



WHAT'S HAPPENING

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM ST.CROIX INDUSTRIES

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The Director's Corner

By Clark Schroeder

*Thank you, gracias, merci...*there are hundreds of ways to say it, but none more sincere than the gratitude I extend to all of you who helped to make our second annual fundraiser a huge success! Thank you to the 250 people who came out on a rainy evening to support our program and services. Thank you to the individuals and companies who donated products, services and monies. These gifts were the backbone of our fundraiser. Because of everyone's generosity and commitment we were able to raise \$6800 for our program. These donations will go a long way to fund new lunchroom cubbies and tables; the highly anticipated holiday party and summer picnic; and client outings/activities. Feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions for next year's fundraiser.

250 people attended the second annual fundraiser at Ready Randy's in New Richmond.



This year's holiday party will be held on December 16th from 12:30-3:00 at Ready Randy's. Join us for dinner and then put on your dance shoes and find a spot on the dance floor to boogie. If you can join us, call Colleen at 715-246-8291 to reserve a spot. The cost is \$15.

Our Day Service Program and Community Placement Program have both moved across a parking lot to the Health and Human Service building. The Day Services Program was relocated because the county has plans to

demolish the building the program had been using, and the Placement Program had outgrown their office in the St. Croix Industries' building. The transition is going well and everyone is enjoying the additional space.



The cool days of fall remind us that winter is just around the corner. This year our closing alerts will be posted on KARE 11 TV and online at www.kare11.com. Click on WEATHER at the top of the page and scroll down to SCHOOL CLOSINGS. On this site you can sign up to receive closing alerts by e-mail. The safety of our clients and drivers is our top priority when making weather related changes to our programs. Also, remember that in poor weather conditions there may be delays in our transportation schedule.

We would like to welcome our two new on-call van drivers, Cindy and Faith. They started this past quarter and are busy learning the routes. Make sure to wave at them if you see them in your driveway.

Production Highlights

By Jim Roerdink

This quarter I would like to highlight our business partner, Minnesota Implan Group, Incorporated (MIG). MIG is the creator and sole-source provider of the IMPLAN (Impact analysis for PLANning) economics impact modeling system which is used to create extremely detailed matrices and models of local economies. MIG has been developing complex localized databases, conducting IMPLAN training workshops and distributing IMPLAN software to the public and private sectors since 1993. Founded in 1993, Scott Lindall and Doug Olson formed MIG, Inc., as an outgrowth of their work at the University of Minnesota. In September 2010 it relocated from Stillwater, MN to its current location in downtown Hudson.

St Croix Industries has been working with MIG since October of 2009. This work consists of un-packaging computer components and labeling computer drives. During this past quarter we completed over 250 pieces for them. St. Croix Industries appreciates the partnership and the opportunity to work with MIG.

The third quarter started out slow, but we thankfully saw an increase in business toward the end of August. Jobs have been steady since that time. During the quarter we picked up a large job packaging 64,000 cat liners. The clients also stuffed 250,000 envelopes, assembled 24,000 courses, washed 6,400 tubs, shrink wrapped 48,000 items, packaged 42,500 tapes and hand assembled 43,000 pieces.



K-SUN DONATES SHRINK WRAPPER

When Debbie Kellogg (pictured above with Jim Roerdink and SCI clients) of K-Sun Corporation in Somerset was reading last quarters' newsletter, she noticed the article that said we were going to purchase a shrink wrapping machine with proceeds from our annual fundraiser.

Kellogg remembered that K-Sun had acquired a large shrink wrapping machine when they purchased another company. "It wasn't something we used and it had been sitting in the warehouse," said Kellogg. "I thought this might be perfect for them."

Kellogg obtained company approval and donated the 1981 Weldotron shrink wrapping machine, valued at about \$9,500, to SCI. The machine is perfect and has been kept very busy!

Thank you, K-SUN for your very generous donation!



MOVIE REVIEW

By Mandy Nelson

FOOTLOOSE

If you like great music and dance, and you would love to see a great movie, then I highly recommend you visit your local theater to see the movie, *Footloose*.

This up-dated toe-tapping remake of the 1980's dance hall film is even better than the first one!

It's really a good movie. I give it 5 stars.

Rated PG 13

Day Services Highlights

WE'VE MOVED! On August 23rd the Day Services Program packed up and "moved west to stake their claim" in the Health Center building. We are now located in the space that had been previously occupied by Headstart. We are settling in and making our new space homey and inviting. Our crafting area, which is bright, cheery and very roomy, has plenty of space to accommodate large projects and lots of artists. We have a multi-purpose room, complete with a TV, pool table and ping-pong table. Work Service's clients enjoy coming over during their down time to relax and play games.



The Day Services clients have found time to partake in many fall activities. Edda and Vonnie visited the Halloween Fun Shop where they had a "spooktacular" time! They enjoyed the ghoulish décor and festive costumes.



They also stopped in Stillwater at Aamodt's Apple Orchard where they enjoyed a hayride, an apple barn, the petting zoo, and a snack bar where they enjoyed some delicious hot apple cider.

Placement Program

By Joelle Janzen

I would like to introduce myself as the new Job Developer for St. Croix Industries' Placement Program. I was hired in December of 2010 as a job coach, and last August I transitioned into my current position where I have been assisting Sonya Skramstad with our growing caseload. I have been busy shadowing Sonya during job hunting and team meetings with clients, as well as during interactions with a variety of employers in the community. In addition, I have taken on a caseload of about ten individuals and will add to this load as I gain more experience. My goal, in my new position, is to increase our number of hires in competitive employment as well as increase the number of individuals that we serve.

I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 2010 with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Immediately following my graduation, I moved to the Baldwin area to be with my fiancé, and to pursue my career in human services. I truly love working with individuals with disabilities and am very excited for the new path ahead of me.

Joelle Janzen, seen here working with Nick, is excited about her job as the new Job Developer for St. Croix Industries Placement Program



During the third quarter the Placement Program experienced numerous new work internships as well as hires in community employment. Work internships, or work trials, occurred at Gagnon's, Angel's Pet World, Hudson YMCA, Prism Plastics, Future Farm, Food and Fuel, Aviand's, Shifting Sands, and American Heritage. Of these work internships, workers have been offered positions at Angel's Pet World, Prism Plastics, Future Farm, and Aviand's. We have also had individual hires at Hardees, and Key's Café and Bakery. We are currently engaged in job development actions for 25 clients, with many more referrals on the way.

We would also like to welcome a new on-call job coach, Joni Swanson to the Placement Program team. We are very excited about the experience that she will be bringing to St. Croix Industries. Welcome Joni!!!

Client Spotlight

By Jamie Adler

This quarter's client/employee in the spotlight is Michelle. Michelle holds a special place in my heart because she was one of my initial personal and professional "growth experiences" when I first began as a work counselor eleven years ago. Michelle and I are close to the same age and initially we did not see eye-to-eye on very many things about work and the expectations that I had for her. I saw huge potential in Michelle, but we had a few rough years in which we did not always have the best day-to-day relationship.

Today, I truly look at the beautiful person that Michelle has become and the wonderful employee that she has developed into and I am proud to say that I had a very small role in all of it. Michelle successfully lives with a roommate in New Richmond and is very active in her community, attending Stepping Stones bowling, spending time with her boyfriend, Nick, and engaging in some of her favorite activities such as shopping, going out to eat, and special trips to the Mall of America. Michelle is very outgoing and has learned how to develop and maintain friendships...something that was

very difficult for her to do when I initially started working with her.

In the past year Michelle began working three days a week as part of an enclave at Future Farms. This is a physical job that can be pretty dirty, but Michelle has taken the job in stride and has learned to enjoy most aspects of it. In the last few years, Michelle has shown a tremendous amount of growth and maturity in her vocational and personal life. She has learned various coping skills that have allowed her to talk about her concerns and deal with them before they become more than she can handle. What is impressive about this is that Michelle has been able to do this with a family support system that is mostly out of state and not able to see her on a routine basis.

Michelle has continued to progress over the years with hard work and perseverance from herself, her family and her dedicated team. We are all very proud of you, Michelle! Keep up the great work!



FYI... AND THINGS THAT ARE GOOD TO KNOW



SSI-E BENEFITS



Wisconsin Supplemental Security Income

- **SSI-E** is a monthly cash benefit of up to \$95.99 that is added to the State SSI payment of each SSI recipient who meets the program requirements and is certified for the benefit by the county agent.
- **SSI –E** benefits are available to SSI recipients whose expenses are greater than the SSI-E payment level (\$802.77 in 2007) and live in one of the following licensed or certified facilities: foster home for children, group home for children, licensed or certified adult family/foster home, CBRF of 20 beds or less, and Certified Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC), as well as SSI recipients who live in their own household or another's household who pay their share of household expenses and who need at least 40 hours of primary long-term support services each month.
- **SSI** recipients who wish to apply for SSI-E should contact their ADRC to request an assessment for SSI-E. (ADRC phone # 715-381-4360) The county agency will provide or arrange for an assessment and determine whether the SSI recipient meets the SSI-E eligibility criteria. Applicants will be informed in writing of the agency's decision. Approved applications will be forwarded by the county agency to the DHS State SSI Program and the applicant's state SSI payment will be increased.
- Recipients have the right to appeal any action that reduces or terminated their benefits. Requests for hearings should be sent to :

Division of Hearings and Appeals

PO Box 7875

Madison, WI 53707-7875

DATES TO REMEMBER

- ❖ Herberger's Community Day Sale is November 11th & 12th. Donate \$5 to SCI and receive a coupon book worth over \$200. Call Candi at 715 246 8299 if you are interested in purchasing one.
- ❖ Thanksgiving Holiday Nov 24-25
- ❖ Christmas Holiday Dec 23-26
- ❖ New Year's Holiday Jan 2

Were you a lucky winner of one of the fantastic raffle baskets at the SCI fundraiser and you are wondering what you can do with the empty basket or where to store it? Well, if you can't find a home for it, we would be happy to take it off your hands. We will "go green" and reuse it at next year's event. Who knows...maybe you will win it again with some more fabulous goodies!

Baskets





THANKS to YOU



St. Croix Industries thanks the following businesses and individuals who so generously supported our Second Annual Fundraiser. Because of you the clients will have new cubbies where they can store their backpacks and lunches. Because of you there will be dinner and dancing at the holiday party. Because of you there will be a summer picnic complete with hot dogs and hamburgers, and games with prizes.....

Because of YOU St. Croix Industries is a great place to work!

Vicki & Scott Denning	H & R Block New Richmond	National Refund & Marketing Services	Skoglund Oil	Green Bay Packers
River Front Athletics	John & Sandy Mathias	Vernon Lund	Future Farms	Minnesota Wild
Bernard's Northtown	Brian & Randi Hanson	Summer Seidenkranz	Ready Randy's	Milwaukee Brewers
Prism Plastics	Abdul & Humaira Khan	Family Dentistry	Laurilli Bazille	Milwaukee Bucks
Thomas or Lisa Landry	Ann & John Mike	Gary's Scrap Metal	Judith Baker	Minnesota Vikings
Coachlite Inn	Mary & Thomas Henehan	Dicks Market	Penny Hietala	Minnesota Twins
K-Sun	Joe and Renee Keating	Loparex	Avaniti's	St. Paul Saints
Angels Pet World	Vione Densow	Papa Murphy's-Hudson	Bristol Ridge	Cox Motors
Frank Cox	Curtis Sullivan	Todd Olson	Gagnon's	Noble's Tire
St. Croix Casino	Ashley Trainor	Mark and Jay Hay	Karls Discount	U-Line
Somerset Legion	Lyn Howard	Mark Alder	The Settlement	Hudson Bowling
Apple River Inn	Phipps Center for the Arts	Michelle DeYoung	Jacobson's Inc.	Gibbys
Lakeside Foods	Family Fresh New Richmond	Westconsin Credit Union	Nancy Stock	Radio Shack
Bonnie Edlund	New Richmond Area Centre	45 th Parallel	Reds Savoy Pizza	Green Mill
K-Tek	Farm and Home	Olson's Woodville Meats	Elizabeth Denning	Fashion Bug
Gracie Riedell	Star Prairie Convenience Store	New Richmond Movie Theatre	Nilssen's Super Valu	Somerset Phone
Ruth Edlund	T.M.S. Tire and Auto	Cedar Creek Inn	Capital Siding & Windows	Colleen Hammer
Lindus Construction	Miller Brothers Auto Repair	Bruegger's Bagels	Beth Nelson	Doughboy's
Pete's Pizza	Dominoe's New Richmond	Badgers	Terry & Amy Ritchie	Subway
Shanghai Bistro	Hudson Wal-Mart	The Jewelry Shop	B&B Supply	CHP
Hudson Maurices	Lumberjack Liquors	Star Prairie Sports Bar	Hair Hut	Kirk's Collision
Hudson Hallmark	Fantastic Sams-New Richmond	Amery Express	Hudson YMCA	County Market
Laurell Supper Club	New Richmond Dairy Queen	Hudson Dairy Queen	Burger King	Espresso Drive Thru
Art Doyle's Bike	Sportsmans Bar	Snap-On	Paddy Ryan's Irish Pub	Taco Johns
Tires Pro Hudson	Perfect Reflections			