



JA TODAY

Junior Achievement®

Winter 2005



Luke Paine, middle front, is awaiting a double lung transplant and raising funds to pay for it. Generous JA auction-goers set a record for giving to JA and donated to Paine's cause as well. From left, JA auction chairman Ed Carmona, JA auction committeeman John Burdett and Luke's dad, Mark Paine, Paine Auction Services.

Generosity

Junior Achievement of Northeast Kansas counts on fund-raisers to cover expenses of bringing the JA message to more than 15,000 students every year. The annual auction Nov. 20 showcased



the awesome giving spirit of the Topeka community
Continued Page 2



John Williams, seated center, and Annette Kenoly, standing right, team to teach Junior Achievement to this eighth grade Eisenhower Middle School class.

Eisenhower well served by Williams, Kenoly team

Eisenhower Middle School eighth graders enjoy a special partnership between teacher Annette Kenoly and her Junior Achievement volunteer John Williams.

"John gives the kids a nice view of what is out there in the world," Kenoly said. "JA helps kids set some goals and tells them what it takes to get there."

He said JA students have approached him years later saying, "I remember you, you're my JA teacher."

Williams, an employee of the Division of Facilities Management, state of Kansas, has worked with Kenoly for two years. "She interacts with the discussions and is very supportive of what's being taught," Williams said. He's worked with JA for more than a decade.

"I have a compassion for young people and want to help guide them toward a positive direction in life," Williams said.

"I believe JA has a good message," he said. "I think the kids enjoy the interaction and learning the 'Success in Life' materials."

He is one of many volunteers working with every child at Eisenhower Middle School. Students participate in sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Williams also works with seventh graders during the Spring semester.

Williams' other volunteer activities include the prison ministry and the Shawnee County Inmate Re-Entry Program.

Williams and his wife, Corliss, have four children.



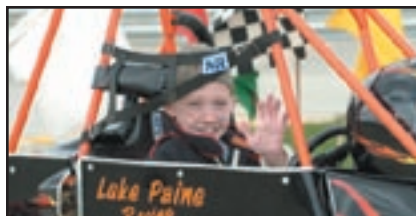
Pulling for Paine

A magical thing happened during the Junior Achievement auction this year. Junior Achievement and many of the businesses supporting the JA Auction stepped up to help auctioneer Mark Paine, of Paine Auction Services, collect extra funds for his son, Luke, who faces a double lung transplant.

"It was very touching for me to be part of the JA auction," Paine said. "They were so generous to my family and to JA."

JA decided to sell some items to benefit Luke's lung transplant. Mitch Miller was filling in as the auctioneer. As Miller began to sell, John Burdett quietly went to him and said that he would Match up to \$500 of the sales price to benefit Luke. Immediately Martin Tractor matched \$1,000 and others opened their hearts to Luke. Neil Carlson, Chuck Lower, CBiz, Ron & Julie Hein, Jim Klausman, Jim & Nancy Parrish, Ferrell Construction, Doug & Kathy Stacken, and Rich Woltkamp all joined in to help Luke.

Luke, an 11-year-old, is afflicted with Innerstata, a genetic lung disease. He needs a lung transplant to be performed in St. Louis. The rare disease is diagnosed only a handful of times each



Luke Paine loves racing and even hits the track with a special quarter-midget car fitted for his oxygen tank.

year in the U.S.

The transplant process will take six months. His insurance carrier pays a portion, but the family is bracing for more than \$100,000 in expenses.

"Luke is a really upbeat, high-spirited kid," Paine said. "He loves car racing and has a special quarter-midget car fitted for his oxygen tank."

"When people started to donate to our family at the JA auction, it was a surprise," Paine said. "Everyone was sitting there fighting tears...an incredible feeling."

Paine donates his auction services to Junior Achievement. The 10-year auctioneer also performs the Festival of Trees Auction. "This is my way of giving back to the community," Paine said.

Auction success

Continued from Page 1

as attendees set a record of more than \$121,000 for the cause, according to Auction Chairman Ed Carmona, ILC of Topeka. More than 1,000 items were donated by the business community.

"We had some great items," Carmona said. "We had a car from Ed Bozarth Chevrolet, a cruise and a Rolex watch from Briman's. The enthusiasm and motivation was great."

Carmona said in his first year as auction chair, he felt like crying. "There is so much benefit to the 15,000 people we affect through JA," he said.

While

2003 was a banner year with \$107,000 raised including eight VIP tables, the 2004 auction committee sold 20 VIP tables and raised \$121,000. "We're going to try and top it next year," he said.

Carmona said the entire committee spent considerable time in coordinating the auction. He pointed to Mitch Miller and John Burdett for extra efforts and to Bob Washatka, Mike Faler, Greg Fankhauser, Denise Peterson, Chris Stratmann, Mark Kossler, Jim Martin, Mark Strong and Jeff Sorensen for great help on the committee.

"Helping the kids is what this is all about," said John Burdett, committee-man. "JA brings a lot of great things to our classrooms. Education is something that you can give and no one can take away."



Four inducted to Hall of Fame

Junior Achievement along with the selection committee for the Topeka Business Hall of Fame recently named four individuals in to the 2005 Topeka Business Hall of Fame. 2005 Laureates will be inducted at an inspiring black tie Tribute Dinner Thursday, Jan. 20 at the Maner Conference Center.

Laureates already in the Topeka Business Hall of Fame are: Henry Bubb, Emery Fager, Lou Falley, Jerry Farley, Dean Ferrell, Ruth Fink, Cyrus K. Holliday, Velma Pollock and Louis Pozez.

The 2005 inductees include:

J.H. "HAM" ABRAHAMS

J.H. "Ham" Abrahams was one of the most prominent leaders in Topeka for six decades.

Ham worked for Security Benefit Group as chief executive and chairman of the board from 1978 until his death in 1996.

Abrahams was J.H. Abrahams Chairman of the Red Cross Board when the disastrous 1951 flood hit Topeka. He was a moving force in the establishment of St. David's Episcopal Church and also served as Treasurer for the Episcopal Diocese for Kansas for many years. He served as Menninger Foundation Trustee.

He served as Menninger Foundation Trustee and on numerous corporate and nonprofit boards.

EDWIN "TRAIN" HUGHES

After five tries, Conoco agreed to let Edwin "Train" Hughes open Hughes Conoco Service Station, which he owned and operated for 40 years. His was one of the first minority-owned businesses that operated outside of the minority community.

Hughes provided his own resources to sponsor and coach an AAU Basketball team, the Hughes Conoco Team. He found youngsters who needed a chance, and helped them develop positive goals.

Today, Hughes works with youth through the Rites of Passage Program. He is revered by many and respected for his wish to be of service to others and the community.

FRANK SABATINI

Frank Sabatini serves as Chairman Emeritus of the Board and a Director of Capital City Bank.

Sabatini owned as many as 60 Pizza

Continued Page 3



Ed Hughes



Frank Sabatini





Miller provides expertise to Junior Achievement

Since 1990, Junior Achievement of Northeast Kansas has benefited from dedicated work by Mitch Miller.

Miller serves as treasurer on the JA executive board. His business, Dynamic Computer Solutions, also donates the computer system used at the JA auction. Miller has served on the JA of NE Kansas board of directors since 1995.

"I had JA in high school many years ago," Miller said. "It provides kids from kindergarten through high school with the ability to understand the free enterprise system."

Miller's company spells a entrepreneurial success story. He opened doors in 1984 working on old Commodore 64 and Atari 400 computer systems.

Today, he employs 20 people that

support businesses with three to 300 computers. Dynamic provides business ISP as well.

Miller's employees helped organize the JA auction, setting up six computers and laser printers.

His computers provided bidder and auction numbers, then checked out guests accepting payment and providing a printed invoice for their goods.

His company fielded three Bowl-A-Thon teams which raised more than \$1,500.

Miller is active in the Sales and Marketing Executives of Topeka, Topeka Chamber of Commerce, Rescue Mission, Let's Help, and the Girl Scout Council.

Miller, and his wife, Fran, have two daughters.

Junior Achievement of Northeast Kansas Board of Directors

- Tim Beymer, Josten's
- Debra Black, University National Bank
- Diana Buechle, Kansas Gas Service
- John Burdett, Burdett & Associates
- Ed Carmona, ILC of Topeka
- Michel' Cole, SBG
- H.W. Craig, Martin Tractor
- Jeff Croskey, Bank of America
- Garry Cushinberry, Commerce Bank
- Mike Faler, Commerce Bank
- Greg Fankhauser, Heritage Bank
- Vince Frye, Frye-Allen
- Richard Gannon, Kansas Press Association
- Ward Hawley, Hallmark Cards
- Nate Hill, KSNT-TV
- Jeanne Hippe, Del Monte
- Ralph Hoyos, Payless ShoeSource
- Ann Hughes, SBC
- Scott Jenkins, Horizon Milling
- Allen Joy, Joy & Company
- Carl Koupal, Community National Bank
- Jim Klausman, Midwest Health Services
- Mark Kossler, Fidelity State Bank
- Shawn Maisberger, City of Topeka
- Kent Manion, Capitol Federal
- Jim Martin, Professional Engineering Consultants
- Steve Marts, Target
- Juli Ann Mazachek, Washburn Univ. Endowment
- Brenda McFadden, The McFadden Group
- Bob McFrazier, KABSE
- Mitch Miller, Dynamic Computer Solutions
- Garret Mudd, Sports Car Club of America
- Denise Peterson, CBiz
- Kent Pope, Office Depot
- Larry Robbins, Goodyear
- Dan Sanders, BNSF
- Karen Schuyler, Astaris
- David Sollars, Washburn University
- Jeff Sorensen, Hill's Pet Nutrition
- Chris Stratmann, KS Air National Guard
- Gary Stella, Harrah's
- Mark Strong, PBS
- Lisa Stubbs, Community Volunteer
- Tony Sawyer, Topeka Public Schools
- Denise Walker, Hill's Pet Nutrition
- Gerald Walker, Walker Construction
- Bob Washatka, Express Personnel
- Jeff Wietharn, Coffman Defries & Nothern
- Mel Woods, Century United
- Bob Young, Blue Cross Blue Shield

Hall of Fame highlights business greats

Continued from Page 2

Huts across the U.S. He created the EZ Shop convenience store chain. And, as part of an investment group, helped turn the White Lakes Mall into a successful office complex. He is a director of the Security Benefit Group and Community Bankcorporation.

He has been a member of the Kansas House of Representatives and the Kansas Board of Regents, serving as Chairman of Regents in 1995-1996. He has also served on the The Menninger Clinic Board of Trustees.

Sabatini regularly helps with causes like mentoring, Boy Scouts, Let's Help, and the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Libraries. He contributed both land and resources to improve Topeka.

TOM SCHWARTZ

Tom Schwartz is a self-made man. He came to Topeka in 1945 and started a candy vending company. Schwartz became one of the first liquor wholesalers in the state after he established Famous Brands.

Schwartz was integral in the growth of local hospitals. He acquired land around hospitals and, as needs arose, the land was sold to the hospitals at cost.

As Chamber of Commerce Chairman in 1968, Tom led a campaign for equal employment opportunities in Topeka.



Tom Schwartz

He spearheaded two major fund raising campaigns, each in excess of \$1 million, for Stormont-Vail Regional Health Center and St. Francis Health Center. He also raised funds for YMCA, YWCA, Washburn University, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Capper Foundation, Marian Clinic and others.

Schwartz has written several books including, "My Best, Family Budgeting-Highly Rewarding Decisions," "Easy Ways to Save and Manage Money," "Short Cuts to Success and Happiness," and "The Need for Easier Readability."

ROBERT C. WHEELER

Bob Wheeler is Chief Executive Officer of Hill's Pet Nutrition, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Colgate-Palmolive. Wheeler was elected as a Corporate Officer of Colgate-Palmolive in 1992. He is a member of the Board of Stormont-Vail Health Services Corp., Security Benefit Group of Companies, Payless ShoeSource and the Pet Food Institute.



Bob Wheeler

Wheeler generously served as a Vice Chairman of the Development Council of the Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce and was previously a Trustee and President for the Topeka Zoological Foundation. He was also an Executive Board Member and Treasurer for the Jayhawk Area Council Boy Scouts of America and served on the Board of Directors for the Topeka United Way.



Visit us at
www.kansasja.org

Hladky leads Sheriff's office to help Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement of NE Kansas enjoys support from the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office and Captain Rick Hladky.

Hladky serves as office coordinator for the JA Bowl-A-Thon. Last year, the office fielded seven teams raising more than \$3,043 for the cause.

"I do it because anything we do to help children get started on the right foot is a great benefit to society," he said. "These kids will be running the world when we are old and gray."

Hladky has visited classes describing his job. He serves on the board of directors for the Shawnee County Family Resource Center. Hladky also is a member of the Shawnee County Mental Health Subcommittee dealing with adults and children.

A native of Soldier, Kan., he's

served the Sheriff's office for 28 years. "Our office is supportive of children in general," he said. The Sheriff's office provides school resource officers to each school. They are involved in the Topeka Parks and Rec Daycare Camps and the Royal Family Kids Camp.

"Everything we do here is a team effort," Hladky said. "We couldn't do it without everyone participating."

"Junior Achievement is a great resource for Topeka children and I and the department will do anything we can to help them," he said. "I am looking forward to working with a JA elementary class this spring."

In addition to its work with Junior Achievement, the Sheriff's Office provides school resource officer to each high school in the county outside the city limits and DARE classes to many

elementary schools. The Shawnee County Sheriff's Office also works closely on many activities with Highland Park Central Elementary School.



Captain
Rick Hladky

