

CHICAGO IRISH BROTHERHOOD

Newsletter

"The Irreverent Benevolent Society" June 2004



10K Reasons Brighten Burn Camp

It took a few moments to understand the meaning behind the words **Chicago Fire Commissioner Cortez Trotter** said to the crowd gathered at the **Illinois Fire Safety Alliance's Youth Burn Camp** on Wed., June 23.

Commissioner Trotter was adamant about putting the "Closed" sign on "**CAMP I AM ME**," a magical place for children burn survivors.

WHY would the top fire-fighter in Chicago want to turn away these unfortunate victims who find a common ground each year with peers who have suffered burns from flame, chemicals, scalding water and more?

First reaction was to question another bureaucratic decision to wrong a so very right.



The 2004 'Camp I Am Me' Poster

Then the light of common sense showed it's true rays on the reason everyone should hope the burn camp goes the way of Polio and 1980's big hair and florescent sweatshirts:

Prevent fire & preach fire safety and no child shall ever suffer burns.

Simple.

Until that time, when fires are preventable and kids no longer suffer at the hands of abusers, the **Chicago Irish Brotherhood** will remain dedicated to bringing as much relief as possible through mostly our fundraising, but more importantly our compassion.

In 2004, the **C.I.B.**'s third year of contributing to the **IFSA Burn Camp**, our organization presented a check for \$10,000.

Our dinner in honor of the kids who attend this camp was held on May 1 at the Fitzpatrick Hotel in Chicago and was a new milestone for the **C.I.B.**

There are many reasons why "**CAMP I AM ME**" is a major **C.I.B.** beneficiary, but the following quote

from a camper says it all:

"I have always felt comfortable with my scars at camp and over the years I have learned to feel the same way outside of camp. I feel that 'Camp I Am Me' is a good name because you are accepted for who you really are."

And always should be.

In the future we most certainly hope "**Camp I Am Me**" no longer has to welcome new attendees. Yet, no matter how long it takes, the **C.I.B.** will be there for those kids currently enjoying this "Magical Gathering."

One day it will hopefully be a reminiscence and be a time when no child has to bear preventable scars.



C.I.B. President Tim Egan and Vice-President Paul Mulligan present the \$10K check to Ally.



**C.I.B./James Joyce
Chicago White Sox
Outing**

Saturday, July 24th

*\$45 per person
Ticket to the game,
all-u-can imbibe on*

*the bus back and forth from the James
Joyce, hot dogs at the pub after game.*

Place your ticket order ASAP at

708.606.6700

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**The C.I.B. 8th Year
Celebration Ad
Book**

Final copy & payments due
on **September 15, 2004**

The C.I.B. Ad Book is an effort to share information between membership and help raise funds for the C.I.B. general fund. Please review the enclosed info package.

