

SPTA NEWSLETTER



April-May 2010

Physical Therapy Gala

This year's Physical Therapy Charity Gala was very successful, with a total of 149 people attending. A total of \$3500 dollars was raised for Centaur Stride, therapeutic horse back riding center. Thank you to all who donated baskets or auction items. This helped us reach our fundraising goal. Three special awards were given to physical therapists from our community and alumnus. Award recipients included Outstanding Clinical Instructor: Karen Jarmusz, Esteemed Alumnus: Brian Wrotniak, and Community Leadership: Terry Rose. Route 66 featuring Dr. Gary Styn got the crowd going with students and faculty getting down on the dance floor. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the event



People Inc. Event

The SPTA held a joint event with People Inc on Tuesday, April 27th . Students potted flowers to bring in the spring season! Almost 20 students participated in this last event of the semester and all students had a great time! Please watch your e-mails next semester for more fun and exciting events!



Crutches for Haiti

Crutches for Haiti has brought in an abundant amount of devices! Donations have come from the Lions Club, churches, and personal donations from students, faculty and staff. Collections to date include:

Wheelchairs - 7
Walkers - 96
Canes - 50
Crutches - 76
Commodes - 42

In addition to the AT drive, the SPTA Physiokickball tournament raised enough money to provide 1,176 meals for the people of Haiti donated through Food for Haiti Now



Thank you to all of you who donated, helped move, or helped organize the assistive technology!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2010!!!

All your hard work has paid off!! Congratulations on making it through 3 intense years of studying ...and dissecting in anatomy, sweating out musculoskeletal practicals, writing literature reviews, wrapping limbs, and so much more! The Classes of 2011 and 2012 commend you for all your efforts and wish you the best of luck in the future!

"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. You know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go."

- Dr. Seuss

Good Luck on Exams!!



Have a Great Summer and Good Luck on Your Clinicals!

Note of thanks to the Class of 2010- The Wii and Wii Fit have been put to good use this semester with many of our patients in Clinical Exposure- Thank you for this lasting gift!

Walk for Autism

The Autism Awareness Walk at Summit Educational Resources took place on Saturday, May 1st. Over 15 volunteers from the SPTA volunteered at the event for set up, as playground safety patrol, and to control the chaos in the very popular bounce houses! The walk was very successful with \$48,261 raised in total.



SPTA members volunteering at the Walk for Autism.

Student Leadership Awards Luncheon

The SPTA would like to congratulate this year's Student Leadership Award recipients, **Emily Strong** (2011), and **Kaylee Peluso** (2012). Emily, a social chair for the class of 2011, and Kaylee, the vice president for the class of 2012, have been outstanding leaders inside and outside of their class and gone above and beyond their duties as SPTA officers. Your dedication and enthusiasm set an example for us all!

First Annual DCPT Table Tennis Open

May 1, 2010 was the first annual Daemen College Physical Therapy Department Table Tennis Open. Seven participants enjoyed friendly competitive play in the Lumsden Gymnasium. Anyone within the PT department, whether professional or pre-professional phase was eligible to play and compete. All skill levels were welcome to enjoy the morning of fun and excitement. Of those participating in The Open, 6 were students and 1 was faculty. The competition was fast, fun and fierce.

Justin McEvoy competed while enduring his Grade 3 ATFL. While his lateral movement was greatly hindered, he still competed and gave good matches to his opponents. Not with limited motion, Mike LiVoti, dazzled other competitors and viewers of the matches with his sensational defensive play. At times, Mike was 10-15ft off the table returning hard hitting smashes with ease, which bolstered Mike to a 2nd place finish. Rob Corcoran was the surprising player of The Open. Surpassing expectations, Rob was able to secure some solid wins, and he gave other players a good run for their money in some tight matches. John Rusin competed with hard backhand smashes and a quick feet. Dan Clauss demonstrated superb ability challenging all those he played with his hard forehand smashes and accurate shot ability, which ultimately placed him 3rd. Dr. Stachura competed well with his students beating out half of them and advancing to the semi-finals where he finished 4th. Matt Vargason won the tournament. Plan to join in on the fun next tournament!

