



BENCH TALK

- The Area 3 Master Calendar is always on the web site with current information.
- Bowling pictures will be posted on web site soon.
- 3rd Quarter financial due October 31.
Remember agencies with outstanding quarterly issues 6/30/09 and older may not advance to Fall State.
- Watch for our yearly newsletter out next month.

Featured Athlete

Brenda Richardson from Eau Claire Adults will be featured in our annual newsletter including a poem she wrote. If you have an athlete you would like featured in one of our newsletters in the future, please submit a write-up.

Annual Agency Manager Conference Re-Cap

Thanks to all who attended. It was a beautiful day at Westgate. Lisa Walter, UW-Stout Police Chief, and SOWI Board member, shared her enthusiasm for the Special Olympics events she has attended and her love for our athletes. We're very happy to have her on our Board of Directors.

We asked agencies to share what's been going well this past year with their group. Following are some of those points:

- Menomonie forming a new basketball team & working through the combining of 2 agencies
- River Falls area doubled number of athletes
- BTIAW has new coaches
- Spooner having parent/guardian meetings & transitioning to a new agency manager
- Hayward support group strengthening & transitioning to a new agency manager
- Butternut area – new agency
- Chippewa Falls schools transitioning to a new agency manager
- Ashland transitioning to a new agency manager
- Several mentioned continuous growth & more volunteers

We also did some networking on group home challenges and how important it is to have an agency management in place to spread the responsibility around. Please refer to your conference handout and "What's New" in your handbook for other important information covered. Questions? Let us know.

OFFICE CLOSINGS November 4, 11, 26, 27

ATTACHMENTS

Winter invitational flyer. Registration forms will be also be emailed. If you receive newsletter by mail, please contact our office if you need the forms.



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