

On Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> many of our bowlers participated in the first annual Bowling with the Stars tournament sponsored by Apple Valley Lanes. There were 25 bowlers with various special needs matched up with some of the best bowlers in our community. It was a thrill to watch all the different styles of teaching, teasing, laughing going on between all the participants. Talk about building one's self esteem!! There were awards and lunch afterwards. It was a great time had by all and just another fine example how a small partnership opened more opportunities for children. Thanks to the Apple Valley team for making this happen. Many of the participants are already talking about next year's tournament and those who didn't partake are talking about doing so.

### **Sewing Ministry:**

Our volunteers have been very busy these last few months. Since the fall of 2011- we have sold 8 weighted blankets and four vests. We have donated over 15 vests to different school districts as requested. Our ladies are wonderful and we owe the success of this program to them. Our sewing volunteers are Jean Schmuhl and Ginnie Nairn (blankets and Ester Gauger ( vests and neck snakes).

# We Need Your Help!

### **Future Volunteer Opportunities:**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** PATH will be providing food service for a 3 on 3 Tournament at Sturgeon Bay High School.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>**- Make and serve bag lunches for Vacation Bible School.

**July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**- Door County Triathlon - We have clean up detail both days. We may also have a food sales opportunity on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. This has not been confirmed yet.

**September 9<sup>th</sup>**- Century Bike Ride Clean-up work

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**- Fall 50 - We have several different opportunities for this event. Food service and clean up.



### **Congratulations:**

Austin Olson has been recognized for his art piece "Untitled 3" by the Wisconsin State Organization on Arts and Disabilities. He and his family traveled down to the southern part of the state this past spring to receive his award. His art piece will travel from Gallery to Gallery within the state over the next three years.

Hannah Abrahamson took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in an essay contest held by the Autism Society of Wisconsin. Her essay winning was announced at the State Autism Conference held at Wisconsin Dells in May 2011. Congratulations Hannah !