

# RADD QUARTERLY



Recreational Activities for the Developmentally Disabled

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## Special points of interest:

- Friday Family Fun
- Agency All-Skate
- Barnes and Noble Bookfair
- Program News for Dance and Bowling Clubs and Youth Respite



Happy Holidays  
from RADD!

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## Families Come Together to Share in the Fun



RADD is thrilled to introduce *Friday Family Fun*, a new program designed for families who have a child with a developmental disability. *Friday Family Fun* is a parent run group designed to offer monthly activities for the entire family in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Sandy Henderson and Paula Straube are parent coordinators for this group. The kick-off event was held in October at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, complete with Music Therapy activities from Lisa Friedrich (*Harmonious Beginnings*), a potluck dinner, and a planning session for future events. Here is what parent volunteer Paula Straube had to say about *Friday Family Fun*:

"We've received positive feedback from parents and everyone likes the fact that siblings and the whole family can enjoy time together." Paula's husband enjoys *Friday Family Fun* because this is the first opportunity he has had to get involved with other dads in a similar situation. Paula also stated that one of the nonverbal youth that attended, Nate Henderson, typed on his communication device that he had fun.

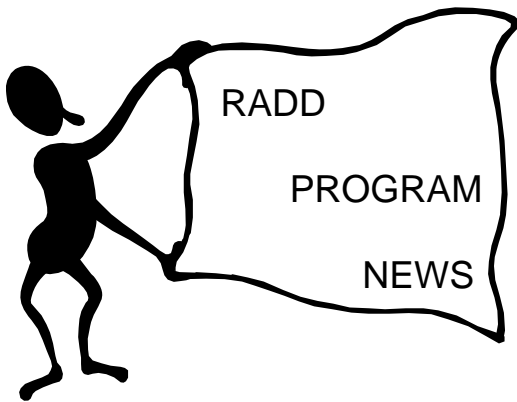
Come check out the next event and join in the fun! A lunch with Santa is scheduled for **Saturday, December 8th from 11:30am to 2:00pm** at St. Roberts Catholic Church (Hwy 45 in Union Grove across from Union Grove High School). Bring the whole family for a fun-filled time that is sure to bring good cheer to all. Call the agency office at 633-0291 for more details and to register for the event.

**\*\* Visit Lisa's Website at [www.harmoniousbeginnings.com](http://www.harmoniousbeginnings.com) for further information about Music Therapy services.**



**Seasons Greetings from our Family to Yours!** Please note that the agency office will shut down for the holiday season on Friday, December 21st at 12noon and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Make sure to stay warm and safe during the winter months, keeping in mind that program events may be canceled due to inclement weather. Please listen to WRJN for cancellations and closures when severe conditions arise.




**Dance and Bowling Club**

Time is flying by so quickly. There are only a few Dance and Bowling Club events left in 2007. Participants have been having a wonderful time over the past several months. Please keep your eyes open, as registration packets for 2008 will be mailed out in December for all current Dance/Bowling members. Existing members will have the opportunity to register for another great season, while new members will have the chance to join in the fun! If someone you know may be interested in joining either or both programs, direct them to call the agency office to request a 2008 registration packet.

Bowling and Dance Club are for semi-independent adults at least 18 years of age or who have graduated from high school. The programs offer independence, increase mobility, foster friendships and allow members to have a great time engaging in recreational activities.

Staff members are not designated to a certain group of participants, but rather function to provide overall supervision during program events. Anyone who needs more direct supervision must be accompanied by an individual at least 18 years of age.

Has anyone noticed a difference at recent events? Staff are now wearing bright colored program shirts sporting our agency logo. We are certain to stand out in the crowd!



**SAVE THE DATE -RADD TO HOLD AN AGENCY ALL SKATE**

**THURSDAY MARCH, 27th**  
*from 6pm to 8pm*

**Price of Admission is \$4.50 per person at Skatetown, located at 1825 Sycamore Avenue . Come mingle with staff, friends, and participants from other programs!**


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Youth Respite 2007-2008 is underway with exciting daytime and overnight events planned for youth ages 5 through 21.


Youth Respite Director, Jen Moser, comments that “ The group is well understood by a fun loving staff”. What Jen feels is so great about the program is that no matter what level children function at, they feel as if they belong. Playing video games and board games with typical peers may lead a person with delays to feel self-conscious. At Youth Respite, staff are able to facilitate play and make everybody feel like a winner.

We spoke with Julie Sokol, whose son Matt attends Youth Respite. Julie described the difficulty that can arise when Matt’s siblings want to have a friend over, without having to worry about their brother fitting in. Julie stated that “A family doesn’t have to feel guilty about enjoying time out or alone, because you feel good knowing that your child is having a great time with his own peers”. “Youth Respite has truly been a blessing for our family”.

A trip to Camp Timberlee will top off the season. There will be a parent meeting to discuss specific details for this outing. Openings remain for both daytime and overnight events. Call the agency office to sign-up for Youth Respite, so you don’t miss out on the fun.



Please remember that all RADD employees, participants, and anyone attending RADD sponsored events must adhere to the agencies’ no smoking policy during the course of the events. There are no exceptions!



**FUNDRAISING CORNER**

*Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching  
the joy of giving. - Hank Rossa*

**UPCOMING FUNDRAISER - BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKFAIR**

RADD is partnering with Barnes and Noble during an upcoming agency fundraiser. Mark your calendars for **December 12th from 9am to 11pm**. Be sure to take along the attached voucher and present it at the register when making your purchase. By doing so, a net portion of the proceeds will be donated to RADD.

Help us spread the word and pass out vouchers to your friends, family, and neighbors. Simply call the agency office at 633-0291 to have additional vouchers mailed to your home, or provide your email address to receive an attached voucher.

Christmas is just around the corner and you are sure to find a perfect gift for the season at Barnes and Noble. What a wonderful feeling to know you are supporting a great cause while making your holiday purchases!

**Barnes and Noble List of Recommended Books**

- On the Night You Were Born by Nancy Tillman
- Christmas with Paula Dean: Recipes and Stories from My Favorite Holiday
- The Sneaky Chef: Simple Strategies for Hiding Healthy Foods in Kids Favorite Meals by Missy Chase Lapine
- A Smart Girl's Guide to Friendship Troubles by Patti Kelley Crisswell
- The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett (Oprah's Book Club)
- Cool Stuff 2.0: And How it Works by John Woodcock and Chris Woodford
- Rescuing Sprite: A Dog Lover's Story of Joy and Anguish by Mark R. Levin

*Be sure to call the agency if you or someone you know is interested in volunteering their time or resources at future fundraisers.*

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Barnes & Noble  
Bookfair Voucher  
Supporting  
**RADD - Cerebral Palsy Agency**

**December 12, 2007 9:00a-11:00p**  
**2710 S Green Bay Rd**  
**Racine WI 53406**

Simply present this voucher at the cash register at the time of purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be donated to your organization.\*

OFFICE USE ONLY

Register #: \_\_\_\_\_ Transaction #: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of sale before tax less purchase of Gift Cards, Membership Cards, and Cafe consumables.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*THE FOLLOWING TRANSACTIONS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN BOOKFAIR TOTALS: THE PURCHASE OF GIFT CARDS, MEMBERSHIP CARDS, AND CAFE CONSUMABLES. NON-PROFIT AND BUSINESS ACCOUNT DISCOUNTS MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO BOOKFAIR PURCHASES.





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### COMING SOON .....

RADD has an agency website under construction. Soon program information and registration materials will be just a click away. You'll be able to view information regarding program start-up, event highlights, schedule changes, employment and volunteer opportunities, and fundraising events. Keep your eyes and ears open!

**SWAP PAGE** - Introducing another feature that will hopefully become a permanent fixture in our quarterly newsletter. The Swap Page is a section designed for our readers to post information. There will be three sections: Items/equipment for sale, items/equipment to donate, items/equipment needed. We understand that families have limited resources and that funding does not cover all equipment that one might need in their daily lives. This is a chance to help one another cut costs.

RADD is currently searching for a volunteer to coordinate the exchange of information. Please note that the agency is not responsible for housing the equipment and this project is in the development phases. Further details will follow at a later date.

