

SPECIAL EVENTS

The 2010 Redwood Express: Destination British Invasion, sponsored by **Bilz Insurance**, is **Friday, March 5 from 7 – 11 p.m.** The Express co-chairs and volunteers have been working for months to make this a really spectacular evening. While the Redwood family has been generous in contributing items for the auctions and raffles, we still need men's gifts and electronics for the Silent Auction.

Everything else is ready. All we need are people. Lots of them! Come to the Express. Bring four or more of your friends, co-workers, neighbors, or other acquaintances. The number of people in attendance determines bottom line resources to help children and adults of Redwood.

If you can't come to the Express, you can still contribute to its success by buying a reverse raffle ticket. This is how it works. Participants purchase a ticket for \$100 to win the chance to be one of four \$200 winners or the \$5,000 grand prize winner. Tickets are picked in reverse order over the course of the evening with these cash prizes awarded to owners of the last five tickets selected. This is really fun! We encourage you to participate. The Express includes an open bar until 9 p.m. hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting with celebrity wine pourers, entertainment, live and silent auctions, raffles and Monte Carlo. New this year is Big Card Poker! Tickets are \$45 in advance (before March 4) and \$50 at the door. To donate men's gifts or electronics, to RSVP, or to purchase a reverse raffle ticket, contact **Beth Moore** at 331-0880, ext. 297 or bmoore@redwoodnky.org.

CALENDAR

03/05 Redwood Express: Destination British Invasion
03/20 St. Patrick's Day Dance – Adults
03/24 Dynavox Training (3:30 – 5:30 p.m.)
04/30 Redwood Derby
05/11 Annual Meeting

Congrats to the February Derby Winners: **Mary Spare**, **Nick Ziegler**, **Mary Berling** and **Pete Burris**.

JOHN D. REDDEN, JR., PHILANTHROPIST

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A close look at a photo of the first Redwood classroom would show a handful of preschool children eager to learn. **John D. Redden, Jr.** proudly shares that he was one of those children. Fast forward 56 years.

Today, John is an accomplished wizard at email and is getting his feet wet with Facebook. He likes to surf the Net and recently discovered YouTube. John uses these tools to communicate with family and friends, to conduct personal business, to pursue personal interests, to express opinions, to reflect on his life, and to share what he thinks is funny with the world at large.

Many people use the computer to address these needs, but John is more fun to watch. You see, John types with his knuckles. He uses a modified "trackball" mouse to glide the cursor over the screen. Surprisingly, he makes very few mistakes, and when he does, he catches the mistake right away.

Because John personally understands how technology can positively impact someone's life, he decided to make a philanthropic gift to Redwood to improve the technology available to participants of the Life Skills-Computer Program.

Every gift makes a difference for Redwood. John's philanthropy is making a difference every day for the people who are learning and growing in the Life Skills-Computer Program. John... you inspire us! Thanks!

PASSAGES

Lynn Schworer is a woman making a difference. We always knew that, but now it is official! Lynn was honored by Notre Dame Academy with the 2010 Women Making a Difference Award.

Kudos to **Bill Robinson** who was elected as President Elect of the American Bar Association! Congrats to **Danielle Butsch** (marriage) and **Kevin Eberly** (engagement)! Best wishes to **Lynette Keyes** on her retirement. Welcome aboard to new CFO, **Dan Korfhagen**.

Our sympathy is extended to **Latasha Lampkin** (grandmother) and **Susan Sturgeon** (father) who had family members pass away.

VOLUNTEER REDWOOD

Teens, college students, adults, and seniors! Churches, corporations, and civic groups! Regardless of age or affiliation, you can experience the joy of making the world a little nicer by volunteering.

- If you need service learning hours, our spring-cleaning project might be for you. Child Development’s favorite playroom (the Mini-Gym) needs spring-cleaning.
- With spring just around the corner, it’s time to clean out and plant flowerbeds. For those who don’t like to dig, beautify our gardens by removing weeds.
- For a group with ambition and strong arms, turn our vegetable garden beds. This is a great after work project for some co-workers or just good friends.
- Individuals who enjoy teaching or tutoring will certainly enjoy the satisfaction of helping adults learn new coursework in the Computer Learning Center. Any time Monday through Thursday from 9:00am –3:00pm.

For more information or to sign up please contact **Dawnielle Foussard**, Community Outreach Specialist at 859.331.0880 or dfoussard@redwoodnky.org

BOARD EDUCATION

Nonprofits, like businesses, families, and individuals, need to save for a rainy day. When individuals or families put money aside it is called “savings.” When nonprofits and other businesses save money it is called “reserves.”

Reserves arise from the accumulated surpluses, either planned or unplanned, of an organization over time. The use of reserve funds is flexible and can be allocated by the board to purchase or repair equipment, building systems, or technology; to expand programs; or to cover operating expenses for unforeseen circumstances. Fiscally prudent organizations reserve funds.

Redwood uses unrestricted resources to deliver important programs and services and to support those life-enhancing activities through the efficient operation

of our business, as defined in the Annual Budget. If there are any remaining funds, they are used to address debt if there is debt, and then finally to put aside (reserve) some funds for a rainy day or for endowment purposes.

The Finance Committee determines on an annual basis whether Redwood has the capacity to plan a surplus to contribute operating revenues to reserve funding accounts. Due to the poor economy, our current budget does not include a planned surplus to support the growth of reserve funding.

Redwood leadership is optimistic that with prudent planning and an improved economy, that Redwood will shortly be able to reinstitute putting aside some reserves for a rainy day.

WISH LIST

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carpet cleaner • Mops/Vacuum • Clorox Wipes • Wood bookcases/cabinets • 9’ x 12’ area carpet • Toddler chairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play food • Playdough • MagnaDoodles • Bubbles • Hard cardboard books • Dress-up clothes • Art materials/supplies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monopoly, Checkers, Connect 4, Uno, Jenga, Battleship • Books/Magazines for young adults • Baking mixes and other ingredients for use in the teaching kitchens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External hard drives • Laptops • USB Flash drives • USB Mouse • Computer speakers • Digital cameras • DVD player w/ remote • Control • Radio/CD player
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wet wipes and tissues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sofa or Recliner (leather or vinyl)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batteries (all types) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four-seated stroller • Infant activity mat

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.
 – Helen Keller

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

This is your newsletter. Suggestions or comments for/about articles are welcome. Direct responses to **Barbara Howard** at Redwood, 71 Orphanage Rd., Ft. Mitchell, KY Phone: 331-0880, Fax: 331-6177, Email: bhoward@redwoodnky.org

