

Message From The Booster Club President

With Christmas behind us, I find myself in the position of reflecting on gifts received this year. I have been fortunate and cannot possibly think of any greater MUN gifts.

1. The opportunity to watch some great kids in action. Over 800 delegates from many different schools descended on MCHS campus to attend LAIMUN...the conference run by students. I was able to see the result of months of preparation by our MUNers - research, paper corrections and presentations, teaching of novice MUN students, presentation of tours to parents and 8th graders, and working together as a cohesive team. I never cease to be impressed by the enthusiasm of the students, the long dedicated hours they give to their MUN program.

2. The joy of belonging to a community where parents are involved and willingly give up their days, evenings, and weekends to support the kids during LAIMUN. Many hours, miles of errands and long phone calls to keep things going for the students of the conference. Where parents spend the entire day from dawn till dusk serving as hostess, man-

ning snack stands, serving lunches, and taking great photos. The joy of belonging to a community where parents allow their yard to be covered in cardboard boxes of flowers, and their cars loaded with flowers for delivery. Where parents spend days organizing registration packets, financial duties, chaperones for trips, airplane tickets, hotel rooms, tours, boutonnieres, goldfish booths, falafel, newsletters, and web pages.

3. The honor of working with instructors who take the time to know each of their over 100 students. Instructors who give up evenings and weekends for educational MUN conferences. Instructors who open their doors and provide an opportunity for parents to interface with their students while they participate in their MUN conferences and activities. Instructors who are available to their students to guide, mentor, encourage.

So even though I have been a very good girl this year, I have received plenty, and can only offer heartfelt THANKS and Happy New Year.

Dolores Kreig

MCHS MUN Booster Club President



Parents Helped Out At LAIMUN



MUN Booster Club President Dolores Kreig had an energetic team of parent volunteers pitching in at the Dec. 4 LAIMUN annual conference hosted by Mira Costa.

Many, many thanks to Dolores and all our parents who were preparing well before the conference, and to those who showed up throughout the day. Our appreciation also goes to the following dedicated individuals: Edith Shure and her volunteers for creating the beautiful boutonnieres; Susan Heisler, Lori Burns and Edith Shure for managing the sign-in tables; and congratulations to the LAIMUN

Chairpersons and their volunteers for taking on the huge task of feeding approximately 800 hungry delegates and advisors. Debbie Keen (Snack Bar), Barbara Umanoff (Delegate Lunch) and Gail Currey (Advisor Room). We also have Daniel Sofer to thank for documenting the day with his professional photos posted on the web at: <http://photos.hermosawave.net>

Cerritos

October 2-3, 2004
Beginner/Intermediate

Edison

October 23-24, 2004
Intermediate /Advanced

UCLA

November 5-7, 2004
Advanced

Berlin, Germany**

November 11-21, 2004
Advanced

LAIMUN

December 4, 2004
9am - 5 pm

Huntington Beach

January 8-9, 2005
Advanced

Mission Viejo

January 15-16, 2005
Intermediate /Advanced

Philadelphia**

January 24-30, 2005
Advanced
Approx \$1100.00

Berkeley**

March 11-13, 2005
Advanced
Approx. \$400.00

UC Davis**

May 22-23

Huntington Beach

April 30, 2005
Freshman

Long Beach

May 20-21, 2005
Intermediate

* Dates subject to change

** By invitation only

All local conference fees are included in your one time Participation Fee.



Over 2,000 Poinsettias Sold

Thanks to Poinsettia Chairperson Karen Chisum and to all who participated in selling and making our fundraiser such a huge success! We sold 2,176 plants!

Our 3 top sellers are:

1st Place (\$40 Prize)

Michael DeVito - 275 Plants

2nd Place (\$30 Prize)

Victoria Shure - 109 Plants

3rd Place (\$20 Prize)

David Chisum - 86 plants.

Merci beaucoup to our parent volunteers: Lori Burns, Beth Davis, Kris Friedlander, Dale Gibson, Susan Heisler, Nancy Hersman, Carol Hoesly, Kathy Kennedy, Delores Kreig, Stacie Reeve, Linda Richards, Carol Rowe, and Maria Wohlmuth.

Arigato gozaimasu to our student drivers: Steven Brown, Drew and Todd Burns, Sarah Hersman, Rachel Hoesly, and Bryce Scanlan. We attribute our tremendous success to all of you who volunteered your time, energy, and gasoline.

Mira Costa Takes Berlin

Sixteen Mira Costa MUN delegates took flight to Berlin, Germany to experience an international conference Nov. 11 - 21. Our delegates met with students from around the globe, and even grab an opportunity to do some sightseeing. None of this could have happened without the generosity of Mr. Timberlake and parents Mrs. McMillan and Mr. Ure. Many thanks to them and their families for their time away from home for chaperoning our students

Meet Mr. Wayne Knutson

Have you noticed a new teacher on staff helping Mr. Timberlake with Model UN? For those parents who have not had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Wayne Knutson, may we introduce him to you.

By Mr. Knutson's account, he grew up in a tiny town in Northwest Montana called Columbia Falls. It is unlikely to be on most maps, but it is just off the western border of Glacier National Park.

Princeton University is where Mr. Knutson received his bachelor's in history, and he earned his master's in history from Cal State Long Beach. Armed with his degrees and credentials, he landed at Mira Costa. Aside from guiding our children through Model UN, he also teaches U.S. History to juniors and AP Economics to seniors.

Married, he has two basset hounds, which according to Mr. Knutson, is a lot like having children with very short legs and a severely limited attention span. He is currently in the process of moving from Redondo Beach to Rancho Palos Verdes and confides that he is sick of dusting his house so strangers can walk through it and say things like, "It's not much house for the money." To which, mustering all of his forces of personal control, he doesn't respond to with, "Welcome to S. California, rube."

Mr. Knutson was a professional musician for about 12 years, and consequently has a nearly endless series of photos with bad hair and cockamamie outfits from the 80s and 90s.

We enthusiastically welcome Mr. Knutson's assistance to Mr. Timberlake, and under their leadership, we look forward to another successful year for Model UN.

January 2005 Conference Bus Schedule

Students, Be On Time . . . The Bus Waits For No One!

Buses will be at the Peck Parking Lot • Arrive 15 minutes early.

Huntington Beach

January 8, 2005 - Saturday

Bus leaves 7:00am - arrive 15 minutes early

Bus returns approx 6:00pm to MCHS

January 9, 2005 - Sunday

Bus leaves 7:00am - arrive 15 minutes early

Bus returns approx 4:30pm to MCHS



Mission Viejo

January 15, 2005 - Saturday

Bus leaves 7:15am - arrive 15 minutes early

Bus returns approx 6:00pm to MCHS

January 16, 2005 - Sunday

Bus leaves 7:15am - arrive 15 minutes early

Bus returns approx 4:30pm to MCHS



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