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**Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History,
Natural History, Science & Technology December 2003**



We Invite You to our 1st Annual "Great Friends to Kids Award"



We request your attendance at our 1st Annual "Great Friends of Kids" Award Ceremony, 12:00pm to 1:00pm, Friday, December 5th, 2003.

We will be honoring the 3 original museum founders (Melva Max, Alice Pender O'Shea, Mackie Kernan), GE Elfun's Bill Steppe, Main Street Holiday's Frank

Gruenewald & airplane donator Ted Kibiuk.

Those receiving our awards have contributed greatly to the museum's formation and continued growth as a "Community Treasure".

One of the oldest children's museums in the country, we were formed in 1963 by the Junior League & began in the basement of the

Utica Public Library with our Iroquois Longhouse. In 1965 we moved to the corner of the Parkway & Oneida St. In 1974 we moved to Valley View. In 1975 the museum was relocated to its present location at 311 Main Street in Utica. The rest is like the beginning, exciting history.

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www.museum4kids.net
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Get your tickets now for our 15th Annual 5th Day Gala Holiday event



Purchase your tickets for our annual 5th Day Gala, held this year on Saturday, December 6th, 2003 from 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm at the Children's Museum.

We invite you to join us for a fun filled event as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary with Junior League foun-

ders & Honorary Chairs Congressman Sherry Boehlert & District Attorney Mike Arcuri.

Entertainment by Classified & Devon Garamone Bands; Catered by Mohawk Valley's finest restaurants; Full bar by Valley View; fun holiday auction/plants & surprises!

Donation only \$63 per person or \$120 per

couple (\$75 @/\$140 couple at the door). Tickets available from Board members & in Children's Museum (315-724-6129)

Come join other community leaders and supporters in a gala fun event that's also a fundraiser for the only children's museum in Central New York, a premiere family & tourist attraction for kids of all ages.

VOLUNTEER: Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, volunteer your time, bring your kids, 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 an important asset to our community. Come see why.



Director's Report: Donate Gift of Stock & Take Charitable Deduction

Here's a way to donate to the Children's Museum and give yourself a break on taxes - donate stock that has appreciated in value. If you were to sell your shares and donate the proceeds to the Museum, you would owe capital gains tax on any profit. But if you donate those shares, IRS lets you take a charitable deduction for the full value on the date of transfer. It's easy to do, call us for more info at 724-6129.



Our NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators and children from Preschools & Daycare Centers to Elementary & Middle Schools & Scout troops. Our educational programs include: Moccasins & Sneakers, Dinosaurs & Fossils, Going on A Bug Hunt, All Powered Up, Harvest Festival, Erie Canal History, Weather Exploration, Space Science Exploration.

Groups gain admission to the museum's four floors of interactive exhibits, and may opt for a pro-

gram presented by one of our educators. Bag lunches can be eaten in our park, kitchen, or on our 3rd floor. Pre-ordered food is available in our Museum Cafe.

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 field trip program,



There's Always a Fun Rainbow at CM

Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in. CNY's only Children's Museum — a safe, fun, learning environment— is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all residents can be proud of and utilize to its highest capacity. One of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country, we're continuing renovations and new exhibits.

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 time? * your grandchildren to enjoy? * your group for a tour? * your association for a meeting? 1st floor, children under 5 years of age enjoy our life-size wooden train & Thomas music in PlaySpace while older children enjoy Main Street Exploration Space. 2nd floor enjoy karaoke, Diorama, Erie Canal & Dinorama exhibits. 3rd floor, Thomas the Train & Lego exhibits, our Animals, Halls of Fame. 4th floor, Fire & Police artifacts/exhibits, our airplane, intriguing NASA & Science exhibits.

CM Board of Directors

Chair: Dave Pendergast; *Vice Chairs:* Dan Trevisani & John Stephenson; *Secretary:* Sharon Hieber; *Treasurer:* Scott Madonia

Members: Jeff Daniels, Bruce Davis, Katy Drake, Anna Giacobbe, Jennifer Herzog, Sarah Kilian, Terri Palmiero, Patrick Quinn, Jen Rota, Joe Ruggerio, Betsy Snyder, Margaret Splain, Gail Scalise, Rhonda Tucker.

Staff & Volunteers: Marlene Brown, Melissa Britton, Colleen Martin, Sally Buyea, Don Zyga, Earl Lewis, MaryJane Wegrzyn, Hamilton College Habitat group.

Become A CM Hero: Corporate Sponsor; Volunteer; Wish List Donor



We welcome volunteers. 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 shipshape, or help by donating to our wish list: toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies,

educational 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,

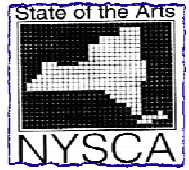
& a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value, and welcome your donations & support as we continue to grow!







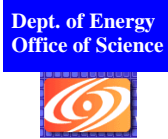



Our 5th Day Anniversary Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes (check back page)*. Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services.

Dec. '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

								
Traintour outside museum 12-2p	1 11am & 3pm Care & Feeding Animals - meet Bunny Rabbits	2 Kids Science 11am Rub-A-Dub Dub; 3pm Making Clouds	3 Music for Munchkins 11a; <i>Closed</i> 1p 5th Day	4 <i>Closed</i> for 5th Day cleanup / setup	5 Open 12-1 only: Great Friends to Kids Awards	6 <i>Closed</i> during the day; Open 6:30-11p for 5th Day Gala		
7 Train tour outside museum 12-2p	8 11am & 3pm Care/Feeding Animals - meet Hank the Snake	9 Kids Science 11am Vortex in a Jar; 3p Different Strokes	10 Music for Munchkins 11a; Sing along Karaoke	11 Arts& Crafts 11a Jingle Bell Bracelets 3pm Card	12 11am Holiday Puppet Stories 3pm SciFi	13 Sat. Science Vortex in a Jar/ DifferentStrokes; Thomas & Legos		
14 Train tour outside museum 12-2pm	15 11am & 3pm Care & Feeding Animals Gerby Gerbil	16 KidsScience 11am Electro Magnetism; 3p All Wound Up	17 Music for Munchkins 11a; Sing along Karaoke	18Arts& Crafts 11am Handprint Poem; 3p Santa, Dreidel/	19 11a Holi-day Puppets 3p Native Americans	20 Sat. Science ElectroMagnetism & All Wound Up; Thomas & Legos		
21 Train tour outside museum 12-2pm	22 11a & 1p Nasty Guys or Helpers Disguise Microbio K-6	23 11a & 1p Nasty Guys or Helpers Disguise Microbiology K-6	24 <i>Closed</i> for Christmas Holiday	25 <i>Closed</i> for Christmas Holiday	26 11am Holiday Time Puppets 3pm SciFi MadLib	27 Sat. Science Create Tornado; Remote Racers; Thomas & Legos		
28TrainTour outside museum 12-2p	29 11a & 3p Care & Feeding of our Animals	30 Kids Science 11a Create Tornado; 3p Robots	31 <i>Closed</i> for New Year's	1-1 <i>Closed</i> for New Year's	1-2 <i>Closed</i> for Holidays	1-3 <i>Closed</i> for Holidays & Renov until 1/14		

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* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Saturn, MusicFun, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Trains; *2nd floor* - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Living Science, Animals, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Room, Halls of Fame.

Our *4th floor*, entitled "Transportation Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow" features exciting new exhibits, including: our Airplane, Fire & Police Dept., NASA & Dept. of Energy Office of Science exhibits. This floor is open 11:30am-12:30pm & again from 1:30pm-2:30pm Monday-Saturday.

Friday, December 5th, is our 1st Annual "Great Friends to Kids" Award Event; then *Saturday, December 6th*, is our 5th Day Holiday Gala, a special fundraising event held at Children's Museum. Join area's movers & shakers in a fun-filled night. *Check our website* for updated info!

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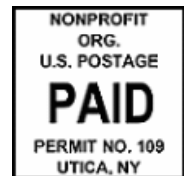
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December Museum Hours:

Monday-Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm;
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



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

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CM's Heroes & Heroines: they make a difference.

- * NASA's Sean O'Keefe * Office of Science Dr. Ray Orbach * Congressman Sherry Boehlert
- * NYS Senator Ray Meier * Ralph Eannace * Met Life Foundation * Gannett Foundation * GE Elfun's
- * Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito * County Executive Joe Griffo * Mayor Tim Julian * Roger Sinnott
- * Princeton Plasma Lab * Fermi Lab * Fire Marshall Dan Trevisani * Chief Russ Brooks * Ted Kibiuk
- * Oneida Herkimer Community Foundation * Fleet Bank * Affordable Computers * D.A. Mike Arcuri
- * Utica Fire & Police Dept's * Chuck Fougner, Oneida Indian Nation * RigAll's Patty & Rusty Williams
- * Sen. Donovan Memorial Fund * Dr. Ted & Melva Max * Alice Pender O'Shea * Mackie Kernan * SBU
- * Oxford Medical Imaging * Pacemaker Millar * Con Med * Collis & Sons * Hamilton College Habitat
- * Paulette Desimone * Mauro's Glass * Madonia Electric * I.B.E.W. #43 * Genesis Young Professionals
- * Zangrilli Engineering * Jay-K Lumber * Sheriff Dan Middaugh * Marlene Letner * Smiley the Clown
- * Drs. Anthony Furino & John Hamlin * New Hartford Hannaford's * Anthony Garramone * Adelpia
- * Earle Reed, ECR * Evergreen * Wilcor Int'l * Brandeles Corp. * Debbie Composto * Big Apple Music
- * Piano Lab * SCI Plywood * Fountainhead Group * Dr. Joel Amidon * CNY LegoUsers * Ed Waskiewicz
- * Lincoln-Davies * Indium Corp * Frank Gruenewald * Burns Agency * Amendolare Magic * Pat Putrello
- * SnowGrass * Gauthier Fabricating * Joseph Flihan Co * Metzler Printing * Valley View Country Club
- * Scalzo, Zogby, Wittig * H.R. Beebe * Joe Fraccola/U.S.P.S. * Dave Boardman * The Hartford Ins
- * MVCC's Carpentry Class & Ric * OC Work Release * MV Business Journal * Carbone Auto Group
- * NY Power Authority * Herkimer Telegram * WKTV * Joe Kelly * Regent Broadcasting * Utica O.D.
- * College & School volunteers * Earl Lewis * The Staff & our Interns * The Board of Directors

