

Circus

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2012



Quote of the Month:

"If everything is coming your way, you're probably in the wrong lane"

2012 Show Title: "Tune into Circus"

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have selected the title "Tune into Circus" ~ A tribute to Radio and Television as this year's theme.

As we prepare to move forward with our Act Development phase of the program, many of our Circus Trainers have already found the perfect music for their act that will reflect their song or television idea. They are busy at work choreographing their routines, and are anxious to share what they've put together to their classes.

developing the "story line" that will help us portray our theme throughout the Show. Should there be anyone interested in helping me with this, please call me (798-9622 x206), or just let me know when you see me at the YMCA. The sooner we "get to work" on it, the better. I'll be talking with all of our Trainers during the first couple of weeks of January to find out what their Act ideas are, so that their ideas can be incorporated into the "story line".

Thank you! Robin~

During our Act Development phase, I spend a great deal of my time

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January/February Dates to Remember

- **Sun., Jan. 8** Circus Trainers' meeting 1:30-2:30pm.in the AOA Center
- **Wed., Jan 11** CCAC Meeting at 6pm in the Chapel
- **Mon., Jan. 16** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ~ The YMCA is open; classes will be held.

- **Thurs., Jan. 19** Circus Trainers deadline for Rigging Plot and Music to Tanner
- **Thurs., Feb. 2** Spotting Clinic 6:30pm~ Aerial Parents suggested to be in attendance
- * **Spring Break** ~ Mar 11-17
No classes this week

CCAC News

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for Friday April 6, 2012. You are cordially invited to attend the 4th Annual CCAC dinner. The event will take place at the Mitten Building located at 345 Fifth St in Redlands from 6-10pm. The theme is "A Starry Night" - - which is a Hollywood theme.

There will be live performances by our own Great Y Circus performers. There will also be a dazzling array of gift baskets and services provided for a silent Auction. Additional information will come at a later date.

If you would like to donate a gift basket or monetary gift, please contact Emily Fitzgerald at (909) 363-5884 or you can email her at emilyafitz@yahoo.com.

Sustaining Campaign

The YMCA is a place to build strong relationships and develop life-long skills that pro-

mote living a healthy and balanced lifestyle. At the Y, no one is turned down because of the inability to pay. Through the Annual Sustaining Campaign, funds are raised to make financial assistance available as well as to subsidize programs serving our community that would not otherwise be possible. Every year campaign volunteers gather together to raise money for scholarships and program fees for members of our community who want to participate in Y programs but lack the funds. Last year, \$444,873 was raised to underwrite program and membership fees for more than 5,878 members. The 2012 Sustaining Campaign goal is \$200,000. We are counting on your support. Donations of any size can not only help us meet our goal, it is also an investment for a healthier community.

You can contact one of our Circus Captains: Chrissy Fitch, Gabby Gonzales, or Lisa Saracino if you would like to make a donation. Your help is greatly appreciated.

"Tune into Circus" Costumes

The Great Y Circus has a very extensive inventory of costumes that CCAC has taken great care of throughout the years. Parent volunteers under the leadership of Diane Kimble, will select the costumes for our annual Show. Diane will get ideas from the Trainers as to what they have in mind for their participants, and she'll "go to work" on choosing the most appropriate costumes. CCAC also buys new costumes, embellishes some of our "seasoned" ones, as well as, designs and sews other ones. In some cases, there are Trainers and/or parents of participants that also design and sew cos-

tumes for their own Acts. Parents are responsible for purchasing fishnets which are needed for all of our Aerial acts, all of our Pyramid Acro acts, Combo Circus, and Wire. CCAC will once again provide fishnets for sale during rehearsals.

Anyone interested in sewing or embellishing should contact Diane Kimble @ CCAC@ycircus.org

Circus Attire ~ a gentle reminder for everyone involved in classes!

Like any sport, Circus carries with it a risk of injury. We do our best to prevent accidents from happening...**one way is to have everyone dressed appropriately for their classes.** Please do not wear jewelry, street clothes, or revealing clothes in any of your classes. The most appropriate clothes are: leotards with bike shorts or fishnets for girls; fitted shirts with workout shorts or pants for girls and boys; appropriate undergarments that do not show through your clothing; and appropriate shoes for ground acts. Please **DO NOT** wear street clothes in **ANY** classes, and **DO NOT** go barefoot in the YMCA Lobby, AOA Center, or through the Fitness Center.

Class participants with long hair

should also have their hair pulled away from their faces ~ boys, included.

For the older girls please make sure that if you wear make up, it is applied in a "modest" manner, and that your nail length is appropriate. Remember long nails, whether real or acrylic, can pose a safety hazard.

Please do not chew gum during your classes either. Snacks and/or meals should be eaten in the AOA Center so that we keep food out of the Coble Gym. The only beverage allowed in the Coble Gym is bottled water.

Your support in following these simple rules is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Attendance

Since we are now in the Act Development stage, it is extremely important that participants are attending all of their classes.

Participants and Trainers must maintain regular attendance during this time, unless of course they are ill. The absence of even one person can affect the ability of the rest of the class to learn and practice the routine.

Missing more than 2 classes per month might result in a participant being removed from their Act(s). It is under-

standable that situations come up that are out of one's control, but as soon as you know that you or your child is going to miss a class please let us know. You can always contact your child's Head Trainer if you know in advanced that a class will be missed. If your child is unable to attend because of illness, please contact us ASAP. (This is considered an excused absence) You can leave a message at (909) 798-9622 with Jamila ext. 217 or Robin ext. 206.

Thank you~



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Open House



Saturday January 7, 2012

9am-12noon

The Redlands Family YMCA will observe our Annual Open House. Bring a friend to participate in some of the fun activities we will offer on this day. There will be tours and great prizes.

Hope to see you there!

**Happy
New Year!**



*We build strong kids,
strong families,
strong communities.*

Mini Acro Class Participants

For those parents who have children participating in one of our Mini Acro classes this year, you have a decision to make about having your child perform in our annual Shows held in May.

We encourage everyone to participate in the Show, but feel that it's appropriate to allow you ~ the parent ~ to decide on what that participation means for you & your family. Especially since we're working with children as young as three years of age. It is a H U G E commitment once you've decided to have your child perform in the Show.....rehearsals begin in April; taking place on Tuesday and/or Thursday depending on the week.

We perform 9 Shows, all taking place at the YMCA. Three week-ends in May, beginning Friday, May 4th. Our Friday shows occur at 7:00pm, Saturday shows are at 5:00pm, and the Sunday shows are at 3:00pm. We're telling

you this now, so that you're able to consider all that is involved before you let us know what you decide to do. Head Trainers will soon begin working on the routines for their respective classes. Your child can certainly continue with his/her class if you decide not to perform in the Shows, by the way. We just want you to be informed that we'll be moving our class participants into the "act development stage". All 3 levels will be performing the same theme in the show together by the way.

We're looking forward to an exciting time, and hope that you'll decide to be a part of it too! Please feel free to talk with Miss Jamila at 798-9622 x217.