

RIC ASSOCIATE BOARD UPDATE

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Happy fall and what a busy time it is for the Associate Board!

First, thank you to **DAVID HOESE** for his leadership and guidance as president. During David's tenure, **WE EXCEEDED OUR FINANCIAL**



Jennifer Lane Landolt

GOALS CONTRIBUTING MORE THAN \$113,000 TO RIC'S PEDIATRIC AND THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PROGRAMS. All while continuing to build awareness for the hospital to fulfill our mission.

This year brought many accomplishments,

included **OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL ARTFUTURA.** Thank you to **JENNIFER SCHIFF, DAVID MORDINI** and the committee! We also mingled with prospective and current members at our entertaining Summer Social at Flatwater Grill.

At our September annual meeting Cheryl Shure, SVP of Philanthropy and Marketing shared that **RIC WAS NAMED THE #1 REHABILITATION HOSPITAL FOR THE 17TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR BY US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.** Ed Case, CFO, also reported that the hospital has established solid financial footing. Congratulations to the new AB Executive Committee elected at the meeting!

The Bearcat home stretch is upon us! **LINDSEY AXEL, ERICA SCULLY** and **INGA STENTA** continue to lead an enthusiastic committee to create a **SPECTACULAR EVENT ON NOVEMBER 10.** Buy your tickets today and spread the word! Let's all work together to make a difference in the lives of children with disabilities.

Stay tuned for updates on the **BRIEF MEETING AND ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY ON DEC. 11.** We'll be honoring current board members and welcoming new ones.

Finally, I am committed to making **THE BEST ASSOCIATE BOARD IN CHICAGO EVEN BETTER.** I am so energized by our group and honored to be surrounded by such talented, committed people. I urge each of you to get involved, bring a friend, and introduce yourself to someone new—the only way to successfully accomplish our mission is together. ❁

BEARCAT BALL ▶ 11.10.07

In our efforts to make this year's Bearcat Ball another successful event, we are writing to remind you to purchase tickets now for the **9TH ANNUAL BEARCAT BALL ON SATURDAY, NOV. 10 AT THE MERCHANDISE MART!**

Also, please tell your friends and family to get their tickets too!! Tickets can be purchased online at www.associateboard.org or by calling 312.238.1253 or emailing bearcat@ric.org.

This year's event is going to be great. We have arranged an excellent program including, music and dancing to the **DON CAGEN ORCHESTRA, CASINO GAMING PROVIDED BY MAJESTIC STAR,** a stellar



INGA STENTA, ERICA SCULLY AND LINDSEY AXEL, 2007 Bearcat Ball co-chairs

HENRY BETTS were both in attendance to support the upcoming Ball. We are thankful to Martini Park for hosting a wonderful party that was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everyone for your support and enthusiasm for this year's Bearcat Ball. We are well on our way to raising record proceeds to **SUPPORT THE RIC'S PEDIATRIC CHARITY CARE PROGRAM,** which provides quality rehabilitative treatment and equipment to children with disabilities. There's still time to make a difference, so please make your purchases and contributions now! See you on November 10th!

LINDSEY AXEL, INGA STENTA, ERICA SCULLY AND THE BEARCAT BALL COMMITTEE ❁

9th annual

Bearcat Ball

Who: Associate Board of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago

What: 9th Annual Bearcat Ball

When: Saturday, November 10, 2007 7pm to Midnight

Where: The Merchandise Mart

Why: Fundraiser for Pediatrics at RIC

SILENT AUCTION and food tastings prepared by more than **20 OF CHICAGO'S TOP RESTAURANTS.** Plus, **EDWARD M. BURKE, ALDERMAN OF CHICAGO'S 14TH WARD,** will be in attendance to receive **THIS YEAR'S TREE OF LIFE AWARD.**

On September 18th, we kicked off the Bearcat Ball with a terrific event at **MARTINI PARK.** In addition to Associate Board members and friends, **ALDERMAN BURKE** and **DR.**

thank you to our 2007 Bearcat Ball Sponsors

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BEARCAT BALL KICK OFF PARTY ▶ 9.18.07



9th annual
Bearcat Ball

A special thank you to:

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For hosting this year's kick off event

- 1. Alby Van Alyea, Dr. Henry Betts and Suzette Bulley
- 2. Andrew Goltra, John Scully and Alderman Ed Burke
- 3. Lisa Handler, Donna Hughes and Carrie Mondschean
- 4. Kevin Hull, Mark Zito, Paul Hull and Scott Fehlman

ARTFUTURA 2007 BY THE NUMBERS

ARTFUTURA 2007: INNOVATION

\$20,000

Funds raised for RIC's Art Therapy Program

1 year

The length of time funds will employ a part-time art therapist at RIC

9

Number of pieces of artwork sold

110

Number of artists applying to exhibit

323

Number of pieces of art submitted

37

Number of artists selected as finalists for exhibit

68

Number of paintings, photographs and various media in the exhibit

200+

Number of attendees to the Opening Night & Awards Party

5

Number of months remaining until the opening of ArtFutura 2008, March 25 - April 3, 2008

April 3, 2008

Date of the Closing Night and Awards Party at the Chicago Cultural Center

DID YOU KNOW?

— John Scully

Fun:

Did you know that the RIC's softball team is called the Cubs too! The Chicago Park District and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, opened the first state-of-the-art, fully wheelchair accessible softball field in the state of Illinois in 2003.



Factual:

RIC's expert medical professionals see more than 5,000 inpatient admissions each year and provide more than 800,000 outpatient therapy sessions.

Amazing:

Currently seven patients have been fitted with neuro-controlled bionic prosthetic arms and in 2006, the first-ever motorized prosthetic leg was introduced.

Fiction:

There are over 100 miles of hallways and tunnels in the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's 345 E. Superior location. ❁

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007/08

NOVEMBER 10	Bearcat Ball The Merchandise Mart
DECEMBER 11	Associate Board Holiday Party Location TBD
JANUARY 29, 2008	Associate Board Quarterly Meeting RIC room TDB, 6 PM
FEBRUARY 3, 2008	Mardi Gras Volunteer Event RIC room TDB

DAY AT THE REGATTA ► 8.5.07

— Alby Van Alyea

I am pleased to report on the "Day at the Regatta." The weather was great for the 40 athletes who attended the North American Challenge Cup and the Independence Cup. There were three classes of boats racing including, 2.4 meters, Freedoms and Sonars in the two separate Regattas. American Airlines, Rolex, USG along with the supporters from the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing program helped sponsor the event, which brought the sailors from around the country. It is truly inspirational to watch these athletes compete in the solo, two man or three man boats. Many are competing for spots in the upcoming Paralympics in China. In fact, Team Captain Hook was just invited to participate at the Paralympic training center in China.

A special thanks to **JIM ARMSTRONG** and the **CHICAGO YACHT CLUB** for letting me check out the action from the spectator boat and his fellow volunteers who helped make the event so much fun. And a special thanks to **KEVIN HULL** and everyone involved in organizing the event. ❁

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