

2009 FALL NEWS



2009 4th Annual E.F. (Pat) Houser Memorial Golf Tournament

On Monday, July 13th more than 100 golfers turned out to support Skills under a perfect summer sky. On the ninth hole, they greeted special guest Jeremy Boone, Penn State punter, and took their best shot at winning a new 2009 Subaru Outback offered by Stuckey Subaru for the 'Hole-in-One' contest.

Thank you to the staff and volunteers who coordinated the many details and who came out the day of the event to help. It would not have been possible without your support. The tournament overall, brought in \$21,423 this year.

This years winners were:

1st Place: First Commonwealth Bank with a score of 53.
Tim Nagle, Pat Nagle, Terry Lingenfelter, and Craig Kling

2nd Place: Andrews & Beard Law Offices with a score of 54.
Dave Andrews, Scott Andrews, Denny Stewart, and T.J. Kakabar

3rd Place: Thompson's Pharmacy with a score of 55.
Rob Tyler, Gene Tyler, Jeff Nycum, and Dave Varsho

Putting Contest: Bill Lodanosky

Longest Drive: Ron Haring

Closest to the pin: Jeff Nycum (3")

Tim Houser's Team
Watch to see where
the ball goes!



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All proceeds from the tournament benefits The Skills Foundation which supports the programs and services of Skills of Central Pa, Inc.



Computer Recycling Night at Spikes was a **HIT!**

On August 11, 2009, Skills partnered with the State College Spikes to keep Pennsylvania green. WOSKOB brought their newly painted truck to Medlar Field at Lubrano Park and filled it up with computers that were donated for recycling by the community.

We received a lot of great publicity from this event, including community members that were very interested in our events and newsletters. Everyone who attended the game had a great time, and the Spikes won!

We collected: 21 monitors, 20 towers, 14 keyboards, 12 mice, 2 laptops, 2 scanners, 13 printers, plus cables and speakers totaling a weight of approximately 1,420 lbs.

Thanks again to everyone who came and volunteered their time to help and to those of you who had something to donate to our workshops.

Every computer recycled helps create jobs for the individuals we serve.



Dan Lehman got to throw the first pitch, and got his photo with Ike!



L. to R.: Gina Montgomery, Mary Kay Fultz, Denise Hahn, Karen Weyant, Joe Weilacher, Jolene Ernst, Steve Martynuska, and Jay Shawley.



Jay Shawley helped to load up the truck with the old computers.



50th Anniversary Calendar Fundraiser

The 2010, 50th Anniversary Calendar Fundraiser will benefit Skills of Central PA, Inc. in its 50th Anniversary Celebration. We thank you for your participation in our fundraising efforts.

Purchase price is \$20 for each calendar. Each calendar offers 150 chances to win cash prizes throughout the year. The three digit number on the front of your calendar is your daily lottery number. We will be using the Pennsylvania Lottery 3-digit Daily number drawn at 7:00 p.m. If your calendar number matches the PA Daily number on one of the days marked "Win \$", then you will win the amount shown in the box for that day. We will have a staff following the PA Daily Number, and issue payments accordingly. You do not have to do anything to collect your money: we will mail you your winnings on the next business day. All calendars must be sold by December 31st to be eligible to win throughout the entire year. Any calendar sold after December 31st will only be eligible to win after the date of sale. If you have any questions, please contact: Lori Lange at (814) 238-3245 ext. 321.

**Calendars are on sale now.
Please check with your nearest
Skills office to purchase one.**



Dear family members and business partners,

A major issue facing us collectively (as of this writing on 9/21/09) is the ongoing saga of the Pennsylvania budget. The Legislators and the Governor were to have a budget passed by July 1, 2009. We received word this past Friday that the Senate Democrats and Republicans, the House Democrats and the Governor have come to an agreement regarding this current year's budget. However, it is likely to be one to two weeks before a budget is actually passed and the dollars begin flowing within the Commonwealth. This assumes that the House Republicans are able to join with the others although it is possible for the House Democrats to pass it without the House Republicans due to having the majority.

While we have not received funding from the state agencies we are still receiving Federal funds for the Waiver Programs that we provide. This amounts to approximately 90% of our revenue so we are still able to make our payroll as well as pay our expenses and I believe that this will continue to be true through at least October. By that time the Commonwealth should have its budget passed and implemented.

If the budget is not passed for any reason, we are encouraging all concerned citizens to please write a letter to your legislators to encourage them to get a budget passed. If you have questions please feel free to give me a call at 814-238-3245. Hopefully the budget crisis will soon be over.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David M. Lie".

September 14th through 18th was National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week!

In a show of bipartisan support, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved Senate Resolution 228 designating the week beginning September 14th as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week." Sponsored by Senator Ben Nelson from Nebraska, the resolution recognizes the invaluable supports Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) provide and the difference this workforce makes in the lives of Americans with disabilities. The Senate is recognizing all DSPs for their dedication and the vital role that they play in enhancing the lives of individuals of all ages and realizes that the successful implementation of the public policies of the United States depends on the dedication of direct support professionals.

As president and CEO of Skills of Central PA, Inc., I would like to personally recognize the Direct Care Professionals for all of their hard work and dedication to the individuals served by Skills. If you are a family member, please remember to thank the direct care staff who works with your child, sister, brother, or other family member.

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Mission Statement:

Skills of Central Pennsylvania, Inc., is committed to creating opportunities and providing support for people who need specialized services to enhance all aspects of their lives.



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Penn State Fans Get on your Blue & White

Join, guest of honor, John Skorupan at Skills' Penn State Tailgate Party '09 on October 24th at Celebration Hall in State College.

Penn State vs. Michigan
Get Your Tickets NOW!

Tickets \$25 each (\$30 at the door)
Call Lori at (814) 238-3245 ext. 321

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