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2004-2005

## 2004-2005 BOARD MEMBERS

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## THE CALENDAR IS FULL & THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



**2004 T25 & Kids, Inc. Book Drive! - 8/21/04**

Reach out to at-risk children in our community! Contribute books or volunteer to help out for this very worthy cause (on 8/21/04). For more information & collection sites, please visit our website or contact Melissa Mitchell at 425.2532.

### Back to School Barbeque at Girls and Boys Town!

Join us at our annual back to school barbeque with the wonderful kids of Girls and Boys Town! It will be held on Saturday, September 11th from 10-3. For more details, contact



Scott Dudley at 545.5915.



### Haunted House Planning!

The Haunted House is not only rewarding, but also the perfect way to get to know other members! Planning meetings will be held 8/19 & 8/26 (6:30pm at Paradise). Contact Amy Wright (219.3797) for more details.

### Playground at Bethany House!

Do you like to build stuff (or at least give it your best shot)? Then WE WANT YOU! We will be constructing a playground for ECHO/Bethany House on September 30 (8:30 - 2:30). More details in the next newsletter!



**2004 Caribbean Carnival (8/21) at Kleman Plaza!**



If you enjoyed Springtime Tallahassee, you'll love yet another one of our Community Events – Caribbean Carnival! The event is at Kleman Plaza on August 21 from 10-3. Interested? Contact Amy Wright (219.3797) or Adeena Alam (508.4883)!

### Preschool Playtime at the Child-care Network on Park Avenue!

This heartwarming event takes place the Monday after each general meeting. So, on August 16th, come see the difference you can make in the life of a child. Call Kerry McCombs (345.1176) to find out more!



And... there's so much more! See pages 3 & 4 for more events & August/September calendars!

## AN EVENING WITH THE KIDS: GAME NIGHT!

Ever been to an "Evening with the Kids," hosted by our Tutoring & Mentoring Committee? Well, there's one every month - so, this might be just the right time to get started! July's "Evening" was a game night held at Girls and Boys Town. Due to the incredible showing from our volunteers, it was a

huge success, and the kids had a terrific time! There were games abound - Guesstures, Taboo, Jenga, Operation, Cards, Chutes & Ladders - you name it!! Thank you to all of our volunteers – for your games, snacks, and energy! For more info on T&M, contact Kerry McCombs (345.1176).

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**PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE**



I have a motto in life. "People don't change. It's the events in people's lives that change them." No one wakes up and says, "I'm going to change my life today" without having a reason. Everyone has felt it in some way – that motivation or leap of faith that drives you to succeed. And... change is good.

I want you to help the children of our partner organizations make that same change. The most empowering feeling is

when you mentor a child who looks up to you and wants to be like you. No amount of money or power can match it! Imagine that you have the ability to enhance a child's life just by being "the event." Tallahassee 25 is just that!

At last month's "Evening with the Kids" at Girls and Boys Town, we had at least one Tallahassee 25 member for every two kids. Game night was a blast! I truly want to thank all of the volunteers who have helped make this summer a better

one – not just for the kids, but for all of Tallahassee 25.

Leadership is contagious! Life is so much better when you give back. I see a change within Tallahassee 25 and its members, with no separation between volunteering and fun. I want you to let Tallahassee 25 change your life, because you have the power to change a child's life.

- Sean Singleton  
T25 President

*We would like to extend a huge thank you to August's meeting sponsor:*

**LEE GERRARD &  
C AND G OUTDOOR SERVICES  
850.322.3522**

Membership month is coming up in September! EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO BRING VISITORS TO THE GENERAL MEETING! Also, it's that time of year - be prepared to bring your dues to that meeting as well! In other membership news, the database update has now been completed - so, please sign on to update your information! Questions? Contact Kayla Hobbs at 575.5619.

**MEET THE T25 JULY MEMBER OF THE MONTH – LARRY WASZINK!**

The Tallahassee 25 Board would like to congratulate Larry Waszink on being selected as our July Member of the Month! Now, we'd like to give all of our members the chance to get to know a little bit more about this outstanding T25 member!



Larry Waszink

Larry has been a member of T25 for almost 3 years, and has been a resident of Tallahassee since 1989. He is employed by the Florida Department of

Health as a Webmanager, and graduated from the Florida State University with a B.S. in Real Estate/Economics.

He vacations every other year to visit his parents in Hawaii, and just last year flew over the Napali Coast. Word has it that his next year's agenda includes learning how to surf! When asked about his experience with T25, Larry answered, "I would encourage everyone to get involved with SLaK. It's a good way to get directly involved with the kids, but there are enough T25'ers to not be intimidated by the experience."

favorite T25 experience was winning everything that he bid on at Bids for the



Larry (r.) with Nick Clevenger & "Name the State Capitals" game at Tom Brown Park SLaK event

Kids. What was his least favorite T25 experience? Larry an-

swered, "the 3 months of bills for everything I won at Bids for the Kids!" Congratulations again to Larry, and all former and future Members of the Month!

*"It is great to be on Larry's team when we work with the kids, because he's always so selfless and willing to do anything to give back." -T25 Board Member*

He notes that his

**MEMBER MOMENTS**



**CONTRIBUTIONS & CELEBRATIONS**

This column highlights a special volunteer opportunity (“contributions”) & social opportunity (“celebrations”) each month.

Spotlight on...

**JAZZ GOLFING!**

Wanting to hit the course? Need quality time with your golf buddies? Get both & help kids in the process! Sign up individually or as a team (\$100 per person, with special bonus package for teams) for the WJZT-FM Golf Tourney on 9/13 at Southwood (entry forms due September 1). Lunch provided, TONS of T25 volunteers needed, and all proceeds to be shared by T25 and Kids, Inc.! Contact Kayla Hobbs at 575.5619.



**CONTRIBUTIONS**



**CELEBRATIONS**

Spotlight on...

**JULY SOCIAL—HOSTED BY THE T25 PAST PRESIDENTS!**

WOW! What an awesome time we all had at the Past Presidents’ Social at Po Boys. It was great to get back to our roots and catch up with all our T25 friends: past, present, and future! Thanks so much to all the past presidents and sponsors! Pictures from the event are on the website, and should be just what you need to get recharged for all the great things still to come this year!



*THANK YOU TO OUR  
HOST FOR THE JULY  
PAST PRESIDENTS'  
SOCIAL!*

*DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR...*

**WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER**

*Wednesday, August 4, 2004 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm*

**Killlearn Liquors SpeakEasy Lounge**

**2695 Capital Circle NE**

**\$10 at the door & half of proceeds benefit T25!**

*Thank you to everyone who has so generously sponsored us in the last month!*

**Cone Distributing**  
(Charles Coggins)

**Tri-Eagle Sales**  
(Fred Blanton)

**Po' Boys** (Jason Allen)

**T25 Past Presidents**  
(Tim Templeton, Jennifer Green, Pete Rizzo, Cecil Kidd, Mark Lowe & Melissa Mitchell)

**All original T25 members**

You can always get the most up to date information at our website!

<http://www.tallahassee25.org>

## TALLHASSEE 25

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### What is the Tallahassee 25?

The Tallahassee 25 is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization incorporated with the State of Florida, with no paid staff. Twenty five young professionals established the organization as charter members in March 1997. After simply collecting contributions for a little league baseball team, they realized they shared a common mission to help area children and wanted to continue that vision with a more structured commitment. With that, the charter members formed this non-profit organization and established its bylaws.

The vision of the Tallahassee 25 is "to create and inspire hope for children and families in order to improve our community's quality of life."

The mission of the Tallahassee 25 is "to create opportunities for local children, through support and hands-on involvement in programs and activities which allow kids to enjoy their youth — while also helping them learn principles such as responsibility, self-esteem, self-discipline, and teamwork."

## AUGUST CALENDAR

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### UPCOMING IN SEPTEMBER (MEMBERSHIP MONTH!)

**General Meeting** – 9/8/04

**Back to School BBQ** – 9/11/04  
*SLaK (Girls & Boys Town)*  
Contact: Scott Dudley (345.1176)

**Preschool Playtime** – 9/13/04  
*Tutoring & Mentoring*  
Contact: Kerry McCombs (345.1176)

**WJZT-FM Golf Tournament** – 9/13/04 (Noon, Southwood)  
Contact: Kayla Hobbs (345.1176)

**An Evening with the Kids (G&BT)** – Tentatively 9/29/04  
*Tutoring & Mentoring*  
Contact: Kerry McCombs (345.1176)

**Playground Building for Bethany House** – 9/30/04  
Contact: Melissa Mitchell (425.2532)

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