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Knight Line

March

Newsletter



Track



The new Monday **Track/Field Season** is just about ready to begin! **Practices start: April 3rd at 5:00 p.m.; April 10 at 5:00 p.m.; April 24th at 6:00 p.m.; May 1 at 6:00 p.m.** The Area 10 Track/Field Spring Games are held this year on **May 6th at Hoover High School's Track**. Athletes **MUST** attend the **Spring Qualifier** to be considered for **Summer Games** in Columbus on **June 23-25**. Please welcome our new Coach Jim and returning Coach Phyllis! Contact Coach Jim Hedrick at jbhedrick@sssnet.com or 330-854-4734 for more details.

Volunteer of the Year Award



We have some wonderful news! **The ARC of Stark County selected Ellen as the "Volunteer of the Year."** The award presentation will be made at The ARC's 40th Annual Awareness Dinner on Tuesday, March 28th at the Canton Marriott Hotel. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Event begins at 6:00 p.m. Evening keynote speaker is NASCAR driver Hermie Sadler who has a daughter with autism. Tickets are \$35 per person. The Volunteer of the Year Award is given to recognize outstanding volunteer service on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities. Four nominations were received. The committee unanimously selected Ellen. Connie Calhoun and Gary & Terri Ziegler submitted her nomination. **Give Ellen a call (330-455-0754) and congratulate her!** Get your tickets for the dinner by calling: 330-492-5225 or e-mail: rkessler@arcstark.org. **See attached flyer.**

Basketball



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BLUE TEAM! They won the Ohio Special Olympics North Section Regional Basketball Tournament at Lorain County Community College on Feb. 25-26! The team defeated Cuyahoga MRDD 39-22; and Mahoning County Public 66-29. They now move on to the **State Championships** at Bowling Green University on **March 24-25**. Look out--here we come!! All players worked hard & had a great season. --Our Royal Knights blue basketball team was in the Tuesday, March 7th *Canton Repository*--Lifestyle Section: <http://www.cantonrep.com/index.php?ID=273234&Category=8&fromSearch=yes>. If you follow the link, you can leave a response--be sure to thank the *Repository* for sharing our news with the community. --**Blue Team Practices:** March 17th (Fri.)--Barr Elementary, 6-7:30; then March 22nd (Wedn.) Schreiber, 6-8:00. --**White/Blue Team AWARDS DINNER:** March 30th (Thursday) 6:30-8:00 Hometown Buffet. Contact: Coach Bud (bud.borland@sbcglobal.net). Flyer with directions will be provided. You don't want to miss it!

Bowling

Usual bowling practice this Sunday at 1:30 p.m., Imperial Lanes, 1643-26th St. NW, Canton. Bowling Qualifier this Sat. (March 18) for Summer Games at Akron Lanes. Contact: Coach Ben (bhjunkyarddog@aol.com).

Ice Skating

Ice skaters have one more get together at Center Ice Complex before a break until September. The skate-a-thon just finished--more in the next Knight Line. Questions? Contact Coach Michelle Wetzel (mdbwetzel@aol.com).

Tennis

Practices are held at 5:00-6:00 p.m. every Friday at Hall of Fame Fitness, 2400 Roberts Ave., Canton. If your athlete is interested, please contact Coach Jan (bruneczjm@yahoo.com) before the end of March.

Dates to Mark on Your Calendar



- ✓ **March 18th (Saturday) 11 a.m.**--Bowling Qualifier, Akron Lanes, 2911 Waterloo Rd.
- ✓ **March 19th (Sunday) 6:30** next **Stark Public Special Olympics Business Meeting**--2007 Dinner/Dance info & discussion--Perkins Restaurant, 4896 Everhard Rd. NW, Canton. Free coffee and a slice of pie courtesy of Coach Bud! All interested parties invited! Want to help w/the 2007 Dinner/Dance? We need you!
- ✓ **March 24-25 (Friday-Saturday)--2006 State Team Basketball Tournament**, Bowling Green Univ., OH.
- ✓ **March 28th (Tuesday)**--ARC Annual Awareness Dinner, Canton Marriott, 5:30 p.m. **Head Coach Ellen receives Volunteer of the Year Award!** Get your tickets today at: 330-492-5225.
- ✓ **May 6th (Saturday)**--**Area 10 Spring Games:** Track/Field, Tennis, Powerlifting--at **North Canton Hoover High School**. Athletes **MUST** attend to be considered for Summer Games in Columbus.
- ✓ **June 23-25 (Friday-Sunday)**--Special Olympics **Summer Games**--Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- ✓ **July 3-9**--Special Olympics USA National Games--Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. Jason Betz (Tennis) and Amanda Brunk (Gymnastics) will be representing the Stark Public Royal Knights.

Dinner/Dance/Raffle/Auction Fundraiser

This year we had our **FIRST** ever Dinner/Dance Fundraiser, and as those of you who attended it know--it was a big success! Our finances received a significant boost of \$11,000--or approx. half of our operating costs. Thank everyone for all of his or her support and hard work! Now--get ready for an even bigger and better Dinner/Dance in **March 2007!** Location: **Skyland Pines**, 3550 Columbus Rd. NE. Come to the **March 19th (Sunday)** business meeting to find out more--Perkins Restaurant, 6:30--get your free coffee & a slice of pie! Contact Coach Deb.

E-mail addresses

To better communicate in a timely fashion with all athletes and parents, we are asking for **everyone** to e-mail Coach Deb at deb.borland@sbcglobal.net to gather your e-mail address. **E-mailing saves us \$\$**. Thank you.

Aluminum Cans

Save your aluminum cans for Stark Public! Give your bagged cans to Coach Bud Borland (or Coach Deb) (bud.borland@sbcglobal.net) for group collection. We are hoping to turn in a record amount of cans for Earth Day on April 22nd and need your help! The more cans, the more you help our environment and Stark Public!