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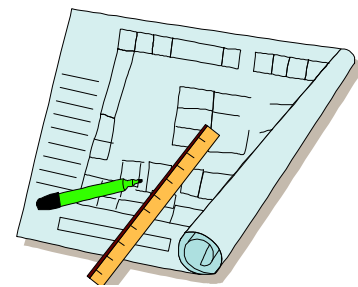
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"Visions of sugarplums danced in their heads" . . . Hey, wait a minute that's not what happened ! What happened was a simple dream turned into a possible dream and a possible dream turned into – A group of dedicated hard working people making a dream become a reality .

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Let the pencils begin

The time has arrived for selecting the Architect to begin drawing plans for the Aquatic Recreation Center. Several names have been suggested, now it is up to the Board to start the serious task of research and evaluation of the candidates.

Waaf hopes to have this selection process complete in the near future so the work by the Architect can be finished in time for several scheduled Fundraising events this summer. Look for more on this story in the next issue.



Volunteers (l-r) Tom Penry, Larry Lord & Joe Cleaver install our new sign

Waaf Thrift Store

320 Third St. [next to Subway]

Thrift Store Exceeds Expectations

In January of 2002 *Waaf* was presented with an opportunity they could not pass up. Given the nature of the gift, we realized it could be a very profitable undertaking.

The store we now occupy was a space used by the building owner's wife to collect and sell used merchandise left behind in their storage units when

renters vacated. She offered to give *Waaf* all the merchandise that was in the store. So we gratefully accepted her offer and after negotiations for rent we began a Saturday " Indoor Garage Sale". We ran a few ads in the newspaper informing the public of who we were and what *Waaf* was all about

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The simple dream started with the origination and organization of *Waaf*. Our first commitment was to start an after school recreation and study facility for kids. While we were looking for a suitable space to do this and at the same time trying to decide what would best serve the wishes of the majority of our kids here in McCall, we conducted a survey of the local community. After the survey was finished and statistics compiled, we began to get a better picture of what the kids and parents really wanted. From all this it became quite apparent what they wanted spelled YMCA. Because of the size of McCall and the number of residents we chose to build a smaller facility patterned after a YMCA. Our plans included a swimming pool large enough to accommodate competition swimming and community activities. About this time *Waaf* was approached by Mr. Don Reed, a McCall part time resident from Portland, who has a strong interest and experience designing Aquatic Centers. He wanted to know if we would be interested in joining forces with him to make the pool an Aquatic Center. After a few meetings it was obvious this is a really good idea. The *Waaf* Board met and voted yes to the proposal and the plan became The Aquatic Recreation Center. Community support is growing rapidly for this new idea and we are starting to see a good deal of effort put into making this happen for our citizens, young and old, here in McCall. The center will still have all the originally planned programs and activities. It will be run like a YMCA, where no one will be turned away because of their financial situation.

JOINING FORCES

CITY MANAGER PLEDGES SUPPORT



Robert Strope, McCall's City Manager, has pledged support for finding city property suitable for the Aquatic Recreation Center.

Our job now is to secure the financing for the project. Fundraising for the building will begin this summer.



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and what we are committed to. It did not take long before we were receiving donation after donation. McCall certainly rallied to the cause. Encouraged by popular demand we changed the name to *Waaf* Thrift Store in August. The store continues to grow faster than we ever imagined. We were able to reach a six month sales goal set for the store in less than five months. We know this will not always happen but for now it gives us hope for the future. The volunteers are all so wonderful and dedicated. They all share in the vision for the Aquatic Recreation Center. Our next effort will be to find a larger store. The donations are coming in at such a fast pace we need more room to display. The more we can display the greater the opportunity for sales increases. There is a committee at work now on the larger store project.

When the Aquatic Recreation Center opens, our goal is to provide funds generated from the Thrift Store towards the annual support of the recreation facility. We welcome anyone wanting to volunteer in the store or give donations to help us see our vision materialize quicker. Donations may be dropped off at the store or call for assistance.



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Waaf ANNUAL DINNER

Our Annual Dinner meeting, on November 2, 2002, was our first, so we decided to invite the public to a Dessert & Question forum following the dinner. To help us celebrate our progress we recognized all the wonderful Volunteers from the Thrift Store. We honored the following people: Sandi & Randy Nascimento, Janet & Larry Lord, Virginia & Malcolm Scott, Kim & Cassie Drake, Joe Cleaver, Tammy & Jeff Hannel, Arlene & Lewis Clark, Nicola & Kevin Voss, Destiny Hannel, Keifer Roark, Arlene & Carl Rosselli, Maria & Stacy Gebhards, Marylou & Dick Jones. Music was provided by Chad Lord on the Classical Guitar, and Solo renditions by Tom Penry. After dinner Don Reed from Portland talked to the audience about the benefits an Aquatic Center would bring to the people of McCall followed by the Question & Answer Forum. The forum opened with Helen Spaulding giving a brief description of the birth of the Aquatic Recreation Center.



McCALL WINTER CARNIVAL '2003

By invitation from the McCall Chamber of Commerce *Waaf* was involved in some of the events that took place during the nine days of the carnival. We co-hosted the Wine Tasting Evening at the Golf Course Club House and Family Taco Entertainment Night in the Old Ridley building. Our share of the proceeds will go to the Aquatic Recreation Center fund. We tried a Snow Sculpture, but that was not too successful. However, we did meet many wonderful people and were able to show a strong presence in the Community.

KIDS LOVE SUMMER CAMP

This past summer *Waaf* sponsored five kids to a week long Summer Church Camp. The lucky kids were chosen from the essay they each wrote and submitted by mail to *Waaf*. This was the first time these kids had ever been to a Summer Camp. On the ride back home after camp it was such a joy to listen to all the stories about what they did and how many new friends they made, each one hoping they could go back next year. One of the kids was so impressed with camp he said he really would like to be a counselor when he was older.

50'S-60'S ALL AMERICAN SOCK HOP

In March 2002 we held our first 50's-60's "All American Sock Hop" fundraiser. It was held at the McCall Elementary School. Everyone danced to the wonderful music from that era. Patsy Cline and Elvis Presley look-a-likes performed. Prizes for most authentic male and female costumes were given and lots of dance contests were held. Buffet style food and Coca Cola satisfied the appetites of the dancers and a great time was had by all. In fact it was such a success everyone voiced at the end of the affair "YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE THIS AN ANNUAL EVENT!" Per their request, we've scheduled the 2nd Annual 50's-60's Sock Hop.



Saturday May 3rd at 7:30 pm
 "COME ONE COME ALL-YOUNGSTER & OLDSTERS 8 to 80"
 Tickets Available At The *Waaf* Thrift Store

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Waaf Inc. An Interfaith Community Outreach

Committed to Creating “Strong Connected Families Within Our Community”

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Who & What is Waaf ?

Waaf is a Non-profit 501[c] [3] Community Outreach Organization
Committed to creating
“STRONG CONNECTED FAMILIES WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY”

Waaf is a group of people from various walks of life that care. Please Meet Our Board of Directors:

*Helen Spaulding
Cindy Summers
Judy Richards
Sheila Gunther
Ronald Gunther MD
Nancy Greaves
Pastor Charlottie Havlicak
Pastor Terry Terherst
Rev. Thomas Penry
Jerry Summers*

Waaf has a Community of followers that believe in helping each other for the common good of all.



Working Hard to make it happen

In the summer of 2002 a small group of women met in a living room to discuss the needs of our community. From this *Waaf* was formed. Our first order of business was to determine the community needs. After contact with various heads of Organizations and Agencies we were able to focus and compile a list of concerns we plan to address. Among them was sending underprivileged kids to Summer Camps, helping victims of abuse, adopting families at Christmas, and focusing on the welfare of working families and their kids. Eventually the Aquatic Recreation center was born. Something for everyone. Activities to *excite* and *enhance* the well being of young and old alike here in our community.