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THANK YOU...

WHSFA extends a hearty "thank you" to WHSFA District chairs, Section Chairs, Advisors and Advisory committee members for their time, services and many contributions.

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WHSFA WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION SPEECH ADJUDICATION WORKSHOPS 2003-2004

As of 10/08/03

| LOCATION | DATE | TIME |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Boscobel High School | October 4, 2003 (Saturday) | 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. |
| St. Croix Central H.S. (Hammond) | October 4, 2003 (Saturday) | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| Beaver Dam High School | October 11, 2003 (Saturday) | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| Fall Creek High School | October 14, 2003 (Tuesday) | 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |
| Gilman High School | October 15, 2003 (Wednesday) | 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| Bonduel High School | October 18, 2003 (Saturday) | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| WEAC Convention, Milwaukee | October 30, 2003 (Thursday) | 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. |
| Hayward Middle School | November 3, 2003 (Monday) | 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. |
| Greendale High School | November 8, 2003 (Saturday) | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| Beloit Memorial High School | November 19, 2003 (Wednesday) | 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| UW-Oshkosh | November 24, 2003 (Monday) | 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. |
| Fond du Lac High School | December 2, 2003 (Tuesday) | 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| D. C. Everest H.S. (Schofield) | December 3, 2003 (Wednesday) | 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| DeForest High School | December 8, 2003 (Monday) | 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| Wauwatosa West High School | January 8, 2004 (Thursday) | 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |

Speech Adjudication Workshops are being held around the state during the 2003-2004 school year. A reminder that all judges at WHSFA Subdistrict, District and State level must be WHSFA certified. If you or your judges are not certified - now is the time!

If you are interested in attending a listed workshop and do not receive registration materials, or you wish to host an Adjudicator Workshop, call the State Office at (608) 882-6004.

Recertification for speech adjudicators is taking place now. If your certification expires in 2003 or earlier and you did not receive notification, please contact the State Office.

NEW WHSFA BOARD MEMBERS

Welcome to Gary Banker, a teacher from Superior High School, the newly appointed District 1 Chair. Also Sherry Getter, a teacher from Viroqua High School was elected to a 3-year term as Section III Chair (Districts 7, 8, 10). Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

STATE QUALIFYING DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Schools indicating on their WHSFA membership registration card that they will be participating in Debate this year have received an "Intent to Participate" form. This is your commitment to attend a State Qualifying Debate tournament. This form needs to be returned to the State Office by October 15th. Assignments to host schools will be based on the returns and schools will be notified accordingly.

WHSFA STATE SPEECH FESTIVAL APRIL 2-3, 2004

The State Office has sent a time preference card for the 2004 WHSFA State Speech Festival to all member Speech coaches. It was included in the envelope with the addendum. The card must be returned to the State Office no later than October 31st. In November the cards will be divided into groups according to first preference. We will draw ninety (90) cards from each group. You will be notified which time slot you received. There are three things you should remember:

- Fill out in order of preference with (1) being your first choice; (2) second choice, etc., **completing all four (4) choices.**
- Mail ASAP to ensure it reaches us by October 31st.

Reminder - You are not guaranteed your chosen time period as there are scheduling limitations

2003-2004 MEMBERSHIP CARDS

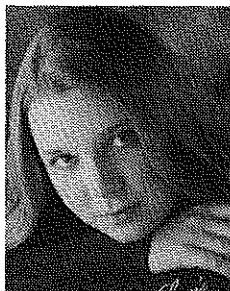
Check with your business office or call the State Office to ensure your 2003-2004 registration card has been completed and returned to the State Office.

It is essential that we have the correct name(s) of the personnel coaching Theatre, Debate, Speech and Middle Level programs. Without these names, we cannot guarantee that important materials will reach the correct person.

New mailing lists are now being generated. If you have not already returned your completed registration card, or made corrections, please do so as soon as possible.

Congratulations!!

Jorden Cupp, Richland Center High School, earned her fourth consecutive "Critics Choice Award" at the WHSFA State Speech Festival, held April 11-12, 2003 at UW-Madison.



Jorden Cupp

WHSFA PUBLICATIONS

A new WHSFA Speech Addendum has been sent to the Speech Coaches at all schools registered for membership in the WHSFA Senior Division.

A new WHSFA Theatre Addendum has been sent to the Theatre Directors at all schools registered for membership.

A new WHSFA Debate Addendum has been sent to the Debate Coaches at all schools registered for membership.

A new Middle Level Addendum has been sent to all member middle level schools. Also included is the 2003-2004 Extemporaneous Reading book - *Ghost Boy* - by Iain Lawrence.

Eligibility-Registration, (ER) forms have been sent to member Debate coaches and Theatre Directors.

Important new information is included in all publications - please read carefully.

-- WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION -- 2003 WHSFA EXCELLENCE IN SPEECH AWARD

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| District 3 | - St. Croix Falls - Peggy Ryan, Speech Coach |
| District 4 | - Rice Lake - Tya Shomion / Annette Roskam, Speech Coaches |
| District 6 | - Preble - Green Bay - Carol Miller, Speech Coach Luxemburg-Casco - Pam Fierst, Speech Coach Pulaski - Diane Sabo, Speech Coach |
| District 7 | - Viroqua - Sherry Getter, Speech Coach |
| District 8 | - DeForest - Joe CaPaul, Speech Coach Randolph - Coral Loebel, Speech Coach Waunakee - Rick Braun, Speech Coach |
| District 9 | - Winnebago Lutheran Academy - Fond du Lac - David Lauber, Speech Coach Lomira - Tammy Dineen, Speech Coach St. Lawrence Seminary - Mt. Calvary - Rev. Gary J. Wegner, Speech Coach |
| District 10 | - Oshkosh West - Carrie Achter, Speech Coach Cassville - Donna Williams, Speech Coach Lancaster - Sam Jonas, Speech Coach Iowa-Grant - Livingston - Sandy Walejko, Speech Coach |
| District 11 | - Monroe - Todd A. Trampe, Speech Coach |
| District 12/13 | - Wauwatosa West - Julie King, Speech Coach |
| District 14 | - Burlington - John Oberwetter, Speech Coach Delavan-Darien - Elizabeth Lieske, Speech Coach Greendale - Sharon Sharko, Speech Coach Westosha Central - Salem - Bernadette Elverman, Speech Coach |

These schools, representing the top 5% (including ties) of the 381 schools participating at the WHSFA State Speech Festival, held April 11-12, 2003, at UW-Madison, were honored with the WHSFA "Excellence in Speech Award". Each entry earned points for their school. Points are awarded as follows: Gold medal - Critic's Choice (4 points); Silver medal - All State (3 points); Bronze medal - Finalist (2 points); Small Bronze medal - Achievement (1 point).

The schools in the top 5% for 2003 earned between 71 and 88 total points.

WHSFA REMEMBERING...

■ 20 Years Ago - September 1983

The most recent Advisor appointee is Dean Michael Price of Marquette University. Price has been active as a participant, coach, and judge in all WHSFA events for a number of years as well as serving regularly as a host for WHSFA Theatre Festivals.

■ 15 Years Ago - September 1988

Adjudicator Training
A proposal to begin a judge training and certification procedure will be presented. This program would begin in 1989 and be an ongoing process.

■ 10 Years Ago - September 1993

WHSFA welcomes three new members to its Board of Control. Chris Verges, a teacher from Gillett High School is the new Section II Chair. Chris formerly served on the WHSFA Speech Advisory Committee and will now represent teachers/coaches from Districts 2, 5 and 6. The newly elected Chair for District 6 is Don Maslinski, Principal of Ashwaubenon High School in Green Bay. Peter Etter, District Administrator of the New Glarus School District will serve as District 11 Chair.

■ 5 Years Ago - September 1998

WHSFA extends a hearty "thank you" to:

Roger Klug for your many years of service on the WHSFA Board of Control.

Toni Johnson for your time and effort as a member of the Speech Advisory Committee.

We appreciate your support and dedication!

WHSFA MIDDLE LEVEL FESTIVAL SITES

Level I and Level II festivals will be held January-March 2004. More sites are needed!! Please consider hosting a Festival. The Association reimburses you for reasonable expenses incurred while hosting a Festival. Please call the State Office at 608/882-6004 if you are willing to serve as host!

IMPORTANT DATES

October 25, 2003

Latest date for WHSFA District Theatre

November 7-8, 2003

WHSFA Sectional Theatre

November 20-21-22, 2003

WHSFA State Theatre (UW-La Crosse)

WISCONSIN HIGH SCHOOL FORENSIC ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

The following have been elected to the WHSFA Board of Control/Advisory Committees:

SECTION CHAIR

SECTION III - (Districts 7, 8, 10)

Sherry Getter - Viroqua

SECTION IV - (Districts 9, 12/13)

Ed Kovochich - Milwaukee

DISTRICT CHAIR

DISTRICT 1 - Gary Banker

Superior (appointed)

DISTRICT 3 - Lee Bjurquist - Colfax

DISTRICT 5 - John Olig - Pittsville

DISTRICT 14 - Chuck Malone - Waukesha

DEBATE ADVISORY

SECTION I - (Districts 1, 3, 4)

Craig Lewis - Hudson

SECTION V - (Districts 11, 14)

Roland Faas - West Allis

THEATRE ADVISORY

SECTION II - (Districts 2, 5, 6)

Amy Tubbs - Pulaski

SECTION III - (Districts 7, 8, 10)

Rick Braun - Waunakee

SECTION IV - (Districts 9, 12/13)

Sue Luterbach - Milwaukee

SPEECH ADVISORY

SECTION II - (Districts 2, 5, 6)

Dorothy Berg - Pittsville

SECTION IV - (Districts 9, 12/13)

Jim Kocovsky - Milwaukee

MIDDLE LEVEL ADVISORY

Teresa Shelton - Spooner

Karen Heil - Edgar

Roger Skifstad - Eau Claire

Scott Arndt - Fort Atkinson

THANK YOU!!

WHSFA wants to extend a "Thank You" to outgoing Board of Control members Ray Mickolajak (District 1) and John Culbertson (Section III). Your involvement in WHSFA activities has been appreciated!

HIGHLIGHTS SPEECH ADVISORY MEETING

The annual Speech Advisory Committee meeting was held on June 6, 2003, in Madison. Present were committee members: Jeffrey Ayer, Mark Kohl, Jim Kocovsky and Sharon Sharko, along with the Advisor to Speech, Michael Price and Mary Calley from the State Office. Also participating were guests David Loos, Chair, WFA Category Committee and Mary Knutson, WFA, President. Dorothy Berg and J. Peter Shaw were not present.

The committee discussed member comments and concerns, reviewed the 2003 State Speech Festival and made plans for the 2004 State Speech Festival, April 2-3, 2004 at UW-Madison. The committee also established new topic areas for Moments in History, Public Address, Special Occasion and Storytelling. All recommendations of the Speech Advisory Committee were brought to the WHSFA Board of Control Fall meeting for their discussion and enactment.

HIGHLIGHTS - DEBATE ADVISORY MEETING

The 2003 Debate Advisory Committee meeting was held at UW-Oshkosh on June 26th. Kay Neal, Advisor to Debate, presided over the meeting. Members present were: Jim Sauer, Steve Gargo, Bill McBride and Roland Faas. Also attending, J. Peter Shaw and Mary Calley from the WHSFA State Office. Craig Lewis was not present.

A Debate Addendum will be published and distributed this year.

The 2004 WHSFA State Debate Tournament will be held at UW-Oshkosh on January 9-10, 2004 as a two day event, both 2 & 4 speaker State Tournaments. For the first time, Lincoln-Douglas Debate will be scheduled along with State Debate.

All recommendations of the Debate Advisory Committee were brought before the Fall WHSFA Board of Control meeting for discussion and enactment.

HIGHLIGHTS MIDDLE LEVEL ADVISORY MEETING

The Middle Level Advisory Committee met on July 11, 2003 in Madison. Members in attendance were Karen Heil, Nancy Herbison, Wally Hoffman, Bob Klotzsky, Tricia MacDonald, Al Schancer, Teresa Shelton and Roger Skifstad. J. Peter Shaw and Mary Calley from the WHSFA State Office were also present.

Topics reviewed/discussed by the committee included: 2002-2003 Level I and II participation report, constituency concerns and Middle Level Addendum items. Also decided were topics for Extemporaneous Speaking and Special Occasion. The Extemporaneous Reading book was also chosen - *Ghost Boy* by Iain Lawrence.

WHSFA is still seeking an advisor to the Middle Level Division - contact the State Office - 608/882-6004.

All recommendations of the Middle Level Advisory Committee were brought before the fall WHSFA Board of Control meeting for discussion and enactment.

HIGHLIGHTS - THEATRE ADVISORY MEETING

The WHSFA Theatre Advisory Committee held their annual meeting at UW-Whitewater on June 25, 2003. In attendance were members Chuck Malone, Rick Braun, Sue Luterbach and Amy Tubbs. Presiding over the meeting was Skip Grover, Advisor to Theatre. J. Peter Shaw from the WHSFA State Office also attended. Absent were Craig Lewis and Mary Calley from the State Office.

The committee reviewed the 2002 Theatre Festival and updated plans for the 2003 Festival. UW-La Crosse will host the Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival on November 20-21-22, 2003. Showcase productions will be performed at Viterbo University.

A new Theatre Addendum will be published and distributed this year. All recommendations of the Theatre Advisory Committee were brought before the fall WHSFA Board of Control meeting for discussion and enactment.