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Dress for Success



Appropriate business attire is required for all attendees—advisers, members, and guests—for all general sessions, competitive events, caucusing, workshops, meal functions, and receptions.

Delegates shall abide by the dress code established by the PA FBLA Board of Directors for all state functions. Delegates not adhering to the dress code shall not be admitted to the State Leadership functions.



Check out the *Dress for Success* PowerPoint on the pafbla.org Web site!

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American Red Cross

American Red Cross
Celebrating 125 Years of Service

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PA FBLA State Project—American Red Cross

Current State Project Total Raised: \$43,540.00

State Project Goal--\$102,007 and 40,000 Community Service Hours
by the State Leadership Conference

Theme: "Providing the Tools to Prepare for the Future"

Please consider completing a project to raise funds for the American Red Cross. Mail all state project contributions to: Mr. Will Dorrace, PA FBLA State Reporter, Hershey High School, PO Box 896, Hershey, PA 17033.

Make all checks payable to:

PA FBLA State Project.

Receipt deadline for contributions to earn points to outstanding chapter criteria: February 28, 2007.

Postmark deadline for contributions to qualify for state conference awards: April 1, 2007.

Checks will be accepted up to and at the PA FBLA State Leadership Conference.

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Boyertown at Halloween Time

At Boyertown's meeting in October, the club decided to craft Halloween Bags for a local pre-school. The club created about 70 bags for four different pre-school classes. Each bag was hand decorated by the members of the club with different Halloween symbols. After the bags were decorated, they were stuffed with assorted, pre-approved candy and other treats such as stickers, pencils, and Play-Doh.

Not only did the project help the pre-school children, it also created a fun activity to break up the regular business of the monthly meetings. The club found this idea as one suggested in the Red Cross handbook

About a week later the club received verbal thanks from the teachers. Then, after Halloween, a thank you card was received by the club from the children.



Cocalico=Community Service

In the past, those members who joined Cocalico FBLA knew that they would have the opportunity to participate in many aspects of Community Service throughout the school year. This year has been no different, as Cocalico FBLA has been busy once again implementing many community service projects.

The first major project of the year was called "Earth Angels". Through this project, members sold handmade Christmas Cards and the proceeds were given to the Community Action Program which benefits less fortunate families in the community. All of the cards were made during club meetings and after school by Cocalico FBLA members and all of the supplies needed to make the cards were donated by a local Wal-Mart. Cards were packaged in packs of ten and sold for \$5 a pack. All cards were sold and a donation of \$500 was given to the Community Action Program.

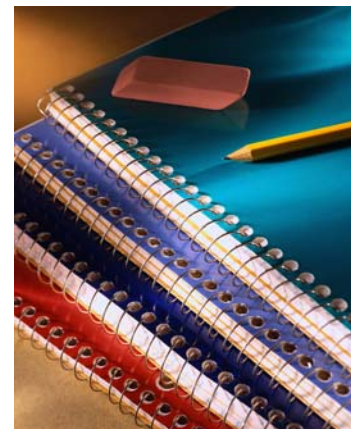
The second major project was the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project, which Cocalico FBLA has been participating in for over 10 years. This project involves three components. First, distributing the Angel Tags received from the Salvation Army of Lancaster County. Cocalico FBLA members distribute the tags to classmates, teachers and community members, asking that they

purchase a Christmas Gift for the child listed on the tag. The wrapped gifts are then returned to school where the FBLA members need to move on to the second phase of the project, which is sorting and checking in the packages. This process usually takes 3-4 days and it is a way to verify that each and every Angel Tag received is accounted for and that each child will indeed receive a gift for Christmas. The Salvation Army then picks up the gifts and Cocalico FBLA is ready for the third and final phase of the project, which involves going to the Lancaster Salvation Army for the day and packaging the gifts for the families. This day at the Salvation Army involves packaging the following for each family on the Salvation Army roster: Angel Tree Gifts, Additional Toys & Games donated by local businesses, and blankets or towels for all family members. The members of Cocalico FBLA spend 6 hours at the Salvation Army and are commended each time for how much they are able to accomplish in one day.

The third project that Cocalico FBLA is currently working on is collecting supplies to create school kits to be sent to children in other countries. The local chapter is working in conjunction with Seth Shober, a local chapter officer, who is working on this project for his Eagle Scout Project. The chapter is currently

in the process of advertising the School Kit Drive and preparing for the upcoming supply collection, which will take place in February. This project is being spread out throughout the entire school district, as students at all elementary, middle and high schools have received information about what goes into a school kit and how one can be created. Students are being encouraged to gather the following items, which make up a school kit: 4 notebooks, 4 unsharpened pencils, 1 pack of 12 colored pencils, 1 plastic ruler, and 1 block eraser. Supplies will be collected at each school and then given to the Mennonite Central Committee who will package and send them off to the designated countries. This project is also involving the businesses in the community, as they have been solicited for financial support in completing this project.

All in all, Cocalico FBLA has been quite busy with Community Service Projects and will continue to do so throughout the remainder of the school year.



Chestnut Ridge—Helping Red Cross

New Paris—The Chestnut Ridge Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America have been supporting the American Red Cross as the 2006-2007 Community Service Project. Each year, Pennsylvania FBLA chooses a state-wide charity to support. This year, PA FBLA chose the American Red Cross. State Parliamentarian Leandra Eckman and State Vice President at Large Olivia Webb were two of the nine students who made this decision early last May.

In addition to raising money through basket auctions and a charity walk, the chapter has also hosted a number of community service activities over the past few months.

In September, the chapter, with the help of area churches and Chestnut Ridge Student Council, collected over 4700

non-perishable food items and \$500. The items and money will be delivered to the two food banks during the month of October. The members have also been volunteering each month at the New Paris Food Bank, and they also assisted at the Claysburg Food Bank in December.

On Friday, December 8, 2006, the Chestnut Ridge chapter hosted a blood drive to benefit the American Red Cross. Seventy-two productive pints were donated that day. Members also volunteered during the blood drive and donated food items for the canteen.

On Friday, December 15, members and advisors volunteered at the gift wrapping booth at the Logan Valley Mall. All proceeds from the five hour shift benefited the American Red Cross.

Members have also been collecting American Red Cross comfort kits. These kits include hygiene items that are given to victims of fires. The children's kits also include crayons and a coloring book or a stuffed animal for comfort. The chapter collected over 30 kits that were donated on Thursday, December 21, 2006.



Chestnut Ridge

On December 13, 2006, fourteen students, one parent, two guests, and two advisors from the Chestnut Ridge Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America bundled in warm winter coats to travel to Pennknoll Nursing home. The group traveled through the hallways of the facility and sang Christmas carols to the residents.

Later that evening, they also traveled to Spring House Estates, a retirement housing development, to sing Christmas carols. Students rang doorbells and sang to the elderly on their

doorsteps. Over 150 people were touched by this community service project. Leandra Eckman, local chapter president, said, "It feels good to reach out to others and share the holiday spirit."

In other Christmas activities, the chapter is making Christmas floral arrangements, preparing trays of cookies and candy for the staff members, and creating a sunshine box for a sick Chestnut Ridge middle school student.



Students who participated in the caroling trip include Andrew Hutzell, Jessalyn Neatrou, Leanna Noon, Sarah Deremer, Danille Helsel, Hillary Roadman, Leandra Eckman, Danielle Pheasant, Alex Krise, Jenn Hoover, Nick Green, Ahmed Ibrahim, Samantha Adams and Ina Vollmer.

~Think Spring~ State Leadership Conference

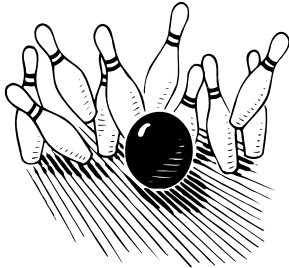


**Hershey
Lodge
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April 30,
May 1-2,
2007**

See You In Hershey!

Fleetwood—Goes Bowling

Fleetwood Area High School's FBLA Chapter has been extremely busy this winter! Students have been excitedly getting involved in activities planned by committees within our chapter, such as the Social Committee and the Community Service Project Committee. The Social Committee is busy planning bonding events such as midnight bowling and dinner excursions.



Meanwhile, Fleetwood FBLA President Nicole Couturiaux has been working with her partners Lauren Moyer and Elizabeth Goodwin to plan movie nights and fundraisers to benefit their community service endeavor to help CONCERN, Inc.

In addition to these activities, members have spent the last few months preparing for the Regional Competition. Fleetwood is proud to announce that

there were 34 members that competed and 23 members placed. Out of the 23 members that placed, an astounding 15 members from Fleetwood will be attending the State Competition in Hershey, Pennsylvania!



Freedom—Welcomes New Advisors

The Region 28 Leadership Conference held on January 11 was a huge success. Several of Freedom High School's members were invited to the stage for placing in the top six of their events. Over half of the members qualified to compete at the state level! In addition, the Chapter President, Shikha Saxena, was elected Regional President. She was inducted at the Awards Ceremony with cheers from the crowd.

Our two new chapter advisors, Mr. Rob Petrosky and Mr. Guy Smith, have personally taken the responsibility to make the chapter shine. Though they are new to FBLA, they are resourceful and promptly find all needed information for the club. Working closely with the officers and members, the advisors have led the chapter to a wonderful start!



Region 28 Conference a Great Success!

Kennett—Pledges \$1,000 to Red Cross



Kennett's FBLA has made wonderful progress within the first half of the 2006-2007 school year. Kennett's FBLA officers attended the State Workshop in Penn State in the fall and enjoyed the various informative workshops and activities as well as the overall FBLA spirit. Kennett donated a basket for the auction and pledged \$1,000 for the American Red Cross state project. Also, the majority of Kennett's members attended the Region 9 Workshop at Oxford High School in November. Members enjoyed a wonderful presentation on business etiquette and the American Red Cross.

The annual Mistletoe Magic dance was held in December. The school gym was beautifully decorated, refreshments were

served throughout the night, and the Mistletoe Magic King and Queen were crowned. FBLA also teamed up with Kennett's Student Council to help collect canned goods by offering a free soft drink to anyone who brought a canned good to the dance. Overall, the dance was a huge success.

Kennett's chapter also participated in the Get Pinned fundraiser for the state project. Officers sold the pins during lunches for a minimum \$1 donation. Both students and teachers contributed to the cause and were able to participate in Casual for a Cause day by wearing something red (including hats) to show their support for the American Red Cross.

The Regional Competition took place on January 11 at Goldey Beacom College. With eleven schools attending, each event was very competitive. Kennett attended the competition with the most members and came away with many eligible for the PA State Leadership Competition in Hershey.

The school store will open at the start of the second semester and will sell popular items from Kennett lanyards to book covers. Members headed for Hershey will be busy preparing for their competitions in April. The chapter will also continue working toward the \$1,000 pledge for the Red Cross. Kennett will surely maintain a strong momentum throughout the rest of the school year.



Pine Grove—Raising Funds to Attend SLC

The winter months have been very busy for Pine Grove Area FBLA members. In December, we started to prepare for Regional Competition and had a Christmas party as our social event. In January we raised funds for the American Red Cross by having a Casual for a Cause and Hats on Day and collected \$300. At the end of January, ninety students from Pine Grove Area High School attended the Region 23 Future Business Leaders of America

Conference at Bloomsburg University. At this conference students had the opportunity to compete in one of many events from individual to team events. This was our most success year ever with 45 students from PGAHS now eligible to move on to the PA FBLA State Leadership Conference at the end of April. Pictured in the photo is a group of the well dressed Pine Grove FBLA delegation.

Currently the PGA FBLA State Qualifiers are now working on trying to raise the funds to go to this state conference. Members are selling Cardinal Crazies T-shirts for the cost of \$10.00 per shirt. Krispy Kreme Donuts will also be on the list of fundraisers. We have decided to form an FBLA parent group to help with the fundraising efforts.



Pleasant Valley Hosts 5th Annual Italian Feast

On November 4, 2006 Pleasant Valley High School was transformed into a working Italian restaurant.

The Pleasant Valley FBLA held their fifth annual Italian Feast. The members and parents pulled their resources to create a festive environment with authentic Italian dishes. The entire community was invited to enjoy the event.

The preparation for the event included a food drive to collect the ingredients, advertising with TV stations and local newspapers, posting bulletins, and hanging flyers.

The actual event was held from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Tickets were sold prior to the event as well as at the door. The price for the all-you-can-eat affair was \$7.00 for adults while children under twelve were

admitted for free. The students served over 400 customers, which helped raise nearly \$2,500. All the proceeds collected benefited the American Red Cross.



"Pleasant Valley FBLA members looking good while raising money at an Italian Feast."

Filling Every Slot Pays Off for Stroudsburg

Stroudsburg FBLA has done it, yet again! With 102 members in attendance at the regional conference on January 4th, Stroudsburg brought home the gold as the overall Region 21 Champions. A record breaking 63 members will be advancing to the state conference in Hershey. Stroudsburg is hoping to have 18 additional members compete

through the state events. If all members qualify it will total an impressive 81 members competing. Newly elected regional officers were Carolyn Sears, Vice President and Bryant Sanders, Secretary. Stroudsburg shows great potential with high hopes of advancing to the national conference.

Plans have been put in place for a Dodge ball tournament to take place in early April. The students of Stroudsburg High School are anxiously awaiting the stiff competition.



Dodge Balls

Fundraising Ideas



**Fundraising
Factory Kit
\$1.00 candy**

Non-Traditional Media



Dodge ball tournament



Film Festival



Tom Wat Fundraisers

