



Fingerprints

Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History, Natural History & Science April 2002

Mohawk Valley Fundraiser, Birthday Parties & Educational Programs at the Children's Museum!

Our 1st annual "Mohawk Valley Trivia" Fundraiser held at the Children's Museum on March 22nd, was a funfilled night. County Exec Ralph Eannace's team included Kevin Marken and Frank Tomaino. Sheriff Dan Middaugh's team included Peter Paravati and Bob Cardillo.



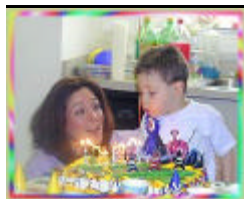
The audience joined in the fun as MC Marlene Brown posed a variety of MV questions for our teams. Both teams were quite knowledgeable and remarked afterward that we needed to use the questions & answers as a new Mohawk Valley Trivia board game to offer in our CM Gift Shop! Thanks to both teams who gave of their time in a program that benefits our children.

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We have continued to

be hard at work on renovating our 4th floor into a "Transportation Yesterday & Tomorrow" floor, which will include the Utica Fire Dept artifact exhibit, police dept. & railway exhibits, an A-V room, & space exhibits! We hope to have this open for Spring break this month, so keep checking!

Check our website & web calendar for continued up-to-date information on special April programs & other events, including *Earth Day!*



Programs, Parties, Education, Fun!

During the month of March, we hosted 15 *birthday parties*, several educational programs, and guided tours. Several of these events took advantage of our new Children's Museum catering services. In addition to our regular

Birthday's & Programs Enjoyed & Upcoming + Donate Cell Phones!

weekday programs of Music for Munchkins on Wednesday's, Arts & Crafts on Thursday's, Care & Feeding of our Animals & Storytime on Friday's — the month of March saw us also offering different programs every Saturday and Sunday at the Children's Museum. Included in these programs were

Train Tours, A Puppet Show, St.Patty's, Easter & Passover Crafts, Science Fun, Cooking for Kids, and our Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny live at CM!

Spring Break:

Check the insert flyer & the web for all the programs scheduled for Spring Break in April!

New Brochure:

The Children's Museum
311 Main Street
Utica, NY 13501

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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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Brochure describing all our programs & birthday info is up on the website in easily printable format.

Donate a Phone:

We're asking you to bring your used cell phones in & deposit them in the box at the Museum to help us in a *Donate A Phone fundraiser*, in conjunction with New Hartford Rotary which will benefit our CM children.

Things You Can Count On & Things that are New!

Listed below are the activities that run each week unless noted:

Wednesday's at 10:30am—

MUSIC FOR MUNCHKINS, a fun musical program designed for toe-tappin' toddlers. Sing & dance to favorite tunes, march along with favorite instruments. Appropriate for ages 2-5.

Thursday's at 10:30am—

ARTS & CRAFTS, a hands-on fun and interactive art time at the Museum. Come and create a new craft

each week. Appropriate ages 3-5.

Friday's at 11:00am—

STORYTIME FUN, an interactive experience for children, parents & caregivers, learning about letters, colors, numbers, animals, pets, holidays. Appropriate ages 2-5.

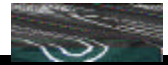
Friday's at 11:30am—

FEEDING OUR ANIMALS, enjoy watching us care for Hank the Snake & Sweetie the Guinea Pig in our Living Science Center.

Saturday's & Sunday's: 1 & 2 pm
Train tour programs + other special programs. Check our website!

WEBSITE NEWS: View names of Sponsors who've invested in the community's children by helping the Children's Museum grow. "Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are then more likely to stay and support the community they grew up in".

GIFTS: Buy your child a CM t-shirt!



New \$60 CM Family Membership+ & our Catered Parties great bargains!



Children's Museum memberships make great gifts. Membership includes discounts at the gift shop, discounts on birthday parties, Fingerprints, admission to participating museums, and the ever changing fun of learning. Become a member, renew, or purchase a membership for someone else! Forms are available in our museum and on our website.

A \$45 family membership includes 2 adults & their children. A \$60 family plus membership includes 2 adults & their children, plus grandparents or two guests.

And we're now catering parties & meetings (birthday, corporate, etc.) in the enjoyable Children's Museum surroundings!

CM Board of Directors Officers

Marlene B. Brown, President
David Pendergast, Vice-Pres
Sarah Kilian, Secretary
Robert Deschano, Treasurer

Members

MaryJo Beach, Stacy Butcher,
Jim Nerschook, Ellen Rayhill,
Ned Dwyer, Ralph Froio, Sharon
Hieber, Lynn Shaw, Ed Molloy,
Matt Renninger, Joe Ruggerio,
John Stephenson, Dan Trevisani

Staff:

Sherry Bolton, Mary Napoli,
Don Zyga, Michelle Napoli

Become A CM Hero: Volunteers & Corporate Members

We welcome volunteers to help with our many activities. There's no greater reward than helping the children. What can you volunteer for? Helping out with regularly scheduled programs. Or offering a program in your own area of talent or interest. Or helping keep the museum in ship-shape condition, using your area of expertise, donating exhibits, art supplies, other

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. The kids that come to

the Children's Museum are the ones that grow up and shape our 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 we welcome your donations & your support as we continue to grow!




April '02 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 Herkimer County Youth Bureau to support the Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday



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Check our website for additional information on special. Join the many local families & groups who book *birthday parties & meeting events* at the Children's Museum, and the schools & scouts & other groups who book *educational field trips* at the Museum! Ask about our birthday parties and educational programs. Check our website, call us 315-724-6129, visit us in person. Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Playspace, Exploration, Saturn, Musical exhibit, Trains; *2nd floor* - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Living Science, Arts & Crafts, Weather Station.

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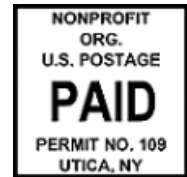
The Children's Museum
311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501
Telephone: 315-724-6129

Museum Hours:

Wednesday-Saturday 10:00am to
4:30pm; Sunday 12:00pm to 4:30pm
(unless otherwise noted on Calendar)

Admission:

\$3.50 per person, Members plus
children 12 months & under Free.
Special group rates available.



Check our website for up to
date info and pictures and
special programs offered
throughout the month!

Important Info in April 2002 Issue

- ☺ Mohawk Valley Trivia "Fun Fundraiser"
- ☺ March wrapup & April Programs Offered
- ☺ Things You Can Count On & Sponsors
- ☺ School Educational Field Trips
- ☺ Birthday & Holiday Parties
- ☺ Family & Corporate Memberships
- ☺ Our Calendar of Events
- ☺ Welcome New Members, Happy B-days!



Welcome New Members!

Family Memberships:

Eileen & Joseph LaBarbera
Dan & Pam Mcehan
Nicole & John Ellis
Thomas & Joyce Godbey
Linda & John Fusaro
Susan & Dazve Stockman
Lori & Dale Countryman
Eldon Burlingame
Renee & John Snyder
Richard & Lisa Ferris
Eric & Michelle Deutschman

Elena & Scott Beattie
Fred & Jeanne DelGenio

Lisa & Todd Fuccillo
Andrew & Kerri Gale

Family Membership Plus:

Sharon & David Rivera

March Birthdays

Mark Terrell, 6 yrs old
Sabrina Pedee, 5 yrs old
Benjamin Kilian, 4 yrs old
Sadie Cote/Davis, 4 yrs old
Grant Hobika, 2 yrs old

March Birthdays, con't

Brittany Gregory, 6 yrs old
Jason Dee, 7 yrs old
Shayla Herron, 3 yrs old
Nicholas Koehles, 3 yrs old
Max Sutton, 6 yrs old
Chandler Wightman, 6 yrs old
Savannah Calhoun, 5 yrs old
Caroline Christopher, 5 yrs old
David Mallozzi, 4 yrs old
Alana Paladino, 1 yr old

