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Local waitresses compete in the Wait Olympics to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House

Waits serve charity in Olympics

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Black ties, fake mustaches and dinnerware may not be normal attire for track and field events, but the combination added up to a lot of fun for 50 area food servers.

Waiters and waitresses from 12 Triangle restaurants ran, balanced and dished their way to \$2,000 in the first annual "Wait Olympics" Sunday at the American Legion field on Legion Road.

The field day was held to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill, which will provide housing for parents whose children are hospitalized at North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

The restaurants participating were Aurora, Hotel Europa, Papagayo, Spanky's, McCarthy's, Ham's, Bakatsias Le Nouveau, and Magdalena's of Chapel Hill; and Governors Inn, Bakatsias Cuisine, Alexander's, and Spinnaker's of Durham. Football favorite Woody Durham emceed the events.

Karin Bunton of Bakatsias Le Nouveau came up with the idea.

"We decided to do this basically out of boredom," Bunton said. "During the summer we don't have a lot to do, and we thought we'd raise money for a charity."

"I heard about the Ronald McDonald House from someone at the hospital and felt that they'd be a good organization to donate to," she added.

The house will be constructed in about a year, she said.

Each restaurant paid an entry fee of \$100. Additional funds were raised through a \$2 admission, concessions and T-shirts.

The contest consisted of 6 events: an obstacle course, a backwards run, a three-legged race, the "waiter's test," a wine-opening contest and a tug-of-war. Two contestants ran in each heat of the contest.

The obstacle course, backwards run and three-legged race all had to be run with waiters and waitresses carrying trays of water-filled cups which they could not spill. If they did, they had to start over.

The waiter's tests entailed memorizing orders. Contestants took an order, ran to the waiter's station to pick up a place setting, ran back to set the table, poured water, and ran to the "kitchen" to place the order.

Although most of the events were easy, the waiter's test proved a little confusing for Mark Zumbach of Governors Inn. In the first heat, he picked up both water glasses instead of just one.

"I always pick up two at work," Zumbach explained sheepishly.

Tony Einsmann, who works for Bakatsias, did not participate in the events but was there as a spectator and supporter for his team.

"We'll let the younger waiters and waitresses do it this year," he said. "This was a great idea — it's good for the Ronald McDonald House and we also got a lot of media coverage," he added. "I just wish that we had a few more people out here. Maybe next year this will be bigger; this was only the first year."

Magdalena's took first place in the obstacle course and Alexander's won the backwards run. Hotel Europa won the three-legged race.

"The Wait Olympics has been a lot of fun," Zumbach said. "It's for a great cause and it gives these people a chance to show off their talent."

"Just any slob can't wait tables — it takes a special kind," he added jokingly.

Hotel Europa won the waiter's test, Bakatsias took first in the wine-opening contest and McCarthy's won the tug-of-war.

Winning an event made the restaurant eligible to participate in the Grand Finale, a relay requiring six team members to run across the field with trays of cups. If contestants spilled any water from the cups, they

had to stop and refill. At first it looked like Hotel Europa was going to take the gold, but midway through the course, some water sloshed over the edge of the cups and Magdalena's moved in

to win the grand championship. McCarthy's placed second and Europa took third. Woody Durham gave out the trophies. "I felt that the program was pretty successful," Bunton said.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar will appear daily. Announcements to be run must be placed in the box outside the Daily Tar Heel office, Room 104 of the Student Union, by noon one day before — weekend announcements by noon Wednesday. Only announcements from University-recognized campus organizations will be printed.

5. Contact Ms. Klebanov at 106 Person Hall or 962-1093.

Those students interested in the Toronto Exchange must have applications in by Sept. 5 and sign up at the Union desk for interviews.

Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity, invites any interested business student to stop by Carrol Hall this week for more info on fall rush.

Attention Seniors! You can become a UNC Phonathon Associate and gain experience for your resume. \$4 per hour minimum; 12-14 hours per week. Call 962-2247 or visit 02 Hanes Hall. Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity is holding its fall rush this week in rooms 211-212 of the Union. Informational rush will be held at 8 p.m. tonight and formal rush will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday. APO is a co-ed fraternity.

Tuesday

4 p.m. Carolina Student Fund will meet in the NCNB office. UNC Field Hockey Club invites new and old members to practice at Finley Fields.

7 p.m. Campus Y Global Issues Committee will have its first meeting of the year in Hanes 307.

Circle K will hold an organizational meeting for all old members in the South Gallery of the Union.

UNC Women's Basketball Club will hold an organizational meeting in Room 220 of the Union. For more info, call Alice at 933-4010.

8 p.m. Young Democrats will meet tonight in Room 226 of the Union. UNC College Republicans will hold their orientation meeting in 209 Manning.

Items of Interest

Elections Board applications are available at the Union desk for anyone interested in becoming involved with overseeing campus elections. Applications should be returned to 217D in Suite C of the Union by Sept. 5.

Chamber Singers and Carolina Choir auditions will be held until Sept.

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