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ILLINOIS BOWLING PROPRIETORS STRIKE A BLOW FOR WASHINGTON, ILL., TORNADO RELIEF

Illinois State BPA representatives to present Washington mayor with \$17,000+ donation

LINCOLNWOOD, Ill., February 6, 2014 – Members of the Illinois State Bowling Proprietors Association will present Washington, Ill., Mayor Gary W. Manier with a donation of more than \$17,000 for the Washington Tornado Relief Fund Sunday, Feb. 9, at Plaza Lanes in Washington (1500 W. Washington, telephone 309-444-3059).

ISBPA President Alan Nordman, Landmark Lanes (Peoria) general manager Mark Stoner and Plaza Lanes owner Gary Alstott will make the presentation at 2 p.m., before the start of the final round of the 106th Greater Peoria Bowling Association Annual Handicap Tournament.

The money was raised through a series of “Prayers for Washington, Ill.” fundraising events held at BPA centers throughout Illinois from November 2013 through January 2014. Participating centers include Beverly Lanes (Arlington Heights); Paone’s Blackhawk Lanes (Sterling); 4 Seasons Bowling Center (Freeport); Don Carter Lanes and The Cherry Bowl (Rockford); B&B Park Bowl, Forest Hills Lanes and Park Lanes (Loves Park); Concordia Lanes (Belvidere); T-Byrd Lanes (Rochelle); Viking Lanes (South Beloit); Landmark Lanes (Peoria), and Plaza Lanes.

The bowling community of Landmark Lanes contributed nearly \$13,000 thanks to a Dec. 15 “no-tap” team tournament organized by Stoner and Lauren Sellers.

Alstott and Plaza Lanes expect to add at least another \$500 to the total before Sunday’s presentation. Alstott and his staff have been conducting a raffle for several high-performance bowling balls donated by Bob’s Business, a bowling supplies company based in Broadview, Ill., during the past three weeks. Mayor Manier will draw the winning raffle tickets as part of the ceremonies.

Alstott’s 20-lane center, which was on the perimeter of the track the E-4 tornado took Nov. 17, emerged relatively unscathed. He was able to re-open Plaza Lanes within a week or so, once power and water were restored.

“We had damage to the roof, HVAC system and company signs,” Alstott said. “We plan to begin repair work in the spring, once the weather improves and SBA funding is made available.”

The Illinois State BPA (Illinois State Bowling Proprietors Association) is a co-operative, non-profit membership association of bowling establishments throughout the state of Illinois and performs a variety of operating, management, promotional and technical services for its member establishments and local affiliated Associations. For more information on ISBPA activities and membership, visit www.bowlillinois.com and “Illinois State BPA” on Facebook.

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