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A Very Special Holiday Present!

You will recall that on November 20th, our Club played a Charity Game to benefit Dylan Cain—Mark Cain's son who was born with cerebral palsy. We raised over \$2,000 at that game to help Dylan with the purchase of a Galileo exercise machine. At our December 21st game, Mark gave us a letter "from Dylan", the start of which read: *Our family is very grateful and touched by your gift to Dylan. Dylan can't articulate well enough to write this, but if he could, this is what he would say...*

"Thank you! Your generous donation gave me a chance to one day walk on my own. After I had a chance to try the Galileo in Seattle, when I said my prayers at night, I asked mom and dad to help me pray for the Galileo because I want so badly to walk by myself and I know the Galileo will help me.

My family received the Galileo before Thanksgiving and I have done multiple sessions a day.

Sometimes I am quite excited about getting on the Galileo—it feels funny when it vibrates on my legs and feet. It makes me giggle, which seems to make those around me laugh and smile. Mom and dad are persistent in doing my daily strength building exercises and I am up to 12-15 minutes per session now.

I know that I have a lot of work to do, but I think that my legs are already getting stronger. Instead of crawling everywhere in our home, I ask mom or dad to help me walk. I am sooooo excited to walk one day soon, that I choose walking over crawling very often now. I overheard my parents say they were excited that I wanted to walk and was asking for their help to walk instead of crawling. That is a big change for me. I am proud to be improving!

It's hard for me to know exactly how to say Thank You from the heart of an 11-year old boy, but I give the most incredible hugs and when I get to walk into the Duplicate Bridge game on my own, I promise that I will have saved a huge hug for all of you.

Thank you again for helping to make my dreams come true! Your gift will change my future...

*Love & Hugs,
Dylan Cain*

Wow...so moving. 🥹 If you could read that without tears, you're a whole lot tougher person than me. *What a great Holiday present from Dylan to all of you!*

Election 2015

You have all received ballots for the Unit 476 election of their Board of Directors and, if you're a Member of the Cascade club, you've received your ballot for the Club's Board of Directors election. To ensure your vote is "heard", vote before midnight on January 5th.

Annual Meeting: January 9th, 2016!

The Cascade Duplicate Bridge Club will host its Annual Prime Rib Dinner and Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 9th, 2016 and everyone's invited. Mark the date on your calendar so you don't forget.

Figure the better part of a whole day, after breakfast and morning chores: the bridge game will start at 1:30pm. After the game, we'll all go over to the Bend Country Club, where there'll be a bit of merriment, followed by a great prime rib dinner. (*Disclaimer: You will have to put up with a bit of blah, blah from the Unit and the Clubs.*)

If you're an ACBL member and you've paid your \$5 Cascade Club membership dues, you're all set. All you have to do is be sure your name is on the sign-up list so we know how many will be attending.

If you're not a Member of CDBC, you and your guests may still attend the dinner. Just be sure your name is on the sign-up list, along with the name(s) of your guest(s) and pay \$30 for each dinner.

Even if you don't play much (or at all) at the Cascade games, you might want to come to the meeting because, as a player of duplicate bridge, your link to the American Contract Bridge League is through Unit 476 and the Unit will also have it's Annual Meeting that evening. And both the Redmond and Ace-of-Hearts clubs will describe their activities, too.

Getting on the dinner sign-up list is important. If you want to attend but haven't yet signed up, do so right away.

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