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2012 PINWOOD DERBY RESULTS



Twenty-three participants designed, painted, and prepared cars for the 2012 Pinewood Derby Race, including seven racers who joined us from Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church, and two friends of Sonnenberg Venture Club participants.

The children showed a lot of creativity in the wide variety of cars that were made. In addition to the models listed below with the winners, other creative designs from Sonnenberg participants included an African fishing boat (Emma Zuercher), speedy skid steer (Ben Masters), egg mobile (Lily Hicks), wooden log (Levi Amstutz), fast food—dog food dish (Andrea Hamsher), power of the pencil car (Carrie Hamsher), canoe (Sarah Ressler), etc.

A new event added this year was the “Senior Division” tournament which only involved speed and included ten racers, nine men and one brave woman, Teresa Fiscus! This was an exciting event, with a very close finish—almost too close to call—just ask the judges, Mark Johnston & Vern Hochstetler! Winners were as follows:

TOP SPEED

Venture Club Tournament

- 1) Brandon Swartz (CR) - BF 1
- 2) Todd Geiser - Bone Collector
- 3) Abby Ross - Cruisin’ Canoe

“Senior” Division

- 1) Dave Ross
- 2) Cliff Lehman
- 3) Ken Neuenschwander

MOST ORIGINAL DESIGN

- 1) Kayla Geiser - Bubble Racer
- 2) Rebekah Amstutz - Ping Pong Table
- 3) Ethan Ross - Guitar

BEST PAINT JOB

- 1) Jasmine Hostetler - Dachshund
- 2) Adrienne Zuercher (CR) - Volcano
- 3) Evan Zuercher (CR) - Peacock

BEST MODEL CAR

- 1) Phil Eberly (CR) - Monorail
- 2) Bethany Masters - Blue Ford
- 3) Elijah Steffen (CR) - #4 Car

Congratulations to each of the racers for a job well done!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Happy birthday, Mennonite Church USA! On February 1, 2012, our denomination turned 10 years old. We invite you to join us in celebrating this milestone and giving thanks for the countless amazing ways that God’s Spirit has been at work among us in this last decade—in our lives and relationships, in our congregations and communities, in our agencies and organizations. May God bless each of our congregations and strengthen us all in our efforts to live out our denominational vision: God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God’s healing and hope flow through us to the world.

—Mennonite Church USA National Staff

THANK YOU

In the name of Christ, thank you for your gifts to MCC in 2011. Your total giving from January 1-December 31, 2011 was \$9,810.64 and was given as follows: (Note that Alternative Christmas giving for 2011 was sent in January, 2012, so is not included on this list.)

\$ 500.00	Japan Emergency Assistance
\$6,000.00	Where Needed Most
\$2,115.00	East Africa Drought 2011
\$1,195.64	MCC Meat Canning

Through you, MCC is reaching out to people in need at home and around the world. Thank you for supporting MCC’s work and showing care for humanity, in the name of Christ.

—Arli Klassen, Executive Director

NEWS & NOTES

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (330) 857-7311—Visit www.ccscomets.org for details.

- **The Frohliche Dorf Show** will be held again this year on Saturday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. Central Christian School's own old-time variety radio show is back by popular demand, in the school's Performing Arts Center. Don't miss out! Reserve your tickets while they last by calling 330.857.7311.
- **Open House:** Interested in a change for your children? Come explore the Central Christian experience with us on Monday, February 20. To schedule an appointment e-mail BruceK@CentralChristianSchool.org or call 330.857.7311.
- **Taste of Central:** Friday, February 25, 5:30 p.m.: The sixth annual taste-testing extravaganza is almost here! Come hungry and ready to sample main dishes, appetizers and desserts before voting on your favorites. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time by calling the school, or are available at the door while they last.
- Central Christian's **50th Celebration Program** will be Friday, March 2, 7:00 p.m. John D. Roth ('77 grad) will be speaking on *God's faithfulness looking back and looking forward*. YOU have been a huge part of our success over the years. Come celebrate 50 years of Christ-centered education with us! Want to join the alumni choir? Contact Lisa Lepley to request music (330.857.7311, ext. 208. LisaL@CentralChristianSchool.org)
- **Annual CCS Auction** will be held Saturday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. Pancake and sausage breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m., and auction bidding starts at 9:00 a.m. Every dollar sold will be matched by at least \$1.50, up to \$100,000! For current auction listing, visit www.ccscomets.org. We guarantee this auction to be fun and successful! To donate items, complete the form online at ccscomets.org/auction or e-mail Joel Otto at JoelO@centralchristianschool.org. All funds raised go toward Central's annual operating budget and mission of growing leaders and building the church.
- **Spring Play:** *Around the World in 80 Days* will be performed Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss this comedy adventure. Purchase tickets from a junior or senior, or at the door.

CAMP LUZ:

- **Men**, Mark your Calendars! The Men's Retreat at Camp Luz will be March 16-18, 2012. Ralph Reinford, Ohio Conference Regional Pastor, will be our speaker. Registrations are available online at www.campluz.com. More information will be posted soon.

CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION SKILLS FOR CHURCHES Seminar is coming up on February 11, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Crown Hill Mennonite Church, 9693 Benner Road, Rittman, OH 44270. The seminar will be led by staff of Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Cost is \$40 per person, \$45 after February 4; five or more registering together from a congregation receive \$5 off for each person. The cost includes lunch, snacks, and training manual. To register, send your name, address, phone, email, and name of your congregation along with your check to Crown Hill Mennonite Church. Call 330-927-1716 if you need additional information. A copy of the brochure is posted on the bulletin board.

ORRVILLA COMMUNITY EVENTS:

- OrrVilla Retirement Community would like to invite the public to attend a free concert by Andy Cary and Eric Fairhurst of the band Standard Time Jazz on Monday, February 6, 2:30 p.m.
 - You are also invited to attend a gospel music concert given by Willie and Rodi Longnecker on Thursday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.
- Both concerts will be held at Maple Terrace. Refreshments will be served following both concerts.

BUSINESS LEADERS AND PASTORS: Partners in Leadership and Ministry, join us for a workshop on Saturday, March 24, 2012, 8:00 a.m.-noon at SpringHaven, 1550 Durstine Road, Mt. Eaton, OH 44659. Presenter is David B. Miller, currently a faculty member at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries. This workshop will explore how business leaders and pastors can connect meaningfully with each other and jointly contribute to "God-activity." It will explore how pastors and business leaders can empower each other for ministry and shape a shared mission for their churches and communities. This seminar is offered by SpringHaven Counseling Center in conjunction with the Northeast Ohio Chapter of Mennonite Economic Development Associations (MEDA); also co-sponsored by AMBS, MEDA, and Mennonite Church USA. Online registration began January 9. See brochure on bulletin board for additional information.

MEDA: The Northeast Ohio Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) will be hosting their annual regional dinner on March 2, 2012, 6:30 p.m., at the Carlisle Inn, Walnut Creek. Reservations are necessary—by February 24, 2012. Email to meda@hostetlermgt.com or call (330) 855-4706, or mail to 13663 Sebe Dr. Marshallville OH 44645. Dinner is by donation—All monies to go towards Ethiopia Project:

Our local MEDA chapter project this 2012 year is to raise \$15,000 for the MEDA Ethiopia Project. Currently, \$8,500 has been raised. All dinner donations will go 100% towards this goal! Our \$15,000 will be multiplied by other monies by up to 10 times = a total of \$150,000! and we invite you to come and hear from those that are working to improve the lives of those that have had so much taken away from them. MEDA is an association of Christians in business committed to addressing human needs around the world through business-oriented economic development programs, and in applying Biblical teachings in the marketplace.

TRIP FOR SENIORS: Ruth Detweiler is planning a trip to Shippeshwana, Indiana, to see "The Confession" drama based on a novel by Beverly Lewis for May 7, and on to Holland, Michigan, on May 8 to visit the tulip display. If interested in joining the trip, call Ruth at 330-857-3151.

LASTING FLAME MARRIAGE SEMINAR is planned again this year by Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church on March 30-31, 2012, and it will be held at Central Christian School. John and Kendra Smiley from Central Illinois will speak on the topic, *Parenting Like a Pro*. Registration information is available at www.lastingflame.org. Brochures are available on the brochure rack in the foyer.

The next issue of *Sojourns* will be printed for Sunday, February 19, 2012. Please submit any items for this issue by Thursday, February 16, 2012, 9:00 a.m. Thanks!