



## August Newsletter

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### Marilyn Miceli Selected to Community Sports Hall of Fame!!

It is with great pride and pleasure that I announce the selection of our Assistant Director, Marilyn Miceli, to the Howard County Recreation & Parks Community Sports Hall of Fame! For the past 20 years, Marilyn has volunteered thousands of hours and is one of the key individuals that has made the Special Olympics Howard County program one of the best in the state! See the full write-up by [clicking here](#).

The 2014 induction ceremony will take place at the 12th annual "Celebration of Sports" on Tuesday, October 21, at 5:30 p.m. at the Turf Valley Resort and Conference Center. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 for a table of ten. Tickets may also be purchased at Recreation and Parks Headquarters, 7120 Oakland Mills Road in Columbia. For more information, call 410-313-1691.

### 2014 Corridor Golf Open - September 10th WE NEED YOUR HELP

Corridor Mortgage will hold it's 4th

annual Corridor Classic on September 10 and 11 at Waverly Woods Golf Course. We need folks to play golf on Day 1 of the Classic which is open to everyone who would like to support Special Olympics. Please help us by signing up for a foursome or singles at [www.thecorridorclassic.com](http://www.thecorridorclassic.com).



### Support Our Sponsors!

We are grateful for the support we receive from various businesses and local organizations, so please patronize these businesses whenever possible. [Click](#)

You can also registered by emailing [bobbaker@somdhc.org](mailto:bobbaker@somdhc.org).

We also need volunteers to help run the event on Sept 10th. If you are available to work a morning or afternoon shift, please email Janet Larrimore at [janetandwalter@comcast.net](mailto:janetandwalter@comcast.net).

## National Games Wrap-up

Howard County was well represented as part of Team Maryland at the USA Games in Princeton in June with 36 delegates representing athletics, aquatics, basketball, bocce, bowling, golf, powerlifting, and tennis!! Three outstanding Howard County volunteers gave their time for the past year to be part of the Team Maryland management team. **Diane Mikulis** did a fantastic job as Team Maryland's Head of Delegation. **Al Mineart** was in charge of logistics, uniforms, luggage, packing, and transportation. And **Rosemary Gruss** served as the Team Maryland nurse. Also thank you to **Marilyn Miceli** who organized and tracked all the initial paperwork submissions for our Howard County group. We are very grateful to our volunteer coaches, unified partners, and chaperones who prepared the athletes with many hours of practice this past year and gave up a week of vacation time from their jobs - **Jack Miller, Jack Healey, Jessica Dalrymple, Nancy Van Winter, Kate Lynes, Jen Stark, Clare Colleti, Peggy Baker and Bob Baker**. A special thanks to all the families who came to New Jersey to cheer on our athletes and especially **Jackie Miller** who arranged the family bus transportation to Opening Ceremonies! Kudos to all the athletes who enjoyed a fabulous week of competition, friendship, and lots of activities. Check out competition results by [clicking here](#). Check out lots of national games photos by [clicking here](#) or [here for more](#).



[here](#) for a list of our sponsors.

## Special Olympics Tops 4.4 Million Athletes!

The 2013 Reach Report shows continuing growth in the Special Olympics movement in participating athletes, competitions, volunteers and revenues. Athletes: 4,427,447 worldwide, an increase of more than 221,817 athletes from 2012. Competitions: 81,129 worldwide in 2013. Programs: 226 accredited Programs in 170 countries.

## Athlete Global Messenger Training

Would your athlete like to be an EMCEE at opening ceremonies or advertise our program to local businesses? The



Pictured above, center back are **Pat and Maryanne Klima**, who we thank for their very generous \$10,000 donation in support of the Howard County athletes who were part of Team Maryland. National Games athletes Kenny Long, Nick Stewart, Bryan Bourdon, Catherine Gruss and Stephanie Baker, along with Head of Delegation Diane Mikulis and Director Bob Baker, presented the Klima's with a plaque and a thank you card signed by all the Howard County Delegates.

## Fall Sports Registration Deadlines Approaching

Time is running out to register for fall sports. The following sports are still open for registration, the deadline for registration is in parenthesis. Bowling (8/22); Cycling (8/10); Distance Running (8/16); Flag Football (8/16); Soccer (8/16); Tennis (8/14).

Volleyball is full and we are waitlisting registrants. Bowling has only a few spaces remaining, so do not delay in registering.

[Click here](#) to go to the online registration.

## Vote SOHO for Best of Howard County

Vote now for Special Olympics Howard County as the Best Volunteer Group in Howard County at [www.HowardMagazine.com](http://www.HowardMagazine.com). You'll need to write-in our name "Special Olympics Howard County". You can also vote for one of our great coaches as the Best Coach. Voting ballots must be submitted by September 11th and only one ballot per person is permitted.

n you need to take **Beginner Global Messenger Training**. It will be held on **Sept. 12-13** at the **SOMD office**. If interested, contact **Jason Schriml** at [jschriml@somd.org](mailto:jschriml@somd.org)

## The Power of Sports

Special Olympics changes lives through the power of sports. Eunice Kennedy Shriver's vision is being realized every day with each of our athletes success. Check out the Power of Sports slideshow by [clicking here](#).

## Refinance and Raise Funds for SOHO

[Corridor Mortgage Group](#), who sponsors the fall golf fundraiser for Special Olympics Howard County is offering our organization \$250 for anyone who refinances their

## Inspiration Walk Results Omission

The following families were omitted in the June newsletter as being among the top fundraisers for our 13th Annual Inspiration Walk. A huge thank you to the Luoma Family (\$4,000) and the Decker Family (\$1,900)!!

## Athlete Medical Application Reminder

All athletes must have a valid medical form in order to participate in Special Olympics Howard County programs. These forms must be updated every three years. If you are not sure when a medical expires, you can send an email to [info@somdhc.org](mailto:info@somdhc.org) or call the SOHO office. Try to schedule your doctor's appointment in plenty of time so not to jeopardize an athlete's participation.

## Volunteer Opportunities & Orientation Dates

If interested in volunteering for fall sports (bowling, cycling, distance running, flag football, golf, powerlifting, soccer, tennis or volleyball.), now is the time for new volunteers to sign up for an orientation.

A volunteer orientation will be held on August 14 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the SOHO office. Additional orientations will be held on September 18 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Anyone interested in volunteering must attend a volunteer orientation, complete a volunteer application and an on-line Protective Behaviors Course. Parents are highly encouraged to attend an orientation. Pre-registration is required by sending an email to our volunteer coordinator, Janet Larrimore, at [JanetandWalter@comcast.net](mailto:JanetandWalter@comcast.net) or [info@somdhc.org](mailto:info@somdhc.org) or calling the office at 410-740-0500.

## Indiana Athlete Vying for Cover of National Magazine

Andrew is an athlete from Indiana - great athlete and outstanding athlete leader - and he has a very real shot of making the cover of Runner's World magazine! The cover will be decided via online voting at: <http://covercontest.runnersworld.com/entry/382/a7fniapup0g1afjtopfslh9u6>).

How awesome would it be to have a Special Olympics athlete on the cover of one of the most respected running magazines around?! Voting runs through August 26<sup>th</sup> and you can vote each day.

mortgage or borrows for a new mortgage through Corridor. Mention that you heard of the offer through the SOHO newsletter. For more details, call Chris Sittig at 443.539.1596 or email at [csittig@corridormtg.com](mailto:csittig@corridormtg.com)

## Coaches Resources

Special Olympics Howard County encourages all of our coaches to stay abreast of the latest training. SOHO will reimburse any coach that wishes to take the online training courses offered below.



### Coaches Training



Coaches Guidelines  
Sports Rules

Thanks for your support!!



SOHO Office, 8970 Route 108 Suite A1, Columbia, MD 21045  
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