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COMMUNITY LOVE BIRDS: T25 ♥'S GT ENTERTAINMENT

On Saturday, July 29th, representatives from the seven charities: Capital City Youth Services, Tallahassee 25, The Family Tree, Florida Disabled Outdoor Association, American Cancer Society, Special Olympics Florida-Leon County, and C.L.A.Y. bought tickets for a chance to see The Superheroes playing 80's rock at Paradigm, 80's movies and prom pictures taken at Jacobs, and partygoers belting out 80's tunes at J Drewsey's Karaoke. Joined with hundreds of local Tallahassee partygoers to bring downtown back in time, they also wanted to help support their charity of choice.

Tallahassee 25 members new and old showed up to take the 80's to the max! And thank goodness they did, as T25 was the charity ticket randomly pulled from the bucket! What this means for us now, is that

we won all the proceeds from the event and that we now have more money to use on the kids! As lucky and proud as we all were, the local youth who often get overlooked are the ones who will reap the rewards from this event. Now, as dedicated volunteers, we have the means to provide one of the best Haunted Houses and Holiday Happiness seasons in T25 history.

So thank you to all of our members who came out, and thank you to Greg Tish for taking his business, GT Entertainment, to a new level - not only does he strive to make your wedding/event the perfect night for you, he is reaching into the community to fill needs and to give back. We have always loved our GT, but now we're making it public! Thank you Greg and GT Entertainment, Glenn and Scott Voyce from Paradigm, Allie Merzer, Corinne Rubin, Darby Tish, Jessica Irving, Jacobs, J. Drewsey's, all the carwash girls (and guys), and all the local 80's fans who helped plan the tubular Wrath of the 80's Prom!!!!



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Past President's Social

At the end of June we kicked things up a bit with an awesome summer evening social. Thanks to all the gang at Po' Boys for helping with our **Past Presidents' Social** and to each of our past presidents who attended and helped support the event. The pictures show how much fun was had by all. We hope to see you at the next T25 social.



Daddy-to-Be, Earl Shrum, plays with Honorary Member Elizabeth.



Jose Gonzalez and Angela Geluso pause for a Kodak moment.



New friends and members join the past presidents for a night of fun.

Kids Fest

Earlier this year Earl Shrum and Erica Bryan took Community Events to a new level at **Kids Fest**. Thanks to a new style of face painting by Kerry McCombs, the committee was overwhelmed with kids lined all throughout the building waiting for their faces to be painted.



Pals Ashley Anderson and Adria Cavany show that being a board member isn't always a stressful task.



Preschool Playtime

The Monday morning after every meeting Tallahassee 25 visits the 2 & 4 year old class at Childcare Network for **Preschool Playtime**. Each month features a new theme with activities, stories, crafts, games, and snacks. In July we read *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein, and made our own special Giving Tree. The tree the kids made is on display at tonight's meeting. Each apple has a picture of what the kids would like to do or give to a person who was lonely. They may be young, but they are learning early one of greatest lessons of T25—giving back to those less fortunate.



SEPTEMBER IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Membership Month is like New Years Eve...we're starting a new year as members, we faithfully pay our \$25 annual dues, we begin working on our 25 hours of volunteering that is requested of us all, we find kids events that interest us so we can get more involved, and we vow to do more, or to do things differently than we've done in the past.

With September just around the corner, we're asking everyone to make some "New T25 Year Resolutions" with us. If you're really social you can set out to make new friends....and to get them involved in T25. Find a new member and encourage them to be volunteers. Just think, if everyone got one new person involved, you'd always see new faces at events. Or you can do something behind the scenes — you can pay your dues on time and feel good knowing that you've helped with the administrative costs and the Holiday Happiness fund. You can pledge to come out to the socials and be the best darn "socialer" there is...and maybe bring a guest who socializes well, too. You can make a promise to Earl

Shrum and Erica Bryan (our Community Events Committee) and Jamie Taylor (our Haunted House Master in Command) that you will show up for building on several occasions and that you will help scare the boogers out of local kids during the weekend nights the Haunted House runs, even if it means you have to miss the second half of a FSU AWAY GAME. You can sign up to help with Bids for the Kids 2007 because you realize that we really do need your help if Tallahassee 25 is going to continue on for another 10 years.

Either way, we ask that you take advantage of the new year of your membership and do something with it. Our Membership chair, Jason Johnston, is doing a lot to prepare for the month of September. He's looking for ways to peak new interest in T25, and he's open to suggestions. Not to mention, that membership month always brings a membership social — and everyone needs to socialize! Maybe that's something you want to resolve for the new year — to enjoy more of the social time, and not be such a hard worker. We don't want anyone overwhelmed; T25 is about FUNTEERING!

From our Membership Chair:

"Every Saturday morning I like to watch cartoons. It's my way of putting the "real world" into perspective; I like to go back to my childhood roots. Even though Kuzco has replaced Papa Smurf, his lessons are the same. And of course the lesson on T25 membership is the same: membership in T25 is about friendship (that kind of sounds like a cartoon lesson, doesn't it?). Please don't forget to tell your friends and coworkers how much they should get involved with T25. Also remind your senior T25 members/friends how much you miss hanging with them. Oh, and don't forget about the kids. Mention the kids (along with Papa Smurf or Kuzco) it always gets a smile."



Hanna-Barbera Productions

~Jason Johnston



Disney

SPOTLIGHT ON...CCYS

Tucked back on Roberts Avenue, Capital City Youth Services is easy to overlook. However, their impact on the lives of Leon County youth is significantly more noticeable. Evolving from the YMCA Youth Home "Someplace Else" established in 1974, Capital City Youth Services (CCYS) opened the doors of its Roberts Ave. facility in 1993 hoping to offer more than warm meals and a place to rest. Now, over a decade later, CCYS not only provides a homelike shelter for adolescents but various programs to assist children and their families.

Someplace Else, the location on Roberts Avenue that Tallahassee 25 volunteers are most familiar with, offers dorm-style rooms to house over a dozen youth at no cost, counseling from a compassionate staff, and a "Time Out" period allowing youth and parents a temporary break from each other. The Family Place enables children and families to speak openly about their issues in a safe, supervised location. It also features group counseling which address self esteem, conflict resolution, and anger management.

With all that CCYS offers, they are an enormous asset to Tallahassee. Please help them and the youth they reach out to by volunteering at "Someplace Else" during a T25 event. The counselors truly appreciate our involvement and the kids are happy to have some friendly new faces to chat with. If you are interested in working with CCYS, please email or call Kayla Hobbs or Kerry McCombs.

SATURDAY FUNDAYS

On Saturday, July 29, Tutoring and Mentoring kicked off its "Saturday Fundays" with a tabletop scavenger hunt! Using pictures from magazines, the kids at CCYS had to find a list of items, cut them out, and narrate a story using what they found. As it turns out, the group over there is pretty creative, coming up with stories about animals in rubber boats, cheesy photos, and bad hair days as they chowed down on animal crackers and fruit punch.

After the kids were done, the volunteers headed over to Miller's Ale House for a re-



laxed lunch to catch up and talk about the next T25 event. Thanks to the volunteers who headed over to CCYS Saturday morning for the scavenger hunt — it was a great time!

MYSTERY MEMBER MARATHON

It's no mystery who our "Mystery Member of the Month" is for August! Our very own Greg Tish from GT Entertainment, along with Allie Merzer, Corrinne Rubin, Darby Tish, Jerrica Irving, Glen and Scott Voyce, and the rest of the Paradigm crew, J. Drewsey's, Jacobs, and all the other Tallahassee locals who pulled together to put on the Wrath of the 80's Prom have won over our Newsletter hearts this month.

Therefore, this month's Mystery Member Marathon is once again, a little different. We're giving you a chance to win fun prizes just for playing our little game. So the game, you see, is I Spy. You all know the game — you played it as children (and possibly as adults on long car trips). The things "We Spy" are hidden throughout Paradigm. You have 10 opportunities to win, assuming you're paying attention. So let the games begin: "I Spy, with my little eye, 10 items with the T25 logo unusually branded on them."

Write each item you see and turn it in to Kerry McCombs as soon as you have all 10. The first person to find all 10 items will win a prize. Just in case you're unfamiliar with the T25 logo, it's posted below. Now! You have no excuse not to play, so get lookin!!!



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AUGUST CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	4	4	5
6	7	8	9 General Meeting @ Paradigm: 6:30 pm	10	11	12 A Summer Night in Seven Hills @ Mary Brogan: 6pm - 10pm
13	14 Preschool Playtime @ Childcare Network: 10:30 am	15	16	17	18	19 Saturday Fun-day @HOPE: 10:30 am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

UPCOMING IN September

Wednesday, September 13
General Meeting
@ Paradigm
6:30 PM

Monday, September 18
Preschool Playtime
@ Childcare Network
10:30 AM

Saturday, September 30
Back to School Bar-b-Que
@ Girls & Boys Town

TBA:

Scholarship Night
@ Girls & Boys Town

Membership Month Social
@ TBA