

# PATHWAYS

Fall 2009

## *It's been a rock' n' roll summer for the Auxiliary!*

Over 165 guests boogied on down to Sparky's Hot Rod Garage in San Carlos for Retro Journey on Saturday, August 22. Sparky's provided the perfect backdrop for the retro 50's themed night; the garage is filled with classic cars and collectibles. In addition to a trip down memory lane, attendees enjoyed dinner, dancing, and entertainment provided by The Fly Right Sisters and The Treble Makers. With the recent state budget cuts, these contributions from individuals and business sponsors are helping fill a critical need.

The Retro Journey Steering Committee included: **Patti Poindexter, Co-Chair; Jean Garcia, Co-Chair; Cathy Beardsley, Auxiliary President; Pat Barr; Donna Currier; Gay Gentry; Betsy Grotte; Vicky King; Suzanne Klein Lewis; Kay Lee; Joyce Molinelli; Marie Pease; Roberta Salma; and Sue Schellenberg.**

The Auxiliary also hosted their annual summer picnic for our adult participants on July 15. The theme? Rock'n'roll, of course! Event chair **Betsy Grotte** and her committee saw to every detail. Participants enjoyed games from volleyball to bingo and a BBQ lunch complete with checkered table cloths and root beer floats, and then they danced the afternoon away.

We are grateful to the Auxiliary for supporting Gatepath's mission of fostering hope, dignity and independence among children and adults with disabilities for nearly 60 years. To each member, thank you for your time - nearly 6,000 volunteer hours last year alone - and dedication to the individuals we serve.



Former Hillsborough Auxiliary Presidents, Reddie Nichols, Mary Meyersieck, and Mary Rutgers join Marilyn Monroe, a.k.a. CEO, Sheryl Young, for a fun evening at Sparky's Garage.



## *Get tickets today for The Power of Possibilities!*

This year, we're thrilled to be welcoming Jason "JMac" McElwain and his coach Jim Johnson as keynote speakers. You may remember JMac, a young man with autism whose memorable basketball performance was caught by a fan video that quickly circulated the Internet and talk shows. JMac, the team's manager, suited up for the the last game of his senior year and scored an amazing 21 points in the last four minutes of the game; outscoring his peers and becoming a symbol of inspiration for the Autism community.

At the Breakfast we will also be recognizing an outstanding participant with the Neal Poppin Award and community partners who define "Turning Disabilities Into Possibilities."

- o Ken Lybrand, Neal Poppin Award
- o Hillsborough Auxiliary to Community Gatepath, Sheryl Young Community Impact Award
- o Safeway, Individual Placement Employer of the Year
- o CVS/Longs Drugs, Group Placement Employer of the Year
- o Burlingame Business Improvement District, Small Business Employer of the Year
- o San Mateo County Bar Association Barristers, Niall P. McCarthy Volunteer Award

Tickets, tables and sponsorships are all still available!  
Visit [www.gatepath.com/breakfast](http://www.gatepath.com/breakfast) or call 650-259-8500.

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