



## Marathon Weekend



Wonderful, magnificent, auspicious. No one adjective can fully describe the events of the marathon weekend and what they meant to TASK. The weather, race course and runner enthusiasm collided to provide all parties involved with a memorable experience. To anyone who volunteered, ran, walked, cheered, donated, or just watched...Thank You!

To recap the weekend, Friday was day one of the marathon exposition. TASK parents, athletes and staff manned the customized TASK booth complete with group photos, TASK videos and a generous TASK themed slot machine. Our logo blanketed the America's center as thousands of runners picked up their race packets and browsed through the various vendors and display booths. Friday night concluded with a private concert by Five For Fighting at the Pageant for TASK Force runners and volunteers.

Friday's Activities were a wonderful opening act, but Saturday's schedule really had the TASK family movin' and groovin' all over the streets of St. Louis. In addition to the expo, TASK plans included an athlete/runner picnic on the Arch grounds, and a dinner under the Arch for TASK Force Runners. The picnic provided an opportunity for the team of runners from other countries to meet and interact with our athletes. For those unfamiliar with the TASK Force, this group of runners were created to be a fundraising and training team for the marathon. Runners committed to raising \$1,500 for the race (consequently TASK). In return for their efforts, they would receive continuous fundraising and training support throughout their marathon preparation. This team was composed of Solutia employees and members of the TASK community. The final thank you for this group of runners was a private dinner inside the Arch museum on that Saturday night, the 250+ members, representing 13 countries, proudly announced its fundraising achievement. Including matching business donations, the TASK Force raised \$1.3 million for TASK! Thank you again to all of our TASK Force runners.



Sunday's Race was a fantastic encore for this 3 day party. Nearly 22,000 runners hit the streets of St. Louis in their quest to conquer a challenging course. Perfect weather and bands along the route fueled their efforts. TASK was proud to be all over the course with TASK Force runners, TASK Cheer Stations and volunteers working the TASK Water stations. TASK, TASK, TASK everywhere you looked. As Sunday afternoon faded into the evening hours, and the last runners crossed across the finish line, the whirlwind of a weekend was complete. For some this meant relief, others a painful walk to the car, but for TASK this weekend was a giant step towards realizing a dream of a permanent home. Tremendous thanks are owed to Solutia and CEO Jeff Quinn (pictured above) for creating this opportunity for our organization and athletes. This incredible weekend would not have been possible without their support. Thank you!!



## TASK Fit Is An Instant Hit!

In anticipation of a new facility, TASK decided to revamp its fitness curriculum by showcasing a variety of potential activities. Throughout the fall session, a new instructor was scheduled for each month to lead a different style of exercise. The course line up of Tai Chi, Zumba and Weights n' Cardio, were collectively known as TASK Fit.

Each program received positive feedback from parents and athletes alike. TASK's wish is to increase programming by adding these classes as full sessions after moving into the new building. TASK would like to invite all athletes to attend our next wave of TASK Fit. Our Winter/Spring Session will include Tai Chi, Zumba, Yoga, and a Boot Camp! For more information about the TASK Fit schedule or class descriptions go to [www.tasksports.org/activities](http://www.tasksports.org/activities)

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR...**

Happy Holidays Everyone! I know that may sound a little premature at this point, but after looking at the calendar, I cannot believe we are past the middle of November already. TASK has had a wonderful and exciting year in 2011.

The Rock and Roll Marathon was a huge success and I just want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who came out and volunteered at the expo and on race day. Whether you came out and played, shared your stories, cheered, handed out water or held the finish line, you were all a vital part to the success that TASK enjoyed and I am very grateful to all of you. Huge THANKS to Solutia for all that you did to make the weekend so fantastic and fun for everyone.

I hope that all of you enjoyed one of the fall sports with us these last few months. Volleyball, soccer, tai chi and art class have all been completed and bowling is very close to also being done. Zumba seemed to be the hit of the fall TASK fit classes so we will be bringing that back after the holidays. Watch the future newsletter for times and for the introduction of our new yoga class. Come on out after the holidays and join us for basketball and cooking classes.

Hopefully, very soon, we will be able to share with you more information about our new home. We are making very good progress on moving forward to reaching our dream of having our own facility. Some days, it is a little overwhelming to remember where we have come from and to see where we are going. As soon as everything is finalized, we will share the good news with all of you. Thanks again everyone for believing in our program and coming out to support us in whatever way that you can. I hope that all of you enjoy a very safe and happy holiday season with your families.

Deb

**FROM THE PRESIDENT...**

Happy fall! As I write this I look at the rain out my window and the color of what leaves are left and smile...

Two weeks ago the Rock N Roll marathon was a HUGE success for Solutia, St Louis and TASK. On Saturday night the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Solutia hosted a special "carb dinner" under the arch attended by runners from all over the world. There was a moving ceremony during which representatives from 12 countries carried their national flags up to the stage. Speeches were given and fund raising awards presented; what an awesome time! Thanks to Jeff Quinn and the Solutia team for hosting such a great weekend, and putting TASK on the map! Their efforts raised over \$1.3M for TASK.

Yes, I did finish the half marathon and beat my goal by two minutes, coming in at 2 hours 11 minutes! Thanks again to Solutia for providing Liane Levy, our running coach, to help us through the training...

And here is the BIG news. I've told you all at the golf tournament and the dance earlier this year that we will soon have a building, and we WILL!! We signed a contract with the intent to purchase a piece of property in Fenton, Missouri and as I write, we are working to complete the due diligence on the purchase. It is an awesome piece of property! Yes, God is great!!

We still have much to do though. We need to complete our Capital Campaign, and raise some critical funds to complete selected modifications to the property. So please continue to pray for completion of the campaign, and we ask for your support! Thank you, we look forward to serving more athletes in the future!

Don Guenther, Board President

**Volunteers: WE NEED YOU!!**

To our incredible collection of volunteers,

Thank you for your hard work and dedication throughout TASK's eventful 2011. The marathon, capital campaign, news casts, press releases, camp and programs, could not be possible without your support. TASK is currently winding down its activities for the year but our winter session is just around the corner. Beginning the first week of January, TASK kicks off its 2012 programming with basketball, cooking and TASK Fit. Many volunteers will be needed to help operate this full schedule of activities. To see a list of all upcoming programs please check out our *Calendar of Events* at [www.tasksports.org/calendar](http://www.tasksports.org/calendar).

First time volunteer? Please follow these few steps for volunteer registration before attending your first activity. These steps and necessary documents can be found at [www.tasksports.org/get-involved](http://www.tasksports.org/get-involved)

1. Pick an activity that you want to help with from the **TASK Calendar Page**.
2. Download, print, fill out and return the appropriate **Volunteer Application Form**:  
(NOTE: Different applications exist for minor/adult volunteers)
3. Read and be familiar with **TASK Policies and Procedures**.
4. We will contact you after all the screening procedures have been completed with the results of your application.

**TASK: For Anyone And Everyone**

The TASK team would like to remind all participants; past, current or prospective, about our organization's mission to provide opportunities for athletes of all ages and abilities. The acquisition and customization of a permanent facility will allow TASK to develop unique programs previously limited by time and space constraints. We welcome the chance to grow our TASK family and hope you help share our information with others in the community. Also, TASK never wants to see an athlete left on the sideline because of a financial concern. The organization receives annual grants in support of a scholarship fund. Please contact our TASK office for scholarship applications and requirements.

[www.tasksports.org](http://www.tasksports.org)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### Basketball

Athletes are divided into teams according to age and ability levels. Various basketball skills are worked on in a station approach. Dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding and teamwork are addressed. Athletes spend the first part of the session in practice and the end of the session with a scrimmage. Athletes meet for 1 hour for six consecutive weeks. You will receive a team tee shirt that your child should wear each week. At the completion of the season, athletes will receive a trophy recognizing their efforts. See the event grid in this newsletter for ages, dates, times and location. Fees: Gold Member– no fee; Silver Member- \$40; Bronze Member- \$75. **Deadline: Jan 1**

### Cooking

Our chefs will have new and great tasting recipes to prepare and taste. Cooking is a 4-week class and space will be limited to 20 participants due to the nature of the class. This class will be offered to athletes ages 10 and over. If you are interested, please sign up ASAP to secure a spot. Each class will focus on food preparation, following recipes, cooking and eating the final product. TASK's goal is to work with our chefs on basic cooking skills and fundamental nutritional concepts. See the event grid in this newsletter for ages, dates, times and location. Fees: Gold Member– no fee; Silver Member- \$40; Bronze Member- \$75. **Deadline: Jan 1**

### Kids in Motion

TASK dancers participate in activities that will improve and reinforce spatial and body awareness skills through various dance steps and music. Locomotor & balance skills, distinguishing left and right and creative movements are used to help kids feel more comfortable moving through their environments. They will also perform a recital at the end of the six weeks. A fun loving class to improve security in kids movements. Boys and girls 10 & under are welcome. See the event grid in this newsletter for ages, dates, times and location. Fees: Gold Member– no fee; Silver Member- \$40; Bronze Member- \$75. **Deadline: Feb 1**

### Dance

TASK dancers learn several different modern dances along with different steps and routines to common dance music. Dancers will also learn a routine to perform at the recital at the end of the six weeks. Boys and girls 11 & over are welcome. See the event grid in this newsletter for ages, dates, times and location. Fees: Gold Member– no fee; Silver Member- \$40; Bronze Member- \$75. **Deadline: Feb 1**

### Floor Hockey

TASK floor hockey players experience the different aspects of the game including passing, stick work, shooting, goal keeping and scrimmages. All athletes will be provided with a hockey jersey and helmet with mask, but are asked to wear shin guards each week. Teams will be decided based on skill and age level. We will meet for 1 hour for six consecutive weeks. See the event grid in this newsletter for ages, dates, times and location. Fees: Gold Member– no fee; Silver Member- \$40; Bronze Member- \$75. **Deadline: Feb 1**

### TASK Fit

TASK hopes to encourage healthy living through its fitness classes. The TASK Fit program focuses on a different style of exercise each month. Examples of different classes include; Zumba, Tai Chi, and Cardio 'n' Weights. Classes are held on Thursday evenings and are open to all ages. See the event grid in this newsletter for dates, times and class selection. Fees: Gold Member– no fee; Silver Member- \$40; Bronze Member- \$75.

### Social Club

All TASK participants who are 13 years of age and older are invited to gather one Friday a month to meet new people and hang out with old friends. Each month a different activity is planned from BINGO, to trivia to dancing. If you have a question or want to be on the Social Club emailing list, call Mary or Dave Hughes at 314-968-4315 or email TASK.social@att.net. Fees: Gold Member– no fee; Silver Member- \$5 Bronze Member- \$10. **Deadline: None**

## Capital Campaign Update

In September 2010, TASK officially kicked off our capital campaign. The campaign goal is to raise \$3.5 million in order to secure property and own a facility. The campaign committee, led by Paul Henckler, Jeff Quinn and Tim Zimpfer, has worked diligently this past year and is proud announce property negotiations are in progress.

However, the mission of this committee has not been fully accomplished. A large amount of funding must still be raised to complete the remodeling of the new facility. Our campaigners are dedicated to the challenge and want to ensure our athletes will have their dream home. This campaign will soon be entering a phase in which we will ask you, our TASK families to help the cause. For more information please check out [www.tasksports.org/capital-campaign](http://www.tasksports.org/capital-campaign)

## TASK Holiday Sale

Hoping to finish your shopping early the year? Stop by the TASK office and check out our wide variety of TASK apparel. From t-shirts, sweatshirts, pants, polos and pullovers, you will find the perfect gift for everyone on your list. TASK also has excellent stocking stuffers with drink holders, glow in the dark bracelets, magnets and lanyards. These items are a wonderful way to complete your shopping. All sales help support our operations and are a great way spread the word about our mission. Don't wait too long, supplies are limited. For pricing and availability please contact the TASK Office at 314.845.3641. Happy Holidays from TASK!!

**How to register for a program:**

1. Have a 2012 Application Form on file (fill out one per year)
2. Pick a Membership level
3. Register for the activity of interest (all membership levels must turn in a registration)
4. Send registration in with applicable fees
5. Show up and play!

**REMINDERS:**

- If there is inclement weather, (includes heat, rain, snow, etc) please check the TASK website at [www.tasksports.org](http://www.tasksports.org) or call the information line at 314-845-3641 and press 2 to check the status of an activity.
- If you register after week one of any sport, we cannot guarantee that your child will receive a trophy and/or tee shirt.
- Please fill out all forms completely.

	<b>GOLD MEMBER</b>	<b>SILVER MEMBER</b>	<b>BRONZE MEMBER</b>
<b>Yearly Fee:</b>	\$480	\$250	None
<b>Program Fee:</b>	None	\$40 per sport	\$75 per sport
<b>TASK Camp Fee:</b>	\$125 & guaranteed spot	\$150 & guaranteed spot	\$175 (if available)
<b>Social Club Fee:</b>	None	\$5 per event	\$10 per event
<b>Premium Sports Fee:</b>	None	\$40 per sport	Not eligible
<b>Second Child Discount:</b>	\$360 yearly fee	None	None

Sports	Ages	Day	Time	Location	Fees			Dates
					Gold	Silver	Bronze	
Basketball *	10 & Under	Tue	6:30-7:30	St. Elizabeth	None	\$40	\$75	1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7
Basketball	11-15	Wed	6:00-7:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$40	\$75	1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8
Basketball	16+	Wed	7:00-8:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$40	\$75	1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8
Cooking	10-15	Tue	5:30-6:30	St. Elizabeth	None	\$40	\$75	1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7
Cooking	16+	Tue	6:45-7:45	St. Elizabeth	None	\$40	\$75	1/17, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7
Kids in Motion	10 & Under	Tue	6:00-7:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$40	\$75	2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27
Dance	11 & Over	Tue	7:00-8:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$40	\$75	2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27
Floor Hockey	11-15	Wed	6:00-7:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$40	\$75	2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28
Floor Hockey	16+	Wed	7:00-8:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$40	\$75	2/22, 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28
TASK Fit	10 & Under	Thurs	6:00-7:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$40	\$75	Thursdays-Check online for monthly schedule
TASK Fit	11+	Thurs	7:00-8:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$40	\$75	Thursdays-Check online for monthly schedule
Social Club	13 & Over	Fri	7:00-9:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$5	\$10	12/9
Social Club	13 & Over	Fri	7:00-9:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$5	\$10	1/13
Social Club	13 & Over	Fri	6:30-8:30	St. Elizabeth	None	\$5	\$10	2/10
Social Club	13 & Over	Fri	7:00-9:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$5	\$10	3/9
Social Club	13 & Over	Fri	7:00-9:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$5	\$10	4/13
Social Club	13 & Over	Fri	7:00-9:00	St. Elizabeth	None	\$5	\$10	5/11

\*Please note- 10 & under basketball will only meet as scheduled if enough interest is shown

St. Elizabeth of Hungary is located at 1420 South Sappington Road, 63126

### Annual Giving

Thank you to all of our annual donors for your generosity. Annual giving continues to account for a significant amount of TASK's yearly fundraising totals. In 2010, these gifts accounted for all of our facility leasing fees! In large part to these generous contributions TASK proudly celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2011. This organization could not sustain, much less expand its program offerings with out your assistance. TASK hopes you can share our mission with friends and family within the community. Our need for your donations will grow as we expand and the costs of operations increase. Thank you in advance for your continued support!!

## UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS

**Jan  
28**

**What:** St. Louis Auto Dealers Charity Gala  
**Where:** America's Center  
**Time:** 7:00 -10:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$40.00-\$99.00  
**Includes:** Heavy Hors d'oeuvres  
 Entrance into Auto Show anytime  
 during the Gala

**Feb  
4**

**What:** Annual Trivia Night  
**Where:** Orlando Gardens  
**Time:** Doors 6:30; Trivia 7:00  
**Cost:** \$200 Regular table (10); \$350 Premium table (10)  
**Includes:** Depends on table, see website

We are always looking for donations for raffles and sponsorships for all fundraisers. If you want to donate, please contact [fundraising@tasksports.org](mailto:fundraising@tasksports.org) or call 314-845-3641.



# 2012 TASK TRIVIA NIGHT



Join TASK for our 13<sup>th</sup> annual Trivia Night!! This February event is one of the year's most popular parties. Premium seating is available but going quickly. Visit <http://tasksports.org/calendar/2011/trivia-night/index.html> to register.

**\$350 Premium Tables Include:**

- Seats for 10
- 5 Rounds of food
- Unlimited beer, soda, water
- Premium Seating

**\$200 Standard Tables Include:**

- Seats for 10
- Unlimited beer, soda, water

**For more information, call the TASK office at 314-845-3641.**



2012 Saint Louis Auto Show  
 Charity Gala  
 Saturday, January 28  
 7:00 pm –10:00 pm  
 @ America's Center



Come join us for an evening on the town at the area's premier automotive show. Enjoy a night of premium cocktails, gourmet mashed potato martini bar, carving station, passed hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, music, free admission to the after party and more!

**\$99.00-VIP Tickets Include:**

- Unlimited Drinks
- Free Valet Parking
- Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
- Entrance into Auto Show
- Exclusive Viewing of Million Dollar Mile
- Admission to the After Party at The Pepper Lounge

**\$40.00-General Admission Tickets Include:**

- 2 Drink Tickets
- Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
- Entrance into Auto Show
- Admission to the After Party at The Pepper Lounge

**For more information or to make a reservation, call the TASK office at 314-845-3641.**