



## Celtics Sports Foundation Celebrates The 25 Year Anniversary of the St. Charles Celtics Soccer Club



### Celtics soccer club celebrates 25 years: recognizing the past, planning for the future

The Fox Valley area currently plays host to a large number of competitive and recreational soccer clubs for players of all ages. When coaches Bob Heilman and Tim Dailey created the St. Charles Celtics soccer club twenty-five years ago it became the first traveling soccer club in St. Charles. It consisted of St. Charles and Geneva residents, along with Europeans relocated to the area. They played as an "Open" team, consisting of players aged 16 to 40 years of age.

Today, 25 years later, the St. Charles Celtics have evolved into a non-profit organization called the Celtics Sports Foundation. A core division of the Foundation is its formidable Over 30 soccer program. Some of the original players are still playing for the club. Players such as Gary Cole

(current Celtics Leadership Team member), Randy Kula (past Celtics President) and Bruce Rasmussen are a few of the original St. Charles Celtics. The Club has won the Illinois State Cup, Masters' and Northwest Suburban Soccer League (NSSL) O-30 titles over the last eight years and recently has benefited from the growth of indoor soccer.

In 2001, the SportsPlex was built in St. Charles to provide the area a first-class, indoor soccer facility. The appeal of indoor soccer and the opportunity to play in a first-class facility has seen the club grow with over 250 players now involved in the indoor soccer leagues that run from October until May and practice at least once per week at the SportsPlex.

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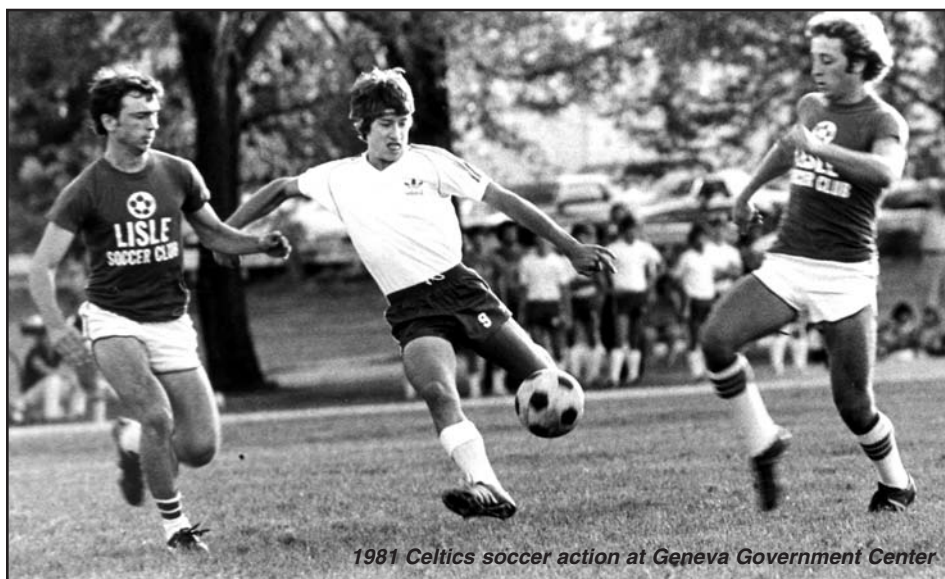
### Celtics Sports Foundation Develops Scholarship Fund

As a German born immigrant who, with his wife Rosina and his daughter Elisabeth, came to the United States via Ellis Island in 1961, nothing piqued my grandfather's interest more than the game of Soccer. Hans Marx, grandfather to Karrsten and Rick Goettel, was more than just a fan of soccer; he was supporter of the game.

My earliest memories include Sunday afternoons, following the traditional German soccer clubs in Chicago. My father Othmar Goettel, played for both Green White and Kickers. Many of my cousins also played for other German clubs, including Schwaben. My brother and I would often attend these games with our grandfather and he would engage the players in conversations about the games including 'slipping' a little money into their pockets if a player had a particular good game.

Nothing however pleased him more than having both his grandsons play the game he so thoroughly loved. Rarely did he miss a game Rick and I were participating in. Upon his passing in December of 2005, the family decided that an appropriate way to honor my grandfather was to develop a soccer related scholarship in his name in memory of his passion for soccer and his support of the game. With the emergence of the Celtics Sports Foundation and its stated vision a unique opportunity was provided to develop such a scholarship. The money donated according to his wishes will fund a Celtics Sports Foundation Scholarship. The goal of this fund, with additional contributions from all supporters of the club and soccer, is to designate a yearly recipient of the scholarship.

— by Karrsten Goettel



1981 Celtics soccer action at Geneva Government Center

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The St. Charles Celtics have also made a conscious effort to be good community citizens. The club has been involved in a number of charitable events, Bowl for Kids Sake, raising over \$10,000 for Illinois Top Soccer, a charity that helps disabled children play soccer, donating to Lazarus House, contributing labor to Riverwoods Christian Camp and more.

As the St. Charles Celtics soccer club celebrates 25 years of accomplishments, joy, and memories, we must recognize the vision, leadership and hard work of all dedicated people that have made this possible and also look to the future and another successful 25 years.

In 2006, a number of club members got together to form the Celtics Leadership team to develop a vision and mission to move the organization forward and grow on its successful first twenty-five years. The Celtics Board comprises Gary Cole and Karrsten Goettel who were part of the original St. Charles Celtics soccer teams as well as more recent members Dr. Shapour Arami, Dr. Paul Carpenter and Anders Kauserud.



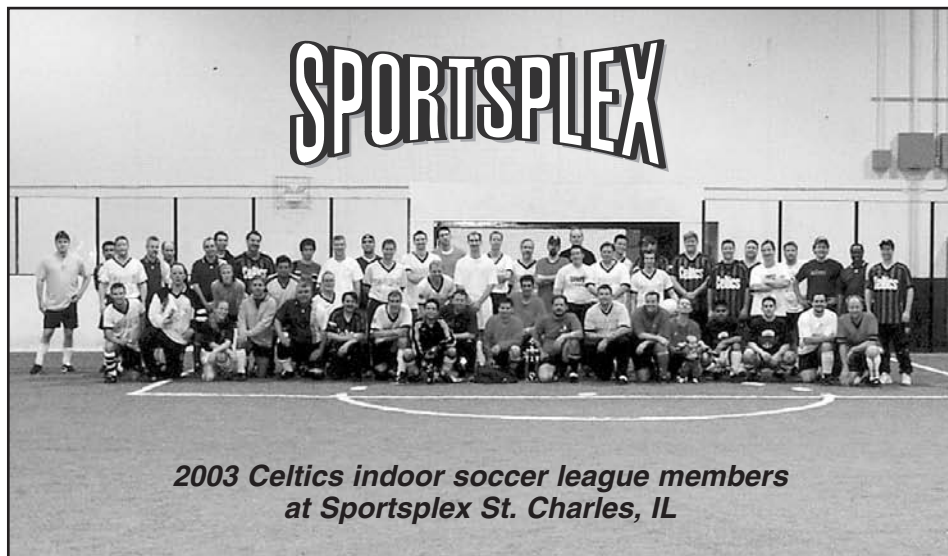
1999 Celtics Bowl for Kids Sake with Elvis

Over the past 25 years the club has evolved into a successful and strong organization that now numbers several hundred members playing on several outdoor and indoor teams. To build on the success of this strong foundation, a group of inspired volunteers from the club have been busy defining the future vision for the organization and developing a road map for an even more successful future.

The transformation process has already begun and transition from the Celtics Soccer Club to the newly developed Celtics Sports Foundation is complete.

#### Foundation Objectives:

- Strengthen the Foundation's governance process by expanding and enhancing the leadership team.



2003 Celtics indoor soccer league members at Sportsplex St. Charles, IL

A vision and mission statement that communicates the future goals for the Celtics Sports Foundation has been defined along with strategic objectives that shapes the future of our organization (see side bar).

There is an ambition for the Foundation to become a community leader in developing sport and an aggressive long-term roadmap with the following shorter-term strategic objectives have been developed.

#### Celtics Sports Foundation 06 - 07 Season Strategic Objectives

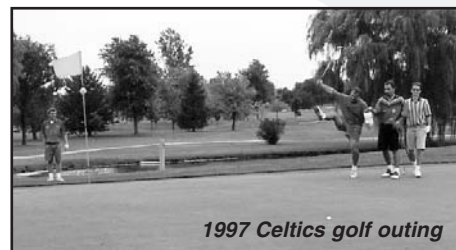
This year, the overall objective is to create an environment so that all soccer players, supporters, spectators, enthusiasts and admirers of all ages and skill levels can enjoy the game.

To achieve this overall strategic objective, a series of more specific objectives and action plans have been developed.

- Continue fostering partnerships with Park Districts, Cities, Community Organizations and other soccer clubs.
- Increase the Foundation's infrastructures through investments consistent with the road map.

#### Community and Member Relation Objectives:

- Improve members' networking/learning opportunities through events, expositions, seminars and formal gatherings.
- Become a catalyst in uniting and growing youth soccer clubs in the community with a shared and common objective toward strong and united youth soccer programs for all levels.



1997 Celtics golf outing



## Our Vision and Mission Statement

The Celtics Sports Foundation is a non-profit organization whose vision is to continue to be a recognized and respected community leader playing a significant role in the transformation of individuals, sports, and society through positive encouragement, discipline, and the promotion of fair play on and off the field.

The Foundation's mission is focused on developing, promoting, managing, and supporting opportunities for involvement in and through sports to enrich the lives of all members of the communities it serves. The Foundation seeks to inspire and foster partnerships in and through many types of recreational and competitive sports locally, regionally, and nationally. The Foundation recognizes and appreciates the value of sports as an agent of social development and change. Through its own divisions and through partnerships and affiliations with organizations that have common missions, values, and beliefs, the Foundation seeks to:

- Advocate the importance and value of sports for physical health and well-being
- Provide technical assistance to develop, manage, and market sports programs
- Bring communities together through sports and its use as a vehicle for social development, education, and charitable activities
- Act as leader and activist in promoting, lobbying, and coalition building for sports programs, facilities, and opportunities for all



**Celtics Leadership Team:** left to right, Paul Carpenter, Gary Cole, Shapour Arami, Karrsten Goettel, Anders Kauserud, and former St. Charles Celtics President Randall Kula.

- Explore partnerships opportunities with other organized synergetic sports clubs and organization.

### Soccer Operations Objectives:

- Strengthen the quality and memberships of the Foundation's O-30 soccer program by taking a more active role in the league organizations that govern O-30 soccer.
- Expand the Foundation's membership to younger soccer enthusiasts by creating an open competitive and recreational age group soccer team(s).
- Improve member literacy and involvement by offering soccer coaching and refereeing training classes through collaboration with existing education centers.

To share the past successes of the club with our fellow soccer players,

community and extended families of athletes and other sports enthusiasts, and to achieve these ambitious and important objectives, the Foundation is relying on the support of all its members.

Find out how you can help and support your Celtics Sports Foundation. Email Anders Kauserud if you are interested, [kauserud@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kauserud@sbcglobal.net) or contact us on the web, [www.stcceltics.net](http://www.stcceltics.net). Come out and join the fun!

**Celtics Party at The Dog & Duck Inn**



**Saturday, July 22, 2006**  
7:00 pm till ??

16 South 1st Ave.  
On the Fox River  
Downtown St. Charles  
(in former Scotland Yard)



**2003 Celtics 0-30 Illinois State Cup Champions**

## Celtics Sports Foundation receives association status with the St. Charles Park District

The Celtics Sports Foundation is proud to announce that on July 11, 2006 the St. Charles Park District elected to recognize the Foundation as an official associated organization. This solidifies the long standing valuable relationship the organization has had with the Park District. We look forward to continued cooperation in the mutual pursuit of providing successful programs to the area and thank the St. Charles Park District for this recognition.



2006 Celtics soccer action at Campton Hills Park

## St. Charles Celtics outdoor and indoor soccer teams

The over 30 soccer division of the Celtics Sports Foundation currently comprises five outdoor teams and as many as twenty indoor soccer teams participate in the indoor leagues the organization runs. The five outdoor teams include the original St. Charles Celtics team and two additional teams that participate Sundays in the Masters League. Two teams participate in the Saturday Northwest Suburban Soccer League (NSSL). The growth in the number of outdoor teams in part reflects the growth of the indoor league. During the outdoor season practices are held every Thursday evening at Campton fields.

The indoor program is based at the Sportsplex in St. Charles and leagues run every Fall, Winter, and Spring. The indoor program has seen a rapid expansion since its inception in 2001 when around 50 players were involved to a program that now numbers more than 250 players. The Fall and Winter leagues typically consist of two divisions reflecting different competitive levels with each division having between 8 – 10 teams matched to ensure parity. The Spring program is smaller largely because the Sportsplex closes one of its two fields to accommodate indoor hockey. In addition to the leagues, practices are held once a week year-round.

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