

# MemberUpdate

## A MAGICAL TIME TO BE A MEMBER!

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Membership Manager

*Magic: The Science of Illusion* is opening Memorial Day weekend, but we have already begun a magical season of events. We're kicking off the summer with a members-only event just in time for Father's Day weekend. Please join us for the 3rd annual Member Ice Cream Social on Friday, June 17, from 12:30 to 2:30pm. Meet the membership staff in our courtyard for ice cream treats for the whole family! The ice cream social has been a nice way for families to relax and enjoy the amazing view of the river we have here at the museum. This year, however, it is also helping us to kick off OMSI's 60th anniversary celebration. There will be more opportunities for you to help us celebrate this fall so stay tuned for details in the next issue of OMSI Magazine, and check our website for the latest on member events.

The *Inspire a Child with OMSI* program is once again on target to meet its annual goal, which helps keep OMSI affordable and accessible to all. As we mentioned in the appeal letter you received recently, an anonymous donor has presented a special challenge to OMSI supporters by offering to match gifts up to \$20K made to the *Inspire* program. If you haven't sent in your contribution yet, please consider doing so today. OMSI receives no local or state tax funding, so we rely heavily on private contributions and grants to achieve our mission. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their support thus far and helped us meet this challenge!

Did seeing *Mystery of the Nile* whet your appetite for adventure? Does the new planetarium show *Earth's Wild Ride* sound like the perfect after-



noon date with your child? Well how about being able to do both for FREE! Consider upgrading your current membership to the Friend level and you will receive these benefits and so much more. Eight vouchers are included with the Friend level that you can use for either the OMNIMAX Theater or a tour of the USS Blueback submarine, and all daytime planetarium shows are FREE! You can also bring in up to two guests each time your family visits the museum. With the lazy days of summer ahead of us that is great news for the babysitter, the nanny, or your aunt visiting from Florida! \$47 of the price of this category is tax deductible. If you are interested in hearing more about the Friend level or how to increase your tax deductibility by upgrading to a supporter category of membership, please contact the Membership Office at 503.797.4634.

## We want to hear from you!

The membership department is creating a special advisory council and invites you to participate. Whether your family has been members for 60 days or for our full 60 years we want you to share your opinions with us. The advisory council will have the opportunity to discuss such topics as:

- Membership categories and benefits
- Museum exhibits
- OMSI Magazine
- Special events and invitations

The council will be open to all membership categories and will determine how often we meet. A variety of communication tools will be used, including online chats, so don't let geography or time limits deter you from joining. We'll make it easy to hear from you. As members, you play a crucial role in the success of OMSI. Help us continue to be one of the top science centers in the country by becoming involved today.

If you are interested in charting this new path with the membership department please contact Membership Manager Bianca McCarthy at 503.797.4531 or by email at [bmccarthy@omsi.edu](mailto:bmccarthy@omsi.edu).



## Donate Your Used Vehicle to OMSI

OMSI has teamed up with Volunteers of America to raise funds for our programs. Donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law and your vehicle will be picked up for free. Please call the Development Office at 503.797.4634 for more details.