# User's Executive Committee 2 wality of Life

### Report for December 3rd, 2010

- Purpose: "Improve the quality of life for users at Fermilab, so that they can be happy, productive physicists. Find ways to increase the interaction, visibility and further the careers of young physicists."
- Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> Invited guests from User groups at Fermilab
  - Patricia Hedrick, Children's Center
  - Annamaria Feher, NALWO



### Patricia Hedrick Children's Center

- Day care costs may be high for grad students
  - Difficult for Day Care to lower prices, but state programs exist (CCAP)
    - http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx
    - Single parent (1 child) income below \$2,425/mo eligible
    - Two parent (1 child) income below \$3,050/mo eligible
- "Drop-in" day care available for users visiting Fermilab for short periods of time
  - Children aged 6 or younger can participate in day care
  - Children 7-12 can participate in "School's Day Out" program during school year or Day Camp in summer
- Summer Day Camp offered in 1-week terms for local users
- "Parent's Night Out" extended day care program offered
  - Next session is tomorrow, for holiday shopping!
  - Planning a session near Valentine's Day in conjunction with Chez Leon



## Annamaria Feher NALWO

- NALWO organizes many programs for Users and their families
  - Weekly play group sessions for children
  - English classes twice a week
  - Monthly lunch (or other activity)
  - Tea with Barbara Oddone twice per year
  - Halloween and Holiday parties
  - Yearly bus trip to Chicago
  - Full details at <a href="http://www.fnal.gov/orgs/nalwo/">http://www.fnal.gov/orgs/nalwo/</a>
- Suggested that NALWO send posters to office areas outside of Wilson Hall
  - SiDet, Mechanical Dept., CDF, DZero



#### Other Items

- Pool could end up an interesting topic this year, but it is not being discussed yet...
  - Will contact Bruce Chrisman and ask to be included in pool discussions if/when they occur
- Job application & interview talks for grad students and postdocs
  - Offered yearly to members of CDF and DZero, not generally advertised/available for other experiments
  - Will discuss setting up yearly grad student talk with the GSA
  - An open-invite postdoc-oriented talk will be given by Rob Roser on December 14<sup>th</sup> as part of Dave Christian's "Food for Thought" talks