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STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FUN SUNDAY



PA FBLA has been busy planning a fun-filled day for you in Hershey, before the start of the 2008 State Leadership Conference. There are three great attractions for a fun-filled Sunday afternoon and evening.

Start your day with a totally interactive chocolate experience for everyone and a shopper's paradise for everything Hershey's by visiting Hershey's Chocolate World. For the bargain shopper's, you can spend the day visiting the over 60 fabulous outlet stores at The Outlets at Hershey where you can find the brands you love at prices you won't believe.



Next, take in a Hershey Bears hockey game as they take on the Manchester Monarchs as the puck drops at 5:00 p.m. Special seats have been reserved for FBLA members and advisers.



Finally, warm up those vocal cords and wrap up the night as the PA FBLA State Officers host another Singing Bee—PA FBLA Style! Prizes will once again be awarded to the contestants and the winner.

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CENTRAL COLUMBIA

Central Columbia HS FBLA cares, and has spent the past few months volunteering with annual partners including Special Olympics, the American Red Cross, and the Ronald McDonald House.

Our local chapter recently teamed up with the local Elementary school to help organize and run a book fair. In order to portray diversity, FBLA members helping arrived dressed in ethnic or historical garb. FBLA members were there to assist guests by finding books, leading crafts,

handing out refreshments, monitoring raffles, and reading stories. Children came and went with a new-found appreciation of cultural diversity (and possibly a new book), while parents left thinking about how FBLA is an organization committed to service.

Following this successful book fair, CCHS FBLA served the needy with a canned food drive. High school homerooms competed to see which could collect the most cans.

This food drive, with a competitive edge, sparked the interest of FBLA members and the high school community. Due to the participation of



CHESTNUT RIDGE

Chestnut Ridge FBLA has participated in several activities to benefit the Pennsylvania State Project. The American Trauma Society was also chosen as the chapter's Community Service Project.

On the night of Halloween, elementary students were welcomed to Trick-or-Treat Night at Chestnut Ridge High School. FBLA members welcomed children into a fog-filled dark hallway to visit the "Hazard House," a twist to the typical Haunted House. A tour guide led them through the stage area, designed to look like the kitchen, bedroom, and living room of a house. FBLA members acted as injured or sleeping family members during the tour.

The children were asked safety questions in each room, and receive candy for their answers. At the end,

the children received a safety coloring book from the American Trauma Society, and parents received an emergency flipbook.

To raise money for the American Trauma Society, the chapter also planned a Servant Auction.



Twenty Senior Fall Sports Athletes volunteered to be servants to their highest bidders on January 9. Students placed bids during lunches, and competed for the senior they wanted to be master over for one day. The servants were red sashes, and had to obey commands such as retrieving lunches, carrying books, sharpening pencils, and even quacking or singing through the hallways. Students enjoyed

watching servants obey their master and competing to have the highest bid. Both events were a large success, and raised almost two hundred dollars for the American Trauma Society.

FLEETWOOD

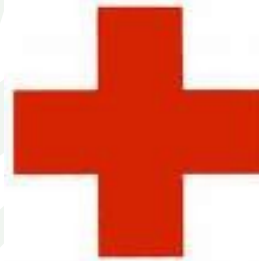
Throughout the month of December, student members were encouraged to compete in a mock competition to prepare for the upcoming RLC. Practice tests were given and all-stars were named in the written, team, and performance events. Finally, the day had arrived. With 55 members, 1 advisor and 2 guests, the Fleetwood High School FBLA Chapter headed to the Region 8 Conference held on January 8, 2008 at Penn State Berks Campus.



We were one of the largest chapters in attendance from our region. After a grueling hour of testing, a boxed lunch, a tour of the campus, and an admissions presentation, the awards presentation was underway. Fleetwood FBLA is proud to announce that of the 55 member delegation, 41 placed in the top of their event and 20 students qualified to attend the Pennsylvania State Leadership Conference in Hershey this spring. Congratulations to all those who competed and placed at the RLC!

The FBLA chapter at Freedom High School has been having a successful year so far. At the Region 28 Leadership Conference, held on December 20, 2007 at Southern Lehigh High School, the members were successful in their competitive events. Many are looking forward to competing at states. Freedom was also proud of its chapter and region president, Shikha Saxena, who presided over the conference.

Currently, the chapter is collecting cans to donate to the American Red Cross. FBLA and DECA members are collaborating on this project. Not only are members collecting monetary or food donations from family and friends, but business students and teachers are also encouraged to get involved. The FBLA chapter is planning to host a speaker from the Red Cross who will present new ideas for community service projects at the next meeting.



Thanks to the chapter advisers and officers who put "Leadership in Action," Freedom FBLA is looking forward to an exciting rest of the year!

HATBORO-HORSHAM

The Hatboro-Horsham FBLA chapter has been busy these past few months. From our annual New York Trip to hosting Regional's at Montgomery County Community College, HH FBLA is still moving along the path of success.

Right now we are selling Valentines Day Roses and balloons, benefiting the State Project, American Trauma Society - PA division. In March, 16 Hatboro FBLA members will travel to Hershey for the 2008 State Leadership Conference. We are so proud of our members for placing at Regional's and we hope they can make it all the way to the NLC in Atlanta!

Hatboro-Horsham has a lot of events planned for the months coming up. From participating in community service projects to hosting our annual end of the year banquet, Hatboro-Horsham FBLA keeps going strong and we are proving that the 07-08 year is our number one year so far!



PINE GROVE

Do or don't do, there is no try- Yoda. In our FBLA chapter, we don't try, we just do. This time of the year has been very busy for us. Community service projects, social activities, raising money for the American Trauma Society, and regional competition have monopolized the majority of our time.

Our newest community service project is called "Groceries on the Go". Every other Wednesday a small group of members delivers groceries to a 55 and over retirement community. This proved to be a very successful project. We also have done miscellaneous projects such as planting mums at the entrance of our school and playing bingo at a local nursing home.

Recently, we have held a safety seatbelt challenge. Pine Grove HS and Tri-Valley HS went head to head in a competition to which student body had the most students that wore their seatbelts. The results were announced at the football game at Tri-Valley. In the end, Pine Grove had won. The president of Tri-Valley's FBLA chapter had to take a pie in the face from our chapter's president. All profits that were made from the event went to the American Trauma Society.

In the future, we plan to host a lock down at our school. There will be cosmic volleyball, music, a dance-a-thon, movies, refreshments, and other activities to keep students occupied throughout the night. We also plan to take donations for the American Trauma Society. It should be a great way for the students to have a great time and make a difference at the same time.

We plan to continue to add more activities to our list of things to do. States are right around the corner, so our main focus with probably be on preparing for competition. Still, our regular activities will continue as planned. We hope that this will be our most successful year yet!



PLEASANT VALLEY

This year, for the first time, Pleasant Valley FBLA is going to hold a book drive. It is for Penn State and the books will go to any hospitals needed, in a near distance. We are going to collect books from our district, which include seven different Pleasant Valley schools. The homeroom in each school that collects the most children's books will win a prize. The advisors will collect them and the FBLA students will sort through them by grade level. We are only accepting books up to grade level eight and although they can be used, we are not accepting books that are torn.



We are collecting books next week and will distribute them to any hospital that needs them. Hospitals like to have children's books around to have children read while waiting, or to even give a sick child a book if they are having a bad day, just to cheer them up a little bit. We are excited to get this book drive started and are hoping for the children to be just as excited as we are. A book drive is a great idea for any place that needs some children books. The students from PV will win prizes and realize that their small gesture helped put a smile on another kids face.

SAYRE

The Sayre FBLA Chapter recently has been very active within the school and community participating in a variety of activities. These include community service activities, as well as FBLA functions.

In December, members and from the Sayre chapter went to our local elementary school and participated in a *Christmas at the Elementary School* project where members developed lesson plans, and taught the class with crafts, snacks, books, etc. This is a yearly tradition that is done by our FBLA chapter in conjunction with our Student Council Santa Pictures. Also during the month of December Sayre FBLA participates in the American Cancer Society Gift Wrap at our local mall, and Salvation Army Bell Ringing at local stores.

This year, as a partnership with the state project, the American Trauma Society - PA Division, Sayre FBLA members participated in a Disaster Drill for our local emergency crews and hospital. Members were staged in a “mock bus accident” that occurred, without the EMS or hospital staff being notified. FBLA members served as the victims of the bus crash and were transported by ambulance to the hospital for “treatment.” This was a very unique activity that our FBLA members got to be involved with as a state project partnership.

On top of all of the community service and state project related activities, Sayre FBLA fared well at the recent Region 27 Leadership Conference held at the end of December at Keystone College. Sayre FBLA will have twelve student members in attendance at the SLC. Sayre FBLA President, and PA FBLA State President, Luke Skerpon, finished up his second term as Region 27 President, and ‘passed the gavel’ to fellow Sayre FBLA member, and 2007-08 Region 27 Secretary James Biery, who will serve as the Region President in 08-09. Sayre FBLA members are gearing up for this year's SLC, so they can continue to show their “*Leadership in Action!*”



WESTERN WAYNE



Using this year's national theme, *Leadership in Action*, FBLA members at Western Wayne HS, Lake Ariel, PA, kicked off a successful membership recruitment drive.

Each time a member paid his/her dues, a clapperboard (a device often used by directors of a movie or television show) featuring the member's name was placed on the wall in the business hallway. Thus far, there are 90 clapperboards on the wall.

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

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The Professional Division of FBLA-PBL is for those individuals who support the goals of FBLA-PBL and have real-world experiences that they can offer to FBLA members. They are an essential aspect of the words *Business* and *Leader* as found in the name of our organization. This division of FBLA-PBL began in 1979 as the Alumni Division, but was expanded ten years later into the Professional Division.

Professional members can bring a number of unique aspects to your chapter, and to FBLA as a whole. First, they can serve as enlightening speakers and offer their real-world experiences in various aspects of business. They can sponsor local chapter activities or Pennsylvania FBLA scholarships and awards. Workshop presenters are always needed at both the region and state level. Professional members also offer opportunities for networking and future employment options.

The great thing about the Professional Division is that anyone can join. In today's modern society everyone's life is connected to business, whether they are employed at a business or they run their

own. Most people's retirement plans include investing in stocks, one of the hot-spots of business. Even your local chapter FBLA advisers can become one, as can any teacher at your school. Parents, relatives, and employers can become Professional Division members and inspire the next generation of business leaders



Professional Division members can register online at the national website, www.fbla-pbl.org, under the Professional Division section. On the left hand menu, simply click Member Registration. There Professional members can renew their registration, sign-up for the first time, or download a hard-copy application. This hard-copy application can also be found in the Chapter Management Handbook or on the PA FBLA website, www.pafbلا.org. Also on the PA FBLA website un-

der Downloadable files is a promotional flyer for recruiting Professional members. In order to provide the numerous benefits and opportunities for Professional Division members, there are dues which can be paid annually or by a discounted lifetime fee.

Besides being able to give back and inspire future members of the business world, some membership benefits include receiving copies of the *Professional Edge* and *Tomorrow's Business Leader* or *PBL* (Phi-Beta-Lambda) *Leader*. Members also receive discounts at various stores, hotels, and car rental agencies.

Visit the national FBLA website's Professional Division section for more details about these benefits, and the division in general. Members and chapters should work to utilize the potential of the Professional Division by striving to recruit members. If you have any questions about this exciting opportunity, feel free to contact me at secretary0708@pafbلا.org.