

North Haven Education Foundation Press Release Saturday, October 8, 2023

Despite the drizzle today, the Third Annual North Haven Trek provided a fun-filled morning for the six competitive teams. Each team could choose to visit up to 20 assigned local businesses/venues and complete challenges such as sampling tea at Moon Rise Café or guessing the number of fries at Dino's. Jill DeChello, Editor of North Haven Magazine, loves thinking of creative tasks that highlight local places. Debbie Volain, a North Haven resident has competed in each of the Town Treks. "The tasks vary each year, but it's always fun. It is a great excuse to visit local business that you often drive by and might not have had a chance to stop in yet." The event raised over \$800 for the North Haven Education Foundation (NHEF).

The members of the team that won the most number of challenges Ron Iannucci of RVI Computers, Heather Cousins, and Brandon DeLucia. That team shared the first place slot for most points with team Nighthawk whose members were Ari Collins, Ratiya Collins, Russ Collins, and Lee Anne Duval.

Participating businesses and town venues include: Arnold's Jewelers, Best Western Plus Hotel, Carbone's Deli, Crazy Toast House Restaurant, Daytime Gardeners, Dinos's, Forget-Me-Not Florist, Golf Cove, Moon Rise Café, North Haven Library, Pawsome Pets, PopCentric, RVI Computers, Sam's Place, Stellato's Deli, Sports Plus of North Haven, The Music Center and Your CBD Store.

Jill DeChello is now busy organizing the Halloween Drive-thru which runs on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The NHEF is hosting its annual Trivia Night on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. More details and ticket purchases are available at www.nhedfoundation.org.

The North Haven Education Foundation, Inc. (NHEF) is 509(c)(3) public charity. The NHEF provides funding to support and echince educational initiatives in the district's public schools and the community. Since its formation in 2004, the NHEF has helped bridge the gap between increased demands placed upon the school system and a decrease in federal and local educational funding. The Foundation awards grant money to encourage the innovation and establishment of educational projects that touch the lives of as many of our students as possible.

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