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*The Network extends a very special
thank you to Terry Pellerin and crew for
all their help and support.*

~ Schedule of Events ~

- 1:00-1:15 Welcoming Remarks - Chris Nelson
Mayoral Proclamation - Special Appearance
by Mayor Timothy P. Murray
- 1:15-2:00 Toe Jam Puppet Band
- 2:00-3:00 Special Appearance by Jose Antonio Rivera,
World Boxing Champion
Miracle Fish Puppets
Raffle and Announcements
- 3:00-3:45 Toe Jam Puppet Band
- 3:45-4:00 Raffle and Closing Remarks



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~ Participants ~

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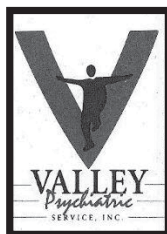
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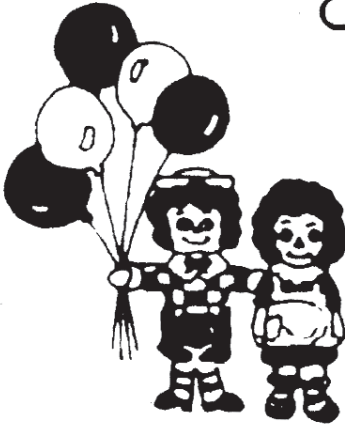
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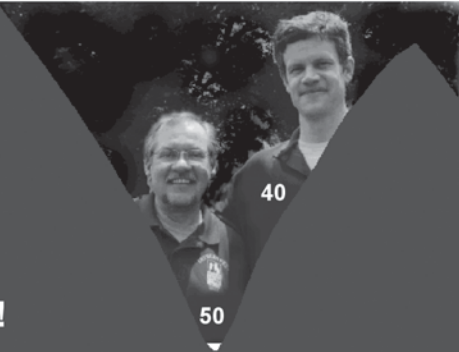
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IN 2006!**



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**Happy Father's Day to Pernet Fathers' Group.
~Chris**

**We love you, Dad!
Love, Walter, Oliver & Anabelle
Happy Father's Day, Chris.
Love, P.O.M.**

**Feliz Dia de los Padres de Angel, Noel.
~Sylvia**

**Happy Father's Day, Dad!
Love, Alina, Destinee & Jaiden**

**#1 Daddy! Happy Father's Day! We love you!
XOXO Your Sons, Alijah & Anton**

**Happy Father's Day, Pops!
Love, Stephanie & Dennis**

**Happy Father's Day to All Dads Serving
in the Armed Forces.**

**Hi, Dad,
from Jimmy, Patrick, Timothy, Peter
Central MA Men's Resource Center wishes
all dads a Happy Father's Day**

**Happy Father's Day Scott
with love, Shirley & Girls**

MISSION STATEMENT



**WORCESTER COUNTY
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The mission of the *Worcester County Fathers & Family Network* is to promote responsible fatherhood and raise community awareness of the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. The Network's objectives are:

- Improving parenting skills
- Enhancing fathers' self awareness
- Expanding opportunities for training and employment to fulfill fathers' personal and financial responsibilities of caring for children.

Tips for Fathers

- Be a role model
- Give praise; be supportive
- Set fair expectations that are clear
- Be consistent
- Talk to your kids
- Be patient
- Have a sense of humor
- Be a teacher
- Allow your child some space and privacy
- Respect your child's other parent
- Share emotional, physical and financial care of your child with their mother

Funding for the Worcester County Fathers and Family Network provided by Greater Worcester Community Foundation and The Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund.

"It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was."

~Anne Sexton



Fathers Fest Planning Committee

Chairperson:

Chris Nelson - Pernet Fathers & Family Program

Committee Members:

Wendy Blas - Family Health Center of Worcester/WIC

**Jack Bonina - Family Services of
Central Massachusetts**

Katy Donahue - Worcester Telegram & Gazette

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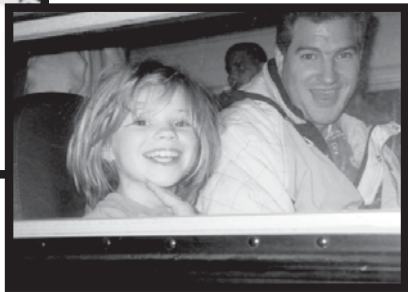
Beth Vietze - Worcester Family Ties Network

Karen Waters - Child Development Head Start

First Aid is Available at the Registration Table



***“I could not point to any
need in childhood as
strong as that for a
father’s protection.”
Sigmund Freud***



***“Any man can become a father. It takes love
to become a dad.”***

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