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SPARC's First Fundraiser: A Sweet Success!

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"Our Trip To England"

We had a world wind tour of England on SPARC Airlines!!

SPARC Enjoys Sweet Celebration

By: Ryan

Our first fundraiser for SPARC took place at the Cotnoir house on July 28, 2007. The warm summer weather served as a perfect backdrop for the festivities. The purpose of the social was to heighten awareness of the club and showcase the diverse array of activities that members accomplish in each club meeting. We raised a large amount of money in the process.

The social also gave members and their friends a chance to further enhance our social circle. It also provided an outlet to renew old friendships and catch up on memories as well as make new acquaintances. While the friends mingled, some members assisted with the actual process of manufacturing the ice cream with the aid of adaptive devices such as a hand switches. Another member greeted guests and made sure they received nametags.

A wonderful time was had by all!



"Sweet Friends at the Ice Cream Social"



SPARC Visits England!

By Ellen and Adam

Thank You Mrs. Cotnoir and Mrs. Strother for being such great flight attendants on our "trip" to England. It was so great of you to organize and show us a little bit about

England's history, infrastructure, wonderful landscape and countryside.

For those of you that don't know, the ladies simulated

a trip to England for us at McLean Bible Church. They showed us a visual photo gallery of the sites that they saw. They showed us a lot from start (boarding passes & passports) to finish



Visit to England (Con't)

(Souvenirs & duty free shop) and all sites in between!

We really got an idea of what it would be like to take a real trip to England!



Waiting in the SPARC“terminal”!!

Our Cookbook is Back—Place Your Orders !

Now that schools are back in session, SPARC looks forward to working once again with our partners, in the Robinson High School WAT class. We're also excited to report that Falls Church High School WAT class has offered to take our cookbook production as one of their project too! It's so

wonderful to have the support of both these WAT programs in the production of our cookbook, [SPARC Cookbook: An Explosion of Flavor!](#)

Monica and the “Sparcles” worked very hard to compile recipes that are easy and tasty! The cookbook

is a collection of wonderful recipes that have been adapted.

There's always something delicious cooking in the SPARC kitchen.

To order your cookbook for only \$12.00 each email:

monica.benteler@sparcontheweb.org

Meet Club Member Jonathan....

Names are drawn for the featured “Sparcle”. Three names were then drawn to select the club member interviewers. Here's Justin D., Hazem, and Cathy as this month's reporters interviewing Jonathan!

(Q) What do you like to do?

(A) Usually I go on the internet to

do email if I'm not doing an art project.

(Q) What was it like going to George Mason University?

(A) For awhile it was different but, I got used to it really fast.

(Q) Was it different because you

have a wheelchair?

(A) Sometimes, but not often. I just got used to being there.

(Q) What kind of classes did you take?

(A) The program I was in, the LIFE program; had indepen-

Three Cheers for SPARC Club Members!

By Philip, Jeff and Matt

We have some special congratulations to highlight this issue.

Congratulations to Adam, Jonathan and Matt for graduating from George Mason University LIFE program!

We would like to congratulate Hazem for graduating from Falls Church High School this summer! Philip got an award-

from the Hunter Mill Swim Team for being The Outstanding Volunteer!

Also, Ryan received the volunteer recognition award for being The Outstanding Volunteer for Therapeutic Recreation this summer! We would also like to congratulate Jeff for being elected The Chairman of Therapeutic Recreation Advisory Board!

Way to Go Sparcles!!!

Meet Jonathan (continued)

dent living classes.

(Q) Were your classes fun?

(A) Most times!

(Q) Do you have any goals?

(A) I'd like to be able to do more and live independently...on my own.

(Q) What fun activities do you like to do with friends?

(A) I LOVE going out to lunch and dinner, I'm telling ya!



Jonathan grillin' up hotdogs for friends at the End of Summer BBQ at Southgate!

SPARC Says "Thank You to Our Supporters !"

Thank You for your continued support!!!

David Broder

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Ruth Ziebell

Business matters.....

SPARC celebrates our supporters!

As our newsletter reporters have written, we had a busy summer. We are grateful for all the hard work from SPARC families and friends who made our first fundraiser *A Sweet Success!* We send a special thank you to the Cotnoir family for hosting "An Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social"! We raised \$3000.00 at our event.

Monica has kept us very busy at the club. SPARC club members are working on the next entrepreneurial project; note cards! You're going to LOVE them! Lindsay's sensory activities have had us all giggling and are a big hit! Monica plans to begin music and art therapy in October.

We appreciate the generosity of McLean Bible Church in donating a classroom allowing SPARC to continue uninterrupted for the summer. Our virtual trip to England on SPARC Airlines was just one of the highlights. Thanks to Linda Strother, and Marylou Cotnoir for a memorable trip!

While the clubhouse is filled with fun and friendship we still need to continue working on our funding goals. Our goal of \$142,156 is still ahead of us. We have expanded another operating day in our week and have new club members at SPARC. Our Ice Cream Social was the kickoff of our gifting/giving program. We need more donors who will contribute monthly to the

club. Each gift is important! Supporters can visit and donate through our website www.sparcontheweb.org or receive pre-addressed envelopes.

We continue to look for private-sector and faith-based partnerships to help reach our goal. We need your help!

This is a significant challenge, and I'm confident that working together to "support the best club in Northern Virginia" we'll reach our goals!

Go Team!

Donna

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

The SPARC 1st Birthday Party is scheduled for December 7th at the Southgate Community Center from 11AM-1PM

You're going to want a piece of this birthday cake!!!!!!