Proceeds used to aide Idaho Make-a-Wish Foundation, student organizations

Annual Spaghetti Feed & Auction brings in record amount of funds to assist area youth

The 15th Annual Spaghetti Feed & Auction, sponsored by the Professional Pharmacy Student Alliance, (PPSA), drew a record crowd of about 450 people and raised $13,250 when supporters gathered in the Earl Pond Student Union ballroom on February 22, said Neal Kelly, student chair of the fund-raiser.

"After our expenses, and honoring our commitment to The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Idaho, we will have about $8500 left that will go to PPSA," he said. "Overall, this year’s Spaghetti Feed was a huge success."

A portion of the proceeds where used to cover an all-expense trip for Pocatello Century High School student, Kris Briley, to travel to the headquarters of Blizzard Entertainment in Irvine, Calif. and meet the designers of his favorite video game, World of Warcraft.

Kris lives with Marfan Syndrome, a genetic disorder of the connective tissue, Kelly said.

"Kris and his family had a great time at the event, and we hope they have a great time in California for his trip," Kelly said.

Faculty, staff and students, along with area business, donated various auction items, including ethnic dinners cooked by faculty, golf games and desserts.

"Thanks to everyone for their help and support, it was all of us together that made this year such a great success," he said.

Dr. Jennifer Garner, ’01
Memorial endowment started for alumnus

Idaho State University College of Pharmacy alumnus, Jennifer A. Garner, passed away on February 15, 2008, from complications of an extended illness. Garner was a member of the class of 2001.

She graduated with high honors and was the recipient of the Outstanding Student Achievement Award. Jennifer completed her clinical rotations at the Northern Nevada Medical Center in Sparks, NV, and the Washoe Medical Center in Reno. Following graduation, she went on to complete a pharmacy residency at the Boise Veterans Medical Center, where she continued to serve as a clinical pharmacist until her death. In 2005 she achieved the National Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties Certification in

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Pharmacotherapy.

“Our state and our College lost one of the truly shining stars of our profession,” said Dr. Eric J. Jarvi, Ph.D., former ISU College of Pharmacy faculty member from 1990 to 2002.

Jennifer was a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association-Academy of Students of Pharmacy, APhA-ASP, from 1996 to 2001, serving as treasurer, and participating on Operation Immunization, Pharmacy Fair, Poison Prevention Program and the Annual Spaghetti Feed and Auction subcommittees. As a member of that organization she attended APhA national meetings as well as District VII midyear regional meetings. Jennifer also held memberships in the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists; the Idaho Society of Health-System Pharmacists; the Idaho State Pharmacy Association; Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Society; Phi Delta Chi Professional Pharmacy and Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society.

A memorial endowment has been established in honor of Jennifer and the passion she had for her profession and school. Those wishing to contribute to the Jennifer A. Garner Memorial Scholarship Endowment may send donations to the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy, 970 S 5th Ave, Stop 8288 - Pocatello, ID 83209-8288.

For additional information, contact Dan Dean, director of development, at (208) 282-3655.

Alumni and friends of the ISU College of Pharmacy, who donated $200 or more during the 2008 ConnectionISU Phonathon, will receive a the College’s 90th anniversary commemorative poster, (3’x4’), that lists the names of all alumnus of the College, said Dan Dean, director of pharmacy development.

Students began calling supporters of the College in February, raising about $55,000 for scholarships and support. However, many alumni and friends were not available the evenings that students called, Dean said.

Anyone interested in receiving a poster and providing support to the annual event, may contact Dean at (208) 282-3655 or dandean@otc.isu.edu.

Idaho State University College of Pharmacy has served as Idaho’s only institution of pharmacy education in the state since 1918. More than 3,500 alumni began their professional pharmacy training at the College.

To commemorate the 90th anniversary, the ISU College of Pharmacy will host an all-class reunion on August 1-2, 2008 in Pocatello.

To meet the interests of all alumni, many events are slated including golf, swimming and picnic at the Pocatello Aquatic Center and Ross Park, tours of the College and campus, continuing education courses and a Friday evening ice-breaker social at Leonard Hall.

Seven hours of continuing education courses, some in the area of pharmacy law, also will be presented.

The highlight of the weekend is a banquet, where Henri R. Manasse, Jr., Ph.D., Sc.D., executive vice president and CEO of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists will be the keynote speaker.

Additional details and registration information will soon be sent to alumni and friends or you may contact Andrew Gauss at 208-282-3393.

The ISU College of Pharmacy commemorative 90th anniversary poster is available to alumni and friends of the College who donate $200 or more to the 2008 ConnectionISU Phonathon. The poster is three- by four-feet in size.