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CANCER IN KIDS @ RCH INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

CIKA's 30th Anniversary

AT THE ANNUAL

Blue and Orange Ball

SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST 2010 - FROM 6:15 PM
SEBEL ALBERT PARK
65 QUEENS ROAD, MELBOURNE

Have you got your tickets yet? The 2010 Ball is set to be a night to remember. In this, our 30th year, we're aiming for our best Ball ever. Our return to The Sebel in Albert Park last year was a great success and we know many of you were impressed with the food, fun and focus on bargains that were a feature of the night. In 2010 we plan to retain some of your favorites plus add some surprises. Should you wish to obtain more information about the Ball to pass on to family and friends then do not hesitate to contact Sandra Lehrer (9696 9775) or the Auxiliaries Office at the Royal Children's Hospital (9345 5522). A link is also available on our website www.cika.org.au



As always our major sponsors are again behind us. They recently met together to reaffirm their commitment to CIKA and set the challenge for the wider CIKA community to raise a minimum of \$100,000 at this year's Ball.

In addition, Israel Rosenfield has set a further challenge to nine other individuals or companies to match his personal donation of \$3000 in order to start our 30th Anniversary Ball with a combined donation of \$30,000.

*Israel Rosenfield and Peter Mitchell;
both are committed CIKA supporters*

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President's Letter



How exciting it is to announce that we are committing the results of our fundraising to the continuation of the current research project which is showing so much promise. To be supporting a project at the clinical trial stage is to know that CIKA is really helping to make a difference to the lives of families with a child suffering from cancer. We can only continue to support this vital research with your help. CIKA supporters worked hard in the last year and have managed to raise over \$160,000.

In this our 30th year we hope to make the annual Blue and Orange Ball a night to remember. We hope to see all our supporters, large and small, at this special function. Make sure you mark the date in your diaries now - August 21!

This year has also provided some recognition of CIKA's work from the Victorian Minister for Health, the Hon. Daniel Andrews. In a recent letter to me he displayed an understanding of our work and the need for ongoing commitment.

"The impact of cancer on children is not only immediate but can have lasting and devastating effects on their health, relationships with friends, family and with

school or work. When a child becomes ill with cancer, this is a diagnosis which impacts upon their entire community; parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters, their school and friends. Care not only needs to support the patient's physical recovery but also needs to maintain their social, educational and emotional wellbeing and development. This is why the fundraising you do for critical cancer research is so important. Childhood cancer is both a medical and emotional challenge and I commend you for the work you do in raising awareness of the burden of childhood cancer and the exceptional challenges it carries."

Of course, in addition to providing support for the Blue and Orange Ball, lots of people help CIKA in its activities throughout the year as well and we try to highlight their efforts both in this newsletter and on the CIKA website. We hope that you enjoy reading about them. As their stories show, there are many ways to help CIKA, through cash or product donation, by giving your time or by attendance at our fundraising events.

Sandra Lehrer, President.

History & Aims

CIKA was founded in April 1980 by 3 families, to increase the awareness of cancer in children and to encourage financial support to aid research into children's cancer. CIKA is an official auxiliary of the Royal Children's Hospital and is open to any interested person who feels that they would like to contribute to help CIKA.

Over 140 children under 15 years of age are diagnosed with cancer each year in Victoria and 90% of these children are treated at RCH. CIKA is committed to providing funding for research into solid tumors, the most common group of childhood cancer. Solid tumors include Wilm's tumor, Neuroblastoma, Osteosarcoma and Ewing's Sarcoma.

Apart from the influence of genetic factors, inherited conditions and exposure to ionising radiation, little is known of the cause(s) of childhood cancers and nothing can be done to prevent them. Therefore, the need to continue financial support for research into childhood cancer is imperative.

The hopes and dreams of CIKA are to stop children from ever contracting these types of cancer, but if they do, to ensure that the treatment they receive is successful. At present, the only way to move positively towards these ideals is through research.

CIKA has actively supported research projects at RCH with financial assistance since its inception and will continue to do so until these types of cancer are cured. CIKA is recognised as one of the foremost fundraising auxiliaries of the RCH, Melbourne.

The CIKA logo is in memory of the children of the founding families of CIKA. One child liked birds, particularly seagulls, one child liked butterflies and the other liked flowers especially nasturtiums.

May the children rest in peace.

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2010 Professional Development Weekend - May 22 and 23



Jenny Carafa, Julie Casilli, Colleen Clift, Bernie Dawson, Christine Duyvestyn, Sandra Lehrer, Lou Learmonth, Ellen Webb

Each year a number of the CIKA committee get together to plan the coming year. Although we were smaller in number this year it did not mean a reduction in ideas.

Highlights of the weekend were:

- Examination of the support CIKA receives
- Reaffirmation of the CIKA constitution
- Commitment to supporting families through action
- Development of the next year's calendar of events for CIKA
- Work on a five year plan for CIKA.

We all cherish the time that this weekend affords us; a time to both renew and value friendships and to concentrate on the work of CIKA without the distraction of our much loved families and full-time jobs. Thanks again to Ellen for researching and booking our fantastic accommodation in Daylesford and organizing the roster so that we produced some truly scrumptious meals.

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Stall Dates 2010

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| Thursday, July 29th | CIKA + Merchandise |
| Wednesday, August 4th | CIKA + Merchandise |
| Thursday, September 2nd | Merchandise |
| Monday, September 6th | CIKA |
| Thursday, October 21st | CIKA + Merchandise |
| Monday, November 22nd | CIKA + Merchandise |
| Tuesday, November 30th | CIKA (Andy's Market) |
| Friday, December 3rd | CIKA + Merchandise |

Celebrating Our 30th Anniversary



Early in the year a group of CIKA supporters got together to mark the occasion of CIKA's 30th anniversary. It was a great night and the CIKA committee would especially like to thank Lou Learmonth for opening her home to us all. It was a great opportunity to reflect on the growth of CIKA over the years and reaffirm our commitment to supporting research into the causes and better treatment of cancer in children.



Fundraising Parties

In recent months some CIKA supporters have held party nights for friends and family with proceeds going to CIKA. Thanks to those who held Body Shop and PartyLites parties. Not only does it raise valuable funds, it also increases awareness of CIKA's work and the need for continued research. If you would like to host such a party and donate the funds to CIKA please contact Sandra on 9696 9775 or president@cika.org.au



Enjoying the Good Life and Supporting CIKA



Just in case you've ever wondered about those wonderful experiences for which people bid furiously at the Blue and Orange Ball.....

Here are Anne Dynon, Doug, Kerry, Nicholas and Ashleigh Bail enjoying their day on the bay.



"We were the successful bidders for a 'sailing experience' auctioned at the Blue and Orange Ball. We set sail from Blairgowrie, at 11.30, sailing around a seal colony and arriving at Queenscliff at about 1.30pm. We had a short stroll around and then went up the tower. We then had a delicious BBQ on the boat and then sailed back to via Portsea and Sorrento arriving back at Blairgowrie at about 5.00pm. A lovely day!"

Thank you to **Sorrento Sailing Escape** for their donation.

Monster Raffle



Pat Livingstone, Lyn Webber and Pam Phillips display one of the raffle prizes

CIKA supporter Pam Phillips decided that a monster raffle, promoted over three months, would be a novel way to promote CIKA and to raise much needed funds. The raffle was sponsored and promoted by Michelle Lanigan Real Estate and proved to be the most successful raffle that CIKA has held to date, raising \$5000.00.

We were most fortunate to have all prizes donated and we pay special thanks to Mandy Foot of Manda Jane Quilting for the stunning Mother Goose quilt valued at \$1500.00 donated as first prize. The other four prizes were donated by our loyal sponsors BMW, Enfield Pine, Tempo Hair and Colorific.

The raffle was drawn under supervision at the RCH on the 21st of December and all winners were notified. The CIKA team would like to thank Pam for all the hours she devoted to this event.

And the winner is...

Unbeknownst to Sandra the CIKA committee made a recent submission to the 2010 Not For Profit SACS Leadership Awards. We entered Sandra, our inspirational leader in the Executive Leader category. We congratulate all the nominees listed below.

Although we don't yet know the result of this nomination, we are all agreed that CIKA couldn't have a better leader. It is a joy and a privilege to work with her.



Ellen Webb congratulates Sandra Lehrer on her nomination.

Nominees:

- * Mandy Burns, Chief Executive Officer, Ardoch Youth Foundation
- * Allen Dewhirst, Chief Executive Officer, Salvos Stores
- * Cheryl De Zilwa, Chief Executive Officer, Windermere Child & Family Services
- * Tanya Gilchrist, Chief Executive Officer, Samarinda Aged Services
- * Sandra Hills, Chief Executive Officer, Benetas
- * Louise James, Chairperson (2003-2009) One In Five Association Incorporated
- * Marija Joyce, General Manager – Southern Services Division, OzChild Children of Australia
- * Sandra Lehrer, President, Cancer in Kids @ RCH (CIKA)
- * Jodie Willmer, Chief Executive Officer, Travellers Aid Australia

2010 Dog Show



The 2010 Pooches in the Park Dog Show took place on Sunday 21 March at Flemington Primary School. It was great to have the involvement of the school and we especially thank the Principal, Lesley Mc Carthy. Students assisted by making posters to promote the event and helped make food to sell at the canteen on the day.

Truly a community day, 2010 saw 73 dogs registered, who, along with their very proud owners made the day memorable. As always, games and activities involving dogs and their owners were a feature. In the judged events the 'Faster Eater' and 'Best Dressed Dog' categories are always fun and there is no egg and spoon race like ours to be found anywhere! There was something for everyone; even those unaccompanied by a canine friend. Margaret Greenwood, a long time CIKA supporter, did brisk business with her lovely jams. Once again there was a 'guess my weight' competition starring Mia, canine companion of Judy Benholz. We were entertained with live music, Flemington Rotary manned a BBQ to feed the hungry and there was a wonderful Royal Children's Hospital stall organised by Ruth and Sharron. There were also two beautifully decorated cakes made by Kate Benholz which brought over \$100.00 at auction.

Over \$2,400 was raised this year. The Dog Shows have become a much anticipated event in the CIKA calendar and we recognise Committee Member Dr Anne Dynon of Flemington Veterinary Hospital for her continued enthusiasm and commitment to this event.



Are you one of the visitors to CIKA's website? www.cika.org.au

The CIKA website continues to develop. As well as being the best place to learn about recent CIKA events and those coming soon it also enables people to learn about CIKA and its aims. And, of course, the stories of the CIKA children continue to inspire us all.

Where do our funds come from and where do they go?

It's easy to say that the money raised by CIKA goes to research but to the lay person that often does not make us any the wiser. Obviously money provided by CIKA allows the Children's Cancer Centre to fund the work of the researchers by providing salaries and other consumables. At other times, however, we have requests for specific equipment. Recently lead researcher Denise Caruso let us know of the need for an A-80 C freezer to be used for biological research. This super freezer enables researchers to store cell samples from patients in an inactive state for an indefinite amount of time. The cell samples can subsequently be thawed carefully to ensure their viability, and used for diagnostic research and clinical applications.



Ronnie Goldberg (left) and Murray Verso present Sandra Lehrer with a cheque for \$13,000.

Through a business meeting CIKA Committee member, Fred Bergman, met Dr Roland (Ronnie) Goldberg OAM, Chairperson of the Rotary project "Friends R 4". Ronnie became very interested in the work that CIKA funds and, after a meeting with Dr Caruso, he offered his support to assist in meeting the urgent requirement for this freezer for the research lab at the Children's Cancer Centre. On Monday the 7th of December, in conjunction with Murray Verso, Past President of the Williamstown Rotary Club, he presented Sandra Lehrer, President of CIKA, with a cheque for \$13,000.00.

The CIKA team appreciate the terrific effort that Ronnie put in to achieve this great result and, together with donations of \$5,500 from The Macedon Ranges Focus Group, \$1000 from Andy and Gwen Kakafikis, owners of TBS (Aust), importers and wholesalers of curtain and blind hardware, \$1000 from The Woodpeckers and \$5,500 from the Old Time Wood Days annual event held in November, we were able to provide the \$26,000.00 required to purchase this important piece of equipment.



Jenny Carafa, Chris Rhodes, Elaine Gregory and Sandra Lehrer at the Macedon Ranges Focus Group annual Christmas lunch.

Macedon Ranges Focus Group

The Focus group was formed primarily to encourage friendship, education and socialization between the women of the Macedon Ranges. Focus has been a major sponsor of CIKA for over 12 years and, whilst their monthly activities are varied, their main endeavours are directed to supporting the funding that CIKA contributes to the RCH. A major event on the CIKA calendar is the annual Macedon Ranges Focus Group's Christmas party. Members of the CIKA team have been attending the Focus Christmas lunch over many years and it is always a good time to catch up with old friends, enjoy the visit from Santa, sing some carols and enjoy a lovely meal in good company.

This year was no exception and President Chris Rhodes presented CIKA with a cheque for \$5,500.00. This was an exceptional fundraising effort with and all the Focus members were pleased

that this money would be allocated to assist with the purchase of a freezer for the research laboratory at the Children's Cancer Centre. All in all, the Macedon Ranges Focus Group has donated \$56,181.15 since its inception in 1997. A wonderful commitment.

Margaret McCormick

79 years young and mother of six she taught herself to sew and do all sorts of craft mainly out of necessity. Not only did she find that she was good at it, it became a real love. She made the wedding dresses for each of her four daughters and for many others in the local community.

Coming from a small community Margaret has always been involved. She represented her small town of Wakool on the Health and Community Services committee, represented the town at local council, was a Girl Guide leader, P&F committee member at the local school, Netball Club committee member and Umpire, Football Club committee member and committee member of the local Church. She was also an emergency school teacher and Pre-school teacher. With seventeen years between her oldest and youngest child, she gave long service in each of these roles. She was even awarded Citizen of the Year for the Wakool Shire.



Four years ago Margaret moved to Wangaratta and now is participating in Friends of the Hospital, the local church and the local craft group. Last year, however, was not a good year for her when she tore the cartilage in her knee, ultimately having to find a place for husband in a nursing home. This resulted in her having lots of idle time in a lounge chair. When visited not long after, she had already knitted 12 jumpers, 12 beanies and about 10 scarves for the Guardian Chemist and they still hadn't opened their appeal so it was suggested she knit for CIKA. A trip to the knitting mills to purchase bags of wool of all colours and she was ready to start creating.

Margaret is now supplying CIKA with beautifully created children's knitwear, knitted toys, appliquéd clowns and other beautiful items. Her goods are labelled with 'Madge' a nickname her children gave her during their childhood. She is spreading the word of CIKA around Wangaratta through her craft group and the hospital. The lady from the local haberdashery recently gave her some buttons and is looking out for some more knitters for CIKA. Occasionally she will send things down to Melbourne that someone else has created and left at the Haberdashery shop.

GO MADGE!!!!



The Woodpeckers

The Woodpeckers are major sponsors of CIKA and at the last Woodpeckers golf day for 2009 a large crowd of furniture-industry representatives enjoyed a great but windy game of golf and later gathered at the clubhouse for fellowship and an evening meal. CIKA President Sandra gave a short presentation and Woodpeckers dug deep a thousand dollars was secured to assist in the purchase of the freezer.

Gerald Meade of Bev Marks Bedding and fellow Woodpeckers after announcing the result of their fundraising effort for CIKA.

New Arrivals



Every member of the CIKA community sends best wishes to the Casilli family on the safe arrival of Ayden Joseph Casilli, born 22 Feb 2010 and weighing 7lb, 1 oz.

You can read the story of proud father, Sam, on the CIKA website at <http://www.cika.org.au/Sam>



Faye and Michael Love are proud grandparents to another grandson. First child for daughter Sarah and her husband Mat, Jarrod Alexander was born on Wednesday, June 2 at 6pm, weighing in at 8 pounds 12 ounces and 53 cm long. Jarrod is gorgeous and doing well. Sarah and Mat are settling into parenthood beautifully.

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Wood Days Calendar 2011

Orders are now being taken for next year's calendar. This annual fundraiser for CIKA is always a sellout and is a testament to the hard work of Andrew and Christine Duyvestyn and their team of loyal supporters. With the calendar due for delivery in late August, orders are now being taken. Please contact Andrew or Christine for further information. Email: acduyvestyn@westvic.com.au Telephone: 03 5576 1217



CIKA Team

The CIKA team consists entirely of volunteers who give their time to raise money for research into children's cancer. This year's team consists of:



Peter Mitchell, Patron



Sandra Lehrer, President



Ellen Webb, Vice President

Fred Bergman
Leah Bergman
Judy Benholz
Jenny Carafa
Mario Carafa
Julie Casilli
Sam Casilli
Colleen Clift
David Clift
Bernie Dawson (Secretary)

Jim Dawson
Anne Dynon
Andrew Duyvestyn
Christine Duyvestyn
Dean Duyvestyn
Damien Finn
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