

YMCA CELEBRITY CLASSIC LIGHTS UP THE LINKS

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Star-Studded Two-Day Event to Benefit Wood River Community YMCA

KETCHUM, Idaho – World renowned actors and performers are set to converge on Sun Valley this Aug. 14-15 to participate in the Wood River Community YMCA's **Celebrity Classic**. Founded by Hollywood television producer, **Bud Yorkin**, the annual sell-out event raises awareness and revenue benefiting the Wood River Community YMCA.

The **Celebrity Classic** includes a golf tournament on the Robert Trent Jones-designed Sun Valley Golf Course, as well as Saturday evening's dinner, auction and Night of Laughs program produced by **Bud Yorkin** and featuring celebrities such as **Clint Eastwood, Christopher Guest, Peter Cetera, Kevin Nealon, Wil Shriner, Ed Marinaro**, and others. Those interested in participating, attending or making a tax-deductible donation may call Wood River Community YMCA at 726-6260.

"It's terrific to be joined once again by so many distinguished guests and friends who want to make a difference for this community," said Bud Yorkin, producer of legendary series such as Sanford & Son, All in the Family, and Maude. "The new YMCA will be an enormous positive addition to the quality of life enjoyed by everyone in the region. We are proud to get behind it."

The Wood River Community YMCA will feature an ice arena, event center, the city's first public indoor lap and leisure swimming pools, a climbing facility, fitness center, full-court gymnasium, aerobic/dance room, a learning center and a community meeting room. It will offer sports, recreation and education programs for all ages and be linked by public transportation throughout the area. Organizers are in the midst of an ambitious capital campaign to realize the project and have raised about a third of the \$16 million needed.

The Classic attracts about 400 people each year. The auction is particularly popular, featuring memorabilia, gifts, trips and other merchandise donated by individuals and businesses from the region and nationwide. Auction items this year include: a walk-on role on the HBO hit series, The Sopranos, with airfare and hotel in New York; a golf trip for four to Ireland; and a one-day whitewater raft trip for up to 18 people on the

Payette River from Far & Away Adventures, including a barbeque afterwards at Redfish Lake provided by Apple's Mobile Catering.

This year's celebrity guests include: **Peter Cetera**, Grammy Award winner and Academy Award nominated pop musician; **Wayne Cotter**, known as the Roving Reporter on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno; **Clint Eastwood**, famed actor and director, and his wife, **Dina Eastwood**, of Candid Camera; **Bill Faberbakke**, formerly of the hit series Coach and now the voice of Patrick Star on SpongeBob SquarePants; **Scott Glenn**, noted actor in Urban Cowboy, The Right Stuff, The Hunt for Red October and other films; **Christopher Guest** of mockumentary fame, including the hits This is Spinal Tap and Best in Show; **Arte Johnson**, a well-known character actor on the classic Laugh-In series and also the voice of Newt the dog on Animaniacs; singer **Jack Jones**, who has recorded 17 Billboard Top-20 albums; **Richard Kind**, best-known as Spin City's Paul Lassiter; former Minnesota Viking **Ed Marinaro**, who became famous as Officer Joe Coffey on Hill Street Blues; **Peter Marshall**, a big band singer and actor who has hosted over 5,000 episodes of Hollywood Squares; Saturday Night Live's longest-running cast member, **Kevin Nealon**; Come to Papa star, writer and producer, **Tom Papa**; The West Wing co-star, **Richard Schiff**; Emmy Award winner **Wil Shriner**, director of Frasier and Becker and this year's season finale of Everybody Loves Raymond; **Cynthia Sikes**, wife of Bud Yorkin and former Ms. Kansas who appeared in Erin Brockovich with Julia Roberts; **Keely Smith**; **Jill St. John**, well-known television guest star; **Saul Turteltaub**, writer, director and comedian who worked on Sanford & Sons, What's Happening, Cosby and other popular programs; Indy car racer **Johnny Unser**; star of Hart to Hart, **Robert Wagner**, who also had noteworthy cameo roles in two Austin Powers films; and the original Batman television series star, **Adam West**.

Wood River Community YMCA was granted YMCA status in 2003 and is currently in fundraising and planning for a center that will serve all of Wood River Valley. For more information on contributing to the capital campaign, please contact Mike Wolter, Campaign Director, at 208-726-6260 or mike@woodriverymca.org. The YMCA, over 150 years old, is collectively the largest non-profit community service organization in the United States. Additional information on the YMCA organization can be found at www.ymca.net.