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MEMBERSHIP MONTH IS HERE!

SEPTEMBER – Middle English, *septembre*; Latin, *September*; *September mensis, seventh month*; Tallahassee 25, *renewal of \$25 membership dues, recruitment of new members, excessive door prizes, Back to School Barbecue, Scholarship applications distributed, Membership Social, Haunted House pre-construction...*

MEMBERSHIP MONTH!!



With Café all jazzed up and ready to host yet another social (as part of their donation to the 2006 Bids for the Kids), membership chair Jason Johnston is preparing to infuse T25 with energetic and exciting new volunteers. To kick things off with a stylish flair, he's now selling Men's and Women's Polo and Athletic style T-shirts. These shirts, along with all styles from the past, T25 coozies, pens, and window clings can be purchased at the Membership table at any meeting or social, or by contacting Jason Johnston (Jason_m@johnston.org).

The Membership Month Meet-



ing is the meeting you'll hope you brought all your friends to. With fabulous door prizes and fantastic events on the horizon, this month's meeting is sure to be both informative and fun. Members who bring a first-time visitor will receive raffle tickets for fabulous door prize drawings, and a special prize will be given to the member who brings the most visitors.

And... there's so much more! See pages 2, 3 & 4 for more news, events, and calendars!

BOWL-A-RAMA 2006!

Though it's not yet Thanksgiving, Tallahassee T25's Community Events committee is bringing some turkeys your way with Bowl-A-Rama 2006! Come out and join Earl, Erica, and the kids of CCYS for this fantastic event at Seminole Bowl from 3 to 5pm on Sunday, September 17. There will be a ton of kids

participating, so they will need all the help they can get. Guys, this is the perfect opportunity to put on some hideous shoes and show off your bowling skills while you bond with some of Tallahassee's youth. If you want to get in on the fun, contact Erica Bryan or Earl Shrum for more details.



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BACK TO SCHOOL BARBECUE!

Only a few weeks into the school year, the kids at Girls and Boys Town are ready for a break. SLaK has come to the rescue, with Community Events at its side, bringing the annual Back to School Barbecue in full force. This year's SLaK co-chairs, Jason White and Shaun Martin are avid football fans, so they have carefully selected the Saturday *morning* to spend with the kids. They have an awesome event planned for Saturday, September 30, from 10 am to 2 pm, and they are counting on all 'Nole fans to be



eagerly signing up for this event, since the team will be on the road and thus all tailgating fun will be on hold for the weekend.

Rumor has it that this year's event will be the one to top all others, with fun games and activities, amazing youth, and delicious food from Tallahassee 25's home away from Paradigm, Miller's Ale House. Yes, you've heard it correctly, Miller's local General Manager, Mr. Corey Bain has graciously offered to cater the event for the kids. What a treat!

SLaK's yearly "Back to School Barbecue" is always a success. Featuring a giant inflatable waterslide and our smiling faces, this fantastic event is a great way to have the kids looking forward to the new school year. Not only do we help the kids excel in school, we try to help them enjoy their time away from it. Every T25'er has something to contribute to a "No-School Party," so don't be shy. These kids are wonderful and they are looking forward to seeing you (and so are we)!!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our General Meeting Sponsor and our Membership Month Social Sponsor:



PARADIGM Lounge & Restaurant



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Wow! It's hard to believe that Membership Month is already here!! And... what a wonderful month it is! With each September, not only do we have a chance to take a step back and reflect on all of the great things our organization

has accomplished over the years, but we are also presented with the perfect occasion to celebrate YOU – our fantastic members and volunteers!

YOU are the reason that, since 1997, we have been able to provide and participate in hundreds of opportunities to make a difference in the life of a child. YOU are our heart and soul. YOU are the reason for the excited, bright, genuine smile on the face of a child from Girls and Boys Town, Hope Community, CCYS, Guardian ad Litem, Childcare Network, and all of our local partner organizations!

There are many pieces that have made us who we are today – our past leader-

ship, who fought hard to maintain and promote our primary mission; all of our amazing officers and committee leaders who contribute their time, energy, and creative thinking to making Tallahassee 25 the best it can be; our veteran volunteers who consistently and loyally give of themselves each and every month to attend our events and work with the children we serve; and especially our new members, who bring such great energy, new ideas, and focused dedication to all of our efforts. However, we are only at our best when all of those pieces are creating, functioning, and celebrating in unison, as the impact of our organization as a whole truly is greater than the sum of our parts!

With that said, we hope you will take this opportunity to renew your commitment to Tallahassee 25, so we can continue to build on the great foundation that has been established for us. Our tradition really is one of excellence, and only with your continued support, involvement,

and recruitment of new members can we keep that up. If you are a potential member, we hope you will consider joining us for the amazing years and incredible opportunities that lie ahead! Your time spent as part of Tallahassee 25 promises to be some of the most rewarding you've ever spent. But you don't have to believe me... just ask any current or past member, or more importantly, any of the children whose lives they've positively impacted!

Most of all – we just hope to see all of you at the upcoming kids' events, general and committee meetings (Bids for the Kids & Haunted House planning meetings are imminent!), and socials! Finally, we encourage each and every one of you, in whatever way you might be able, to continue Lending Kids a Helping Hand!

Dr. Krista M. Mooney
2006-07 President
Tallahassee 25

FALL INTO READING!

Hey boys, ready to take another pie in the face?? It's about time for Tutoring & Mentoring's annual book drive to benefit the youth of Leon County! This year's "Fall into Reading" collection will take place at the Barnes and Noble in the Tallahassee Mall on Saturday, October 14. We are currently searching for one lady and one gentleman to head up teams for the event, so if you're looking to add another win to T25 history (*sniff, LADIES, cough*) or you want to break your losing streak (*hack, GUYS, cough*) contact Tutoring & Mentoring's co-chairs, Kayla Hobbs and Kerry McCombs.



MEMBER MOMENTS



Having Fun and Giving Back at the WFSU TV-a-THON!



SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT!

While college may be a distant memory in many of our minds, for much of the youth we work with, it is a goal they dream of reaching in the next few years. With that thought, Scholarship & Smiles is teaming up with Tutoring & Mentoring to present "Scholarship Night" on **Tuesday, September 26 at Girls and Boys Town, at 6:30**. The co-chairs from both committees will provide information on how to fill out college applications, apply for financial aid, write those dreaded admissions essays, and prepare for the SAT and ACT. This is the perfect opportunity for all you smarty-pants out there to disclose some helpful hints on how to survive academia, or for volunteers to head out and share some of their fondest college moments. If you are interested in helping out with Scholarship Night, contact the Scholarship & Smiles co-chairs, Adria Cavany and Heather Shrum, or Tutoring & Mentoring co-chairs, Kayla Hobbs and Kerry McCombs. We can't wait to see you there!!



HAUNTED HOUSE X!

Hi There! I'm Jack. You know, Jack O'Lantern. Yes... I'm back again! Back for the creepiest, most spook-tacular Haunted House Tallahassee kids have ever seen. This is the 10th year, you know. I've come to help Erica, Earl, Jamie, and Michael out-do the Haunted Houses of years past. But we're all going to need help. It's time for us to come up with themes, supplies, costumes, builders, actors, behind the scenes help, and most of all a location. We have some things in the works, but don't let that hold you back. If you've got "just the creepy place," by all means, let us know!

For those of you who have missed out on Haunted Houses of years past, you should

know that your life is not yet complete! The amount of joy that we bring to local kids is outstanding, and many nights, we see the same kids begging to go through *just one more time*. Our Haunted House is made with a little bit of scare and a whole lotta' fun. Not to mention that it's the easiest way to meet T25'ers and make a great group of friends. It's the best team-building activity of the year!

Anyway, sign up and show up! Have a scream at the Halloween Social and don't forget to come up for air when bobbing for apples!

~Jack O'Lantern



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

This year, we will be taking strides to impact Tallahassee in a way never seen before. The youth in our community will benefit greatly from the interaction with our wonderful members and their creative events. Speaking of our wonderful members, we want to take another opportunity to praise, thank, and promote two of our biggest supporters and sponsors.

Glenn Voyce donates Paradigm each month for our monthly membership meetings and gives us priority over other interested groups. Along with the space he provides, each month we all get a taste of Paradigm's delicious appetizers and concoctions from the friendliest bartenders in town. Go visit Glenn Tuesday through Friday for lunch, for a special mid-day treat!

Another favorite member is Greg Tish, with GT Entertainment. Aside from donating his spectacular DJ services to us at every Bids for the Kids, as well as socials throughout the year, he has taken a side interest in helping charities in another way – via parties and a new group, Parties4Purpose. Late July's "Wrath of the 80's Prom" was a huge success and an even bigger help to Tallahassee 25 and the children we serve. With hundreds of people in attendance, decked in their raddest 80's attire, he was able to present T25 with a check for over \$5,000!!!

We plan to do amazing things this year, with the support we continue to receive from these members, local donors, dedicated board members, and wonderful volunteers who are dedicated to making Tallahassee 25's mission their top priority.

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BIDS FOR THE KIDS - 2007!
 Preparations are underway for Bids for the Kids on February 10, 2007 at the University Center Club. If you would like to get involved on the Bids for the Kids committee, please contact Krista Mooney at 212-0084 or FsuJDPHD@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 General Meeting @ Paradigm: 6:30 pm	14	15	16
17 Bowling @ Seminole Bowl: 3-5 PM	18 Preschool Playtime @ Childcare Network: 10:30 am	19	20	21	22 Membership Social @ Café: 6-9 PM	23
24	25	26 Scholarship Night @ G&BT: 6:30 PM	27	28	29	30 Back to School Barbecue @ G&BT: 10 AM



UPCOMING IN OCTOBER

General Meeting – 10/11/06
Paradigm 6:30pm

Preschool Playtime – 10/16/06
Tutoring & Mentoring
Contact: Kerry McCombs (345.1176) and Kayla Hobbs (727.967.9423)

Haunted House Planning Meetings, Construction, and Opening!
Community Events
Contact: Erica Bryan (228.7338) or Earl Shrum (559.2960)

Halloween Social
Contact: Jason Johnston (566.0316) or April Brown (459.3119)

Bids for the Kids Planning Meetings
Contact: Krista Mooney (212.0084)

Saturday Funday - TBA
See website for additional details:
<http://www.tallahassee25.org>