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Winter 2006

**LET ME WIN
BUT IF I CANNOT WIN
LET ME BE BRAVE
IN THE ATTEMPT**



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**PLEASE SEND US YOUR FEEDBACK,
REQUESTS, OFFERS TO HELP, ETC.**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email: _____

Please check all that apply:

I would like information on registering an athlete for the following sport (s).

Name of Athlete: _____

Sport: _____

Age of athlete: _____

I would like to learn more about volunteering.

Add me to you newsletter mailing list.

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Athlete Spotlight: Equestrian

Like many girls her age, Lillian loved horses - but she never dreamed that one day she would be sitting atop a beautiful stallion, outfitted in a professional riding habit and waving a blue ribbon.

At age 14, Lillian had been having difficulties at school and at home, and a social services agent determined that moving to a residential treatment program would be the best choice for her. She came to the Devereux Kanner Center where, with the help of her teachers and counselors, she addressed her behavioral problems, worked hard in school and soon rose to the top of her class. An athlete who excels at ice skating, basketball and soccer,



Lillian was a perfect candidate to participate in the Special Olympics summer games, held at Penn State. But when Sharon learned that there would be an equestrian event, there was no doubt as to how Lillian would represent Kanner at the June competition.

She trained by attending the Hope Springs Equestrian Therapy program in Chester Springs two evenings a week, tirelessly practicing the drills that would be required at the Olympics, improving her skills and gaining confidence.

Lillian was successful in her competition and awarded for her exemplary behavior with Kanner's esteemed "Jesse Hicks Award", granted each year to a student who has met their goals and can be a role model for others. Named for a beloved former Kanner student, the award is sponsored by his generous parents in their son's memory.

Equestrian Sign-up

Chester County Equestrian will start in March 2007 at various locations to better serve all athletes in Chester County and all levels of ability. The program is limited in numbers and will run 10 lessons with a local competition in April and then the finalist advancing to State competition. For those individuals that are willing to pledge the commitment to be in the Equestrian Program, please call (484-320-8401) or email our office (sopachestercounty@Comcast.net) as soon as possible to be on the master list. Applicants will be contacted directly.



Roller Skating

Roller Skating had it's local competition Oct. 24th at C.D.C school in their gym. Athletes from C.D.C. , Coatesville H.S, Devereux, Camp Hill and the community competed in 100M & 300M races.



**Showing their
ribbons are some
athletes!**



The ARC of Chester County

900 Lawrence Dr; West Chester, Pa. 19380
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The mission of the Arconnection advocacy effort is to support, empower, connect, and inform parents of special needs students in Chester County, and to promote collaborative efforts toward attaining quality special education supports and services for children.

For more information, please email cmohn@arcofchestercounty.org or call Connie at 610-696-8090, Ext 220 and leave a detailed message.

Recent Memorials, Tributes and Donations

The Special Olympics Pennsylvania Chester County program gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

- ◆ *In memory of Bud Collins* (Father of Beverly Epp):
 - Jamie and Mary Jo Bilbow
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2007 Hall of Fame

There are no typical Special Olympics athletes. They are young and old, from across town and across the world. They do however share one important character trait: a competitive fire to do their personal best. Their commitment and perseverance are so intense that everyone around them is affected for the better. That's why Special Olympics Pennsylvania (SOPA) chose to establish the Hall of Fame to share with a larger audience the inspiring stories of individuals who had heard "you can't do it" all through their lives but proved they could once given a chance.

The SOPA Hall of Fame honors athletes and volunteers who have made outstanding contributions both on and off the field of competition. The dual purpose of this prestigious event is to raise public awareness about the talents of our athletes and raise the funds necessary to sustain the incredible growth of the Special Olympics movement here in Pennsylvania.

Is there an athlete or coach from Chester County that deserves to be considered for this award? Look over the criteria below and if you believe someone deserves this recognition, go to <http://www.specialolympicspa.org/events/halloffame.php> for a complete nomination form.

All nominations must be received in the Norristown office by no later than January 19, 2007.

Athlete Nomination Criteria

All nominated Special Olympics PA athletes must have demonstrated an ongoing dedication to Special Olympics and must meet the following criteria:
Sports

1. Athlete has participated in Special Olympics for a minimum of eight years.
2. Athlete must have illustrated dedication to sport-specific training & competition.
3. Athlete has displayed skill growth in specific sport (i.e., advancing from one level to another).
4. Athlete has taken sport to a new Special Olympics level or transitioned into other sports opportunities.
5. Athlete has demonstrated positive sportsmanship conduct (i.e., motivates coaches and fellow athletes to strive for personal growth, maintains positive attitude both on and off the playing field, etc.)

Outreach and Public Education

1. Athlete has demonstrated efforts to recruit eligible athletes into Special Olympics program.
2. Athlete has displayed a positive attitude for his/her sport thereby encouraging others to participate in that particular sport.
3. Athlete has been recognized within his/her community for his/her Special Olympics PA participation and has also brought his/her focus through his/her participation.
4. Athlete has demonstrated positive integrity and continued loyalty to the Special Olympics program thereby upholding the honor of the organization.

Volunteer Nomination Criteria

All nominated Special Olympics PA volunteers must have demonstrated an ongoing dedication to uphold the philosophy and mission of the Special Olympics and must meet the following criteria:
Outreach

1. Volunteer has had no less than 10 years of ongoing involvement in Special Olympics.
2. Volunteer has demonstrated involvement on various levels (i.e., coaching, management committee, sports advisor, games management, etc.)
3. Volunteer has actively recruited athletes into Special Olympics when appropriate to volunteer position (i.e., coach, management committee member, etc.).
4. Volunteer has been recognized within his/her community for his/her Special Olympics PA involvement and has also brought specific areas of responsibility into community.
5. Volunteer has remained current on Special Olympics information and demonstrated efforts to convey the Special Olympics mission and philosophy to the general public.
6. Volunteer has demonstrated positive integrity and continued loyalty to the Special Olympics program thereby upholding the honor of the organization.

Successful Bowl-a-thon for All Training Locations



Thanks to all who participated in the 2006 bowl-a-thon which raises funds for our bowling program. With over 200 registered bowlers practicing at four training sessions this is a very successful fund raiser. This year the Downingtown Bowling Palace had a special guest of Bret Guzik and his Quarter Midget racing car with the Special Olympic advertising clearly visible. Bret not



only raised money by getting pledges and bowling with 90 other bowlers that day, but autographed post cards and posed for pictures. Bret began racing in 1998 when he was 7. To find out more go to

www.bretguzikmotorsports.com

WINTER TRAINING SCHEDULE (Tentative)			
Sport	Location	Start/Time	Contact
Basketball	Rainbow Athletics Vincent Elem. School	Jan. 6, 2007	Sandy Arasin 610-970-1742
	Southern CC Avon Grove H.S.	Jan. 7, 2007	Tony Carney 484-888-3419
	Sts. Philip & James Gym; Exton	Jan. 14, 2007	Jim Curcio 610-430-8079
	Upper Mainline YMCA Gen. Wayne Elem.	Jan. 3, 2007	Kathy Wagner 610-647-9622, Ext. 2401
Equestrian		Mar., 2007	(information on Page 3)
Gymnastics (New Location)	Berks East 2490 Schuylkill Rd. Parkerford	Jan. 13, 2007 4:00-6:00PM	Christy Smith 610-344-4397 boatingsmity@aol.com
Ice Skating	Ice Line West Chester	Jan. 3-4, 2007 9:30-11:00AM	Angie Robinson 610-431-2098
	Power Play Eagle	Jan. 6, 2007 3:10-4:40PM	Cathy Stein 610-827-0981 bstein@Comcast.net
Figure Skating	Power Play Eagle	Jan. 6, 2007 3:10-4:40PM	Sue Lapin 610-696-2179 Sue@lapinsystems.com
Skiing*	Bear Creek Macungie	<u>Alpine Cross Country</u> Jan. 4, 2007 4:30-8:30PM <u>Snow Shoeing</u> Jan. 11, 2007	Paula Bewley 610-383-7400, Ext. 220 paulabe@cciu.org
	* Pick-ups: 4:45 @ McDonalds 5:10 @ Sunoco / RT 113 in Frazier		Kathy Wagner 610-647-9622, Ext. 2401
Floor Hockey (New Sport)	Kennett YMCA	TBD 12:00 - 2:00PM	Paul Lewis plewis@YMCABWV.org
PLEASE REGISTER WITH CONTACT PERSON IN ADVANCE OF START TO ASSURE PROPER MEDICAL IS ON FILE. THANK YOU.			

Upcoming Dates for Special Olympics		
January 22-23, 2007	Eastern Winter Sectional Alpine Skiing, Cross Country & Snowshoeing	Poconos
February 24, 2007	Adams Co. Basketball Invitational	Gettysburg College
February 25-28, 2007	Winter Games Alpine Skiing, Cross Country, Snowshoeing, Figure & Speed Skating	Johnstown / Altoona
March 3-4, 2007	State Floor Hockey Tournament	Bald Eagle Area H.S. Wingate
March 18, 2007	Skills Basketball	Exton
March 25, 2007	Bob Young Invitational Basketball Tournament	Downingtown West H.S.
March 31, 2007 (tentative)	2007 SOPA Eastern Bowling	Allentown
April 15, 2007	Equestrian Competition	Thorncroft
May 5, 2007	2007 SOPA Eastern Spring Sectional	
June 7-10, 2007 (tentative)	2007 Summer Games	Penn State University
↪ Please check our website for update information. ↪ For local events, check www.pasocc.org and for state events check www.specialolympicspa.org .		
		
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