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2004 Thank Yous, Thanks To Us

An eight year culmination of celebrating life with the **Chicago Irish Brotherhood** has produced some very worthy and heartfelt “**Thank You**” messages.

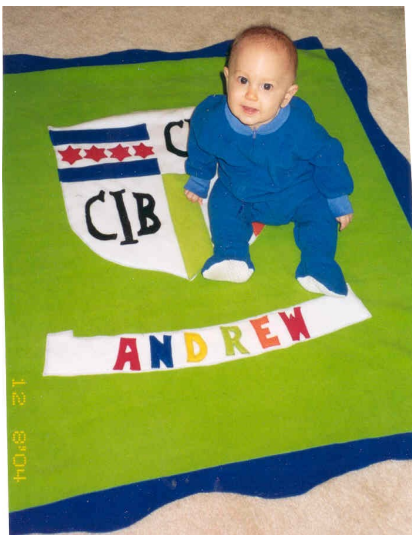
In 2004 we hit the zenith.

*(By the way, my father hit the Zenith one time and we couldn't watch **Ray Rayner** for a week. Rim shot. Little help? Anyone? Jesus I need some sleep. Maybe in 2007.)*

Anyway...

Acclaim and acknowledgement are never the desired outcome from our endeavors, but when a little slap on the back comes our way, we want it to be felt by our entire membership.

The highlight of 2004 would definitely be our **\$10,000**



Andrew Novotny enjoys his official C.I.B. baby blanket in 2004.

donation to the **IFSA Youth Burn Camp** after our May function at the **Fitzpatrick Hotel** in Chicago.

The **IFSA** contacted us by email to hail “Thanks” and mentioned that our newsletter “was very powerful” and “brought goose bumps.” So much so that they are reprinting our words in their own annual publication.

The 2004 **Day at the Races** raised \$3,200 for the **Make-A-Wish Foundation** as the **C.I.B.** continues our pledge to help kids find some comfort during a rough time.

Back in March we received a very nice letter from **Christopher Kennedy** after he got word about our donation to **Special Olympics**. This is a special event for us because of our relationship with Olympian Rachael Gebhardt and her family. They sent in a greeting card that was super touching and meaningful.

Probably the most memorable contribution and honor was given to **Fr. Matt Foley** after he demonstrated his crime fighting prowess by tangling with two would-be robbers at St. Agnes Church. “*No One Steals From God.*” Way to go Padre.

The **2003 Member of the Year**

Award was given to our own **V.P. Paul Robertson** in January.

The **2004 M.O.T.Y.A.** is....

We'll all find out on **Saturday, February 26th** at **Murphy's Bar** in Forest Park.

Most importantly 2004 was a great year for **C.I.B.** babies, hence the inception of the **C.I.B.** monogrammed baby blanket. Congrats to the additions to all of our members' families.

While some of our old friends have strayed, we've warmly welcomed some great new members. But to each and all, the **C.I.B.** wishes you health, wealth and happiness in 2005. It's going to be another great year.



Elissa Fogarty proudly shows off the C.I.B. baby blanket in 2004.

*Elect***Tim Egan**for Alderman of the 43rd Ward

Dear Friends,

Please allow us this opportunity to announce the creation of the **Citizens to Elect Egan**, an independent, "grass roots" political organization with the goal of winning the Aldermanic seat of the 43rd Ward in 2007.

Citizens to Elect Egan has been established to take on an entrenched incumbent, who is often described by many colleagues and constituents as a very, very nice person.

The **Citizens to Elect Egan** are looking to replace "a good job" being done with a legendary fighting spirit and pure commitment that will greatly benefit the residents of 43rd Ward and the entire City of Chicago.

Please join the **Citizens to Elect Egan** and contribute or volunteer in any capacity you desire. Our team effort will be necessary for victory.

www.electegan.com

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**2004 Member
of the Year
Award
Presentation**

**Saturday, February
26th**

7:30 p.m.

\$40 per person

All you can drink and hot dogs.

Murphy's Bar

Madison St.

Forest Park

This event will not only honor the C.I.B.'s most outstanding member of the year, but also raise some much needed funds. As a recognized 501 (c) (3) charity organization, a payment of \$500 is required by the government and another \$350 (approx) is necessary for insurance. Going legit is expensive.

C.I.B. Youth Burn Camp Fundraiser 05.14.05

The **4th Annual C.I.B. Youth Burn Camp Fundraiser** has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 14 at RedNoFive** (Hubbard & Halsted in Chicago).

Tickets to the event are **\$100 per person** and include cocktails, buffet style dinner, live entertainment and giveaways.

The outstanding success of our 2004 event set a record \$10,000 donation and we most certainly plan on shattering that number in 2005.

“**Camp I Am Me**” is hosted by the **Illinois Fire Safety Alliance** every year for kids who have suffered burns from any source, including abuse at the hands of adults.

IFSA’s “**Camp I Am Me**” is a very special place that is funded through contributions such as ours. For some of the kids in attendance, it is the only time in their lives when they can blend in and forget about their burn scars.

This year we have selected an event committee to handle all the

planning. If you would like to help, please feel free to contact:

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If you would like to become an event sponsor, several options are available.

The IFSA website is:

www.ifs.org

2004 Ad Book, Now 2005 Ad Book (Sponsors on back)

The **2004 Ad Book** has morphed into the **2005 Ad Book** and we hope to publish this outstanding piece of literature and distribute it at the Youth Burn Camp Fundraiser on Saturday, May 14.

Please submit your ad ASAP to cut down on the deadline work and make it easy on our volunteer layout and design experts.

Take a look at some of the ads that were taken out in 2004. These ads will be placed in our newsletters and on our website as bonuses for submitting early.

The **2005 Ad Book** will be sent to all members, contributors, associates and establishments around Chicago.

Please take an ad so this doesn't

become the **2006 Ad Book**.

Ad Book Pricing:

Business Card \$ 50

1/2 Page Ad \$100

Full Page Ads:

B&W \$150

Color \$200

Covers (1 of 3) \$250

Special Olympics Update

In September of 2004, the **C.I.B.** continued a three year tradition of **Bowling for Special Olympics**.

Again we raised \$1,000 and donated it directly to the **Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association**.

In the future, **NEDSRA** Director of Development **Flynn Vance** will

share some of the important dates in terms of competitions and events that support **Special Olympics**.

There will be a calling for volunteers to help staff these events and I'm sure a good showing will be made by the members of the **C.I.B.**

We'll definitely keep you posted.



The C.I.B.'s Tim Egan with Rachael and Jay Gebhardt.



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