



NEWS AND VIEWS

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BUSINESS IS “HOT” AT LAFAYETTE!

As the old saying goes, “*Baby, it’s cold outside*” – but it’s “HOT” at Lafayette as we are working on orders to be delivered in March, April and this summer and, most of important of all, we continue to hire more folks off of our waiting lists who are anxious and ready to work!

Lot of fun stuff in the newsletter this month, including the introduction of our newest event! I’ll let you read all about it inside. It will take place on Saturday evening, February 26, and it’s one that workers, parents, and friends can all attend!

Couple of other important items:

FREE 2010 TAX PREPARTION! We have a group who has volunteered to provide free tax preparation for any of our sheltered workers who might need this service. If you (or parent/guardian) would like to take advantage of this offer, please call 636-227-5666 ext. 1100 (Becky S.’s extension) and leave your name and phone number where you can be contacted during the day. Once the volunteers have a handle on the number of requests, they can fix the schedule.

MISSOURI BUDGET STRUGGLES: As you know, the legislature is looking at budget cuts to offset the continuing decline in revenue. So far, the funds allocated to DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) that are designated for the 93 sheltered workshops in Missouri have only been slightly affected. **Please write to your State Senator and State Representative informing her/him of this and how important it is to keep our full funding in place!** Remember, in addition to enhancing the Quality and the Dignity of the lives of almost 8,000 adults with /DD, for every \$1 in funding from the State, \$4 of economic benefit is produced by workshops—which *enhances* the economy!

Finally, I would like to mention again and personally thank all of those who donated so generously to our Annual Appeal Fund in 2010. As most of you know, these funds are critical to not only keeping our mission alive and well, but support the enhanced experience of our workers with our “Be Well, Work Well” programs which include free hot lunches, individual personal work recognition, free flu shots, etc. We have been able to maintain our position as the single largest employer of adults with developmental disabilities in the State—and want to keep it that way! So, from all us at Lafayette Industries, --**THANK YOU!**



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Mission: The mission of Lafayette Industries is to provide employment opportunities to persons who are developmentally disabled / mentally retarded and persons with other disabilities who are 18 years or older.

Goals: ♦ To provide a meaningful and productive work experience to persons who are disabled ♦ To maintain a safe and pleasant work environment ♦ To teach and to train persons with disabilities to acquire better work habits ♦ To enhance self-worth and dignity through employment ♦ To provide high-quality business service through packaging, light assembly and commercial mailings ♦ To operate the center in a professional, fiscally responsible manner ♦ To provide fair wages and good benefits

LAFAYETTE NORTH'S 2010 CHRISTMAS STORY

By Sheryl Harding

Happy New Year from Lafayette North! The month of November started off with a surprise attendance award celebration. The workers, their families or staff members came to cheer on the honorees. It was followed by cake and conversation afterwards. November 19th was our Open House. That gave us the opportunity to welcome visitors to our newly remodeled facility. Tours were followed up with a wonderful hot meal of ham and turkey, with tasty side dishes.

December celebrations abound with the 25th anniversaries for Debbie Asher, Tim Cagle, Arthur Lish and Dennis Reuber. They were presented with beautiful new watches to commemorate the occasion. Then our Christmas party took place on December 15th. It was a fun day with pizza and soda, gifts, and visits with Santa. The Raffle winners were: 1st prize - Christy Mertz, 2nd prize - Alester Sullivan, 3rd prize - Brianna Beasley and 4th prize - Marina Raskin.

Thanks to all our parents and volunteers for their hard work and dedication enabling all to Celebrate the Season!

Wishing everyone a blessed New Year and continued success for Lafayette Industries!



Christmas Party lunch gets underway



Have you seen my lunch?



Santa gets a hug of appreciation



Lots of people want to see Santa



Here's my list - I've been good!



A big smile of thanks is Santa's reward



This is great, Santa - thank you!



Is this it, Santa?



Santa shares a smile with his friends



LAFAYETTE'S OWN TAX MAN: This article is only for our Lafayette West employees. Dick Kallemeier, father of Leslie Kallemeier, offered last year to do taxes for Lafayette West's employees last year. He had several folks that took him up on his offer. He's looking to expand that number this year. This program is AARP / IRS certified. We are doing things a bit different this time around. We are putting out the word ahead of time and letting folks know about this service he has offered. Mr. Kallemeier will do for free the taxes of Lafayette West's staff, immediate parents or guardians and sheltered employees. So when you are getting ready to do your taxes, you might consider his offer and call to sign up. He said that he will provide an informational / fact sheet of items that will

be needed for the tax preparation. This sheet should take care of most questions that folks have. If you are interested, please call Becky S. at 636-227-5666, x1100 or email her at bstillwell@lafayetteindustries.com. We will be passing along the information we receive from you to Mr. Kallemeier. We won't begin accepting appointment requests until the third week of January or January 17th and ending with the deadline being the second Monday of February or February 14th.



LAFAYETTE INDUSTRIES'



FIRST ANNUAL MOUSE RACES

Place your bets and help raise funds for
Adults with Disabilities

Saturday Feb. 26, 2011

Doors Open 6:45 First Race 7:30

Elks Lodge #9

12481 Ladue Rd. (at Mason)

\$20 per person

Snacks provided ■ **Cash Bar**

Mouse Racing, 50/50 Roulette

Silent Auction, Raffle

SEE REGISTRATION FORM IN THE BACK OF THIS NEWSLETTER
ADD'L REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT LAFAYETTE FRONT DESK

or

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Lafayette Industries is a non-profit organization providing adults with disabilities
with jobs doing hand-assembly and packaging.



BUILDING DREAMS...
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES...



LAFAYETTE WEST'S 2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Lafayette Industries' staff gets together for a rare picture



Buddies posing for the camera



Yum - lunch is served!



One big sea of people - singing, eating, partying!



Sweatshirts came in handy for a cold winter!



The dancing begins



Folks continue getting their lunch!



Santa poses with a fellow Santa!

Another Christmas Season has come and gone at Lafayette West. This year the Christmas party had an added layer. Christmas music on the piano was provided while our great DJ from Sounsational set up her gear. Then the tunes began to crank out to set the mood for the party to follow. Everyone was greeted by a smile, and soon places were picked out where folks would be sitting for lunch and dancing. While folks were settling down, Becky and the Stonewalls, directed by our own Pam Randall, belted out some Christmas carols. They will be back next year with all new music and an even bigger sound. This is a promise or threat, depending on how you look at it. The next thing up was for people to go and get their meal for the day. As usual, it was quite a variety of food that was offered, followed by great desserts. Santa's little helpers, our own LWC Auxiliary, had been at the church early on to decorate and then set up the tables that folks found decked in the colors of the season along with poinsettias. It was a pretty scene.

After lunch a few folks hit the dance floor early to showcase their dancing style. They were soon joined by a whole bunch of people trying to "get down" with the beat provided by our DJ. Then it was time for Santa Claus to make his appearance. First he had to stop and get something to eat, and then he set up shop toward the front of the room. Pretty soon people were making their way to the front of the room to get their gift, which was a sweatshirt with the Lafayette logo on them. These have turned out to be a great gift because it has been such a cold,cold winter. Then they stopped, if they wanted, for a word with Santa Claus. Tim O'Leary brought up his usual Christmas list to be sure that Santa knew what he wanted for Christmas.

Too soon it was time to go and they started taking down all the great decorations and putting them away for another year. A big thanks to our LWC Auxiliary, and all of our volunteers. As we always say, you are vital to Lafayette and we really, really appreciate all that you do. A big shout-out to Wayne and Gloria Marek,our Auxiliary leaders, who work tirelessly behind the scenes making sure everything goes well. An extra-special thank you this year to Rob Libera and Kathie Boyer, who do so much for Lafayette that we never see. And finally a great big thank you to our workers who are always there doing the best job that they can. Another year is starting now - let's make it the best ever!



REGISTRATION FORM

LAFAYETTE INDUSTRIES 1ST ANNUAL MOUSE RACES



Saturday February 26, 2011 **REGISTER NOW! \$20/person** Attendance limited to 250

Name: _____ Email: _____
 Phone: _____ *(only required if you'd like an email confirmation of your registration)*

It will be open seating. However, if you're paying for 8 or more, we will automatically reserve a table for you.

\$20 x _____ (# attending) = \$ _____ (A) Total Attendance Donation
(we will have your tax receipt at the check-in desk at the event)

sponsor/name a mouse for \$20 each mouse name: _____
add \$20 for each additional mouse sponsorship and continue names on back of form

Your mouse will appear on the racing forms. We suggest naming it after your favorite Lafayette employee!

\$20 x _____ mouse sponsorship(s) = \$ _____ (B) Total for Sponsorship(s)

TOTAL PAYMENT (A + B) \$ _____

check cash mastercard visa

acct# _____ exp. _____

mail payment to: Lafayette Industries
 179 Gaywood Dr.
 Manchester, MO 63021
 Attn: Mouse Payment

name _____

(as it appears on credit card)

signature _____

(credit card users only)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FEBRUARY FOLK!

WEST

WEST (CONT.)

NORTH

NORTH (CONT.)

Pat	Clark	2	Zach	Leeker	16	Carl	Lampkin	1	James	Bateman	8
John	Alemani	5	Christopher	Hasser	19	Telly	Mays	2	Janay	Edwards	8
Neal	Cohen	6	Nancy	Taylor	20	Lynn	Reyland	2	Terry	Foerster	10
Mary Lee	Golliday	6	J. T.	Farmer	23	Michael	Harris	3	John	Sturgeon	11
Christina	Miller	7	Chris	Moore	23	Antoine	Edwards	4	Felita	Jenkins	12
Mark	Grosch	9	Ronald	Hantak	24	Blake	Heida	4	Christy	Mertz	25
James	Stuart	10	Gloria	Yowell	26						
David	Vanek	14	Michael	Gaglio	27						
Joshua	Stuart	15	Bryan	Sink	28						
Sherri	Farmer	16									

“Inflation is when you pay fifteen dollars for the ten-dollar haircut you used to get for five dollars when you had hair.”

LWC Auxiliary Meeting: The Auxiliary will meet at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 23, in the large boardroom of the LWC offices. The time may give more of you an opportunity to attend the short meeting and take your Lafayette worker home afterward. We hope you can join us.

LWC Valentine Dinner/Dance: By now you should have received the reservation forms sent home with your Lafayette worker. If he or she wishes to attend, please be sure to send in the form with \$10, by Monday, February 7, for each person staying at the party. For more information, phone Gloria Marek at 636 256-3976 or 314 799-7684. She can also be reached via e-mail at lwcaux@aol.com.

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		1	2 Groundhog Day 	3	4	5
6 Super Bowl XLV 	7	8	9	10 Pay Day 	11 North - Knights of Columbus Dance at Valley Ind. - 7:30-10:00 	12 Valentine Party - West - Knights Of Columbus Dance - St. Clare of Assisi School - 7:00-10:00 
13 1:00-4:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church - LWC Valentine Party Dinner / Dance 	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Malid un Nabi 	16 7:00 p.m. - Executive Committee 7:30 p.m. - Board of Directors	17	18 Full Moon 	19
20	21 President's Day -  Workshops are OPEN!	22	23 2:00 p.m. - LWC Auxiliary - meets in large board room of Lafayette West	24	25 Pay Day 	26
27	28					