



# Fingerprints

**Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History,  
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## New Children's Museum Exhibits Really "Cool"

This was the headline in a Dec 7th Observer-Dispatch article written by Jonas Kover. At the 4th floor's Grand Opening, one of the John F. Hughes Tonettes, Taeler Anderson said, "I like stuff where you can predict the future."

The items unveiled ranged from a space shuttle model to an astronaut's space suit to Cosmic Ray telescope to an ancient fire truck. One of the most popular exhibits was "flying" in the airplane Ted Kibiuk donated to the Children's Museum.

Congressman Sherry Boehlert, Chairman of the House Science Committee, Dr. Raymond Orbach, Director of the Science Of-

fice of the Dept. of Energy, and several scientists were in attendance, along with the Board of Directors, & dozens of local businesspeople who worked on renovations, many donating services & products.

Boehlert, who previously brought NASA Director Sean O'Keefe to the Museum, announced both agencies have adopted the Museum. He credited Director Marlene Brown as "the driving force behind the transformation of this source of vitality to the community".

Orbach, who heads one of the world's premier science organizations, said no other children's museum

has been adopted by his agency. "We wanted to be part of this special place."



The Evening Telegram reported that during the ceremony, Brown unveiled an engraved plaque with names of individuals and businesses who contributed to the opening, and personally recognized & thanked them. As Boehlert said, "you ain't seen nothing yet!"

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## What does the Children's Museum have to offer & How can you Help?

Here's a few of the interactive exhibits you can find at our Children's Museum.

1st Floor: *Playspace*, designed for children ages 5 and under, *Exploration Station*; for children ages 4 and up, Main St USA, Saturn car exhibit, grocery store, shadow wall, musical exhibit, hyperbolic funnel.

2nd Floor: Iroquois Long

House Exhibit, *Dioramas* on local history, *Dinorama* with dinosaurs and fossils, Toys B.C., our stage.

3rd Floor: Living Science Center with our animals, Laser Light Table, Lego activity center, Computers, and our Weather Station.

Here's what's on our 4th Floor (*open on specified dates as we continue to*

*finish it*): Utica Fire & Police Dept. exhibits; Ted's airplane; NASA's Space Shuttle Orbiter, Lunar Landing Module, Mercury & Gemini Capsules; DOE's Magnetic Levitation, Kaleidoscope Chemistry, Tangram Activity, Science toys.

Come get involved at the Children's Museum.

**VOLUNTEER:** Donate your services, volunteer your time, offer your talents, bring your kids, your family, your group to the only Children's Museum in Central NY, Help make a difference in your community by becoming part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after we're gone! We're proud to be a true asset to our community. Come find out why we're so special!



# President's Report: Museum Continues to Grow!

As the Children's Museum continues its forward movement, our focus has been on several things: the Grand Opening of our 4th floor; our 11th Annual 5th Day, plus programs & exhibits.

Our NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators and children from Preschools & Daycare Centers to Elementary Schools & Scout troops. Included in our lineup of programs are: Moccasins & Sneakers, Dino-



saurus & Fossils, History in the Bag, Dance of the Honeybee, Music on the Move, Amazing Arachnids, Making Tracks, NYS Geology Intro, Going on Bug Hunt, Weather Exploration, Space Science.

In addition to the half hour program presented by one of our educators, groups gain admission to the museum's three floors of interactive exhibits. Bag lunches can be eaten in our park, our kitchen, or on our 3rd floor. Snacks and catered food are also available.

In addition to this, we're offering some new after-school programs (*check website for info*)

Along with our ever-popular weekend Birthday Parties, we also offer meeting space and tours of our historic Main Street Square building, our trains, and of historic Baggs Square Park.

Call us at 315-724-6129 or fill out our easy online form to book your program, birthday, meeting, or special event.

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## There's Always a Rainbow at CM

"Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in". Central New York's only Children's Museum — a safe, fun, learning environment— is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all residents can be both proud of and utilize to its highest capacity. One of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country, we're continuing the renovation of our building, opening our 4th floor, bringing in new exhibits, paying off remaining bills, making the Museum more energy efficient.

What better place to bring \* your students on a field trip? \* your scouts to earn a badge? \* your family for a great day out? \* your children for a fun learning time? \* your grandchildren to enjoy? \* your group for a tour? \* your association for a meeting?

No matter what the weather, the sun's always shining at the Children's Museum. Come see for yourself!

CM Board of Directors  
*Officers:* Chair - David Pendergast; Vice Chair - John Stephenson; Secretary - Sarah Kilian; Treasurer - Bob Deschano  
*Members:* Jeff Daniels, Katie Drake, Anna Giacobbe, Jennifer Herzog, Sharon Hieber, Scott Madonia, Terri Palmiero, Jennifer Rota, Gail Scalise, Margaret Splain, Joe Ruggerio, Dan Trevisani.

*Staff & Volunteers:*  
Marlene Brown, Jim Castilla, Don Zyga, Earl Lewis, plus students, interns, members.

## Become A CM Hero as a Volunteer or Corporate Sponsor



*We welcome volunteers to help with our many activities.*

There's no greater reward than helping the children.

How can you help? You can assist with regularly scheduled programs, offer a program in your area of talent or interest, help keep the museum ship-shape, or donate toys, exhibits, art supplies, edu-

cational items of value. These will give you a renewed sense of pride as *we continue to serve the children, our future.*

*A Corporate Membership* is a positive way to impact the community. Our *levels of corporate sponsors* include a \$250 T-Rex, a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus,

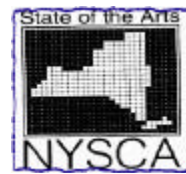
& a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value, and welcome your donations & support as we continue to grow!




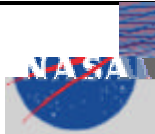









Our Corporate Campaign brought several sponsors on board as *Charter Members of the 4th Floor!* Show your thanks by taking advantage of their products & services.

# Jan. '03 Calendar

This service is made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. Thank you also to the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for funds provided through the Oneida & Herkimer County Youth Bureaus to support the Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 Welcome to the Children's Museum www.museumofhistory.org	 <i>I have a dream...</i>	1 ► Closed for New Year's Day holiday	2 ► 11:00am Feeding Our Animals	3 ► 11:00a Puppet Story time	4 ► 11:00am Feeding Animals * 2:00p Train
5 ► Museum closed, train open 12-2	6 ► Closed for renovations	7 ► 11:00am Arts & Crafts * 3:00p ASP	8 ► 11:00am Music for Munchkins	9 ► Same schedule as the 2nd	10 ► Same schedule as the 3rd	11 ► Same schedule as 4th + 4th fl open 12-2:30pm
12 ► Same Schedule as the 5th	13 ► Closed for renovations	14 ► Closed for renovations	15 ► Closed for renovations	16 ► Closed for renovations	17 ► Closed for renovations	18 ► Same schedule as the 4th
19 ► Same Schedule as the 5th	20 ► Open for MLK, Jr. holiday	21 ► Same schedule as the 7th	22 ► Same schedule as the 8th	23 ► Same schedule as the 2nd	24 ► Same schedule as the 3rd	25 ► Same schedule as 4th + 4th fl open 12-2:30pm
26 ► Same Schedule as the 5th	27 ► Same schedule as the 6th	28 ► Same schedule as the 7th	29 ► Same schedule as the 8th	30 ► Same schedule as the 2nd	31 ► Same schedule as the 3rd	1 ► Same schedule as the 4th
						 

Join the many families & groups who book *birthday parties, educational field trips & meetings* at the Children's Museum! Check our website, call us 315-724-6129, visit us in person. Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - PlaySpace, ExplorationSpace, Saturn, Musical exhibits, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Trains; *2nd floor* - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Living Science, Animals, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Station.

In December, we opened our *4th floor*, entitled "Transportation Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow". Check the calendar for days we have the 4th floor open to view our many new exhibits, including: our Airplane, Fire & Police Dept., NASA & Dept. of Energy Office of Science exhibits. *Volunteer your services* to help as chaperone / guides for the 4th floor & have it open more!

*Mark your calendars for special upcoming programs.* We'll be open on Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Jan. 20th, and we're lining up some phenomenal programs & activities that will be going on all during the week of Feb. 17th, when the kids have winter break from school, including visits again by Dept. of Energy scientists with more neat new exhibits & special new NASA programs!

*Make sure to keep checking our website for updated info on hours & events!*

## Contact Info:

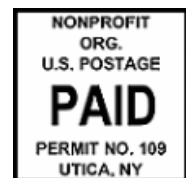
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## Jan. Museum Hours:

Tuesday-Friday 10:00am to 4:30pm;  
Saturday 10:30am to 4:00pm (Closed Sun)

## Admission:

\$4.00 per person, Members + children 12 months & under Free (except for special events). Special group rates available.



Check our website for up to date info, pictures, programs, hours, special events !

## Imp't. Info in January 2003 Issue

- ☺ We've Been Adopted!
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- ☺ Calendar of Events & Holiday Closings
- ☺ Heroes/Heroines, Members, Birthdays



## CM's Heroes & Heroines: they made a difference.

- \* Director Sean O'Keefe, NASA \* Dr. Ray Orbach, DOE's Office of Science
- \* Congressman Sherry Boehlert \* NYS Senator Ray Meier \* Mayor Tim Julian
- \* Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito \* County Executive Ralph Eannace \* GE Elfun's
- \* Utica Fire & Police Dept's \* Chuck Fougner, Oneida Indian Nation \*
- \* Frank Gruenewald \* Nimo \* Sen. Donovan Memorial Fund \* Dr. Joel Amidon
- \* Oxford Medical Imaging \* JobReady \* Patty & Rusty Williams & RigAll
- \* Pacemaker Millar \* Gauthier Fabricating \* Mauro's Glass \* Madonia Electric
- \* Zangrilli Engineering \* Jay-K Lumber \* Bernie Coffey & I.B.E.W.#43
- \* Ted Kibick \* Earle Reed, E.C.R. \* Gail Scalise, New Hartford Hannaford's
- \* Cavo \* Piano Lab \* SCI Plywood \* The Fountainhead Group \* Metzler Printing
- \* Lincoln-Davies \* Indium Corp \* Roger Sinnott \* Burns Agency \* Wilcor Int'l
- \* Fred Collis & Sons \* Mark Bronson Construction \* Rick Falvo, Brandeles Corp.
- \* Scalzo, Zogby, & Wittig \* H. R. Beebe \* Joe Fraccola & U.S.P.S. team
- \* Ric Rosero & MVCC's Carpentry Class \* CM's Staff \* Joseph Flihan Co.
- \* Mark Waldrop & MVCC Escoffier-club \* NY Power Authority \* The Beeches
- \* The Utica OD \* WKTV \* WUTR \* Regent Broadcasting \* MV Business Journal
- \* Hamilton College, Perry Jr. High, Temple Emanuel volunteers \* Earl Lewis
- \* The Board of Directors \* Barbara Klein, Volunteer Ctr \* Hartford Ins
- \* Parents, grandparents, teachers, child providers, visitors, tourists

## New/Renewed Members:

Kelly & Paul Liddell; Meredith & Jay Bonham, Karen & John Kelley, Barbara & Elmer Shuck, Martha & Michael Jacobbe, Karen Alguire, Gail & Victor Sacchi, Kristin & Anthony Scalise, Alison & John Doughtie/Bartle, Julie & John Rosicky, Ellen & Louis Abelove, Amanda & Tom Bertrand



## Nov/Dec Birthdays:

Alanna Russell, 5; Sydney Schmidt, 5; Corrine Caridi, 4; Clare Willette, 4; Lydia Gould, 4; Allen Cool, 4; Brianne Waller, 5; Omar Castro, 6; Noelle Babcock, 9; Morgan Hamlin, 7; Mikaela Scalise, 4; Sean Gallagher, 8