



NEWSette

Georgia DeMolay State Parents' Club

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RAIN DOESN'T DETER SPRING JAM

From the SPC Coordinator

The rains came, but Georgia DeMolay did not let that spoil the fun, Spring Jam was still a great success.

The State Parents' Club project of providing a colorful array of new color-coordinated Chapter T-shirts to distinguish the different Chapters turned out to be a real hit. Chapters were easily identified by their particular Chapter color and it helped to build team spirit. The Dad Referees expressed their appreciation for how it helped them keep up with the games. Kudos to Mom Sue Stovall, Mountain Park Chapter, for chairing this overwhelmingly successful project. Not only was it a good idea, it also netted the SPC \$467.68! Everyone seemed to love the idea and, I must say, the shirts looked very sharp.

Each year I am amazed at the wonderful show of talent by our Chapter Parents' Clubs in creating some awesome Chapter banners. This year was no exception. The banners were all great and each showed a unique interpretation of Justin's theme: *Building Upon a Foundation*. A special "thanks" goes to those who took on the tough job of judging the event. Congratulations to the winners: Samuel S. Lawrence - 1st Place, Mountain Park - 2nd place and Cecil Cheves - 3rd place. All the banners are shown on page 5 of this issue of the NEWSette. Thanks to each of you for participating!

Trunk Store sales were great at Spring Jam with the star of the show being the new Georgia DeMolay hats. The variety we featured this year created more interest, so please let me know by June 15th of any items that you would like for me to add to our store for Conclave. Our "innovation" of personalizing our hats and shirts with the Georgia logo has really enhanced the Trunk Store as a fundraiser for our State Parents Club.

As always, the members of the SPC worked together to support the young competing athletes by providing drinks and refreshments throughout the weekend events.

Thanks to all of you who helped man the Trunk Store, hauled coolers of ice and Gatorade, provided for refreshments for the Saturday night social time and offered helpful suggestions. You are all great and indispensable to the SPC!

In DeMolay Service,

Mom Griggers



REMINDER

**Parents' Club of the Year
Forms
Due
June 5, 2002**

From Cecil Cheves Chapter

Are We Having Fun Yet?

Well by the time this makes the NEWSette, all the trophies will be won, all the pains, sprains, and lack of brains exemplified and Spring Jam will have come to past. Cecil Cheves Chapter will have shown just what can be done with little or no practice and the memories will fill the Cyber media.

Speaking of Cyber media, Mom Vinson and I just purchased our first computer during the sales tax holiday several weeks ago. Now we know just how DUMB people our age can get. Can you imagine trying to learn how to type again after 35 or so years without? There are advantages though. Now Dad Vinson, Jr. stops by occasionally for dinner and to give Dad and Mom lessons. He rolls his eyes when Dad Vinson, Sr. gets out his note pad and pencil to take notes. ON REAL PAPER, WITH LINES ON IT. I've got my notebook almost full and I'm amazed that I can do about the same amount of writing on this thing in 2 hours that I can do with a pen and pencil in 10 minutes.

I gotta go now, Mom Vinson's got a hot game of Solitaire going and I can't keep the landline tied up any longer. Until we see ya down the road!!!! Farewell from Cecil Cheves Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Savannah, GA.

Dad Gary T. Vinson, Sr.

"Electronic Secretary"

Cecil Cheves Chapter Parents' Club

From Samuel S. Lawrence Chapter

Hi Everyone!

I think I have finally dried off from Spring Jam! It was wet, but it was FUN!! Congrats, to all the Chapters who competed over the weekend. All the young men are WINNERS. The banners were all terrific. Ya'll did a splendid job with them.

Samuel S. Lawrence has been really busy this past month. We went to the Miss Rainbow dance after selling cookie dough; our very own Mom Loretta Smith went in as Worthy Matron; the Knighthood Installation; and had our first food booth at the Jonquil Festival. Mercy! No wonder I am tired!

Saying thank you just doesn't seem to be enough for all the support and help you provided at the Knighthood

Installation. It was a beautiful evening and was filled with lots of wonderful memories. Thank you for everything you did. Our State Parents Club is the best! We certainly stepped up to the plate to give Knighthood a terrific NEW beginning. It is so good to see the young men excited about such a great program.

May is off to being a busy month too! Our meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Mondays and we would love to have ya'll come visit. We will be having our pool party membership night on May 18th. We hope to have a good crowd. On May 21st Jodie Bennett will be initiated into Eastern Star at Smyrna OES. All who are Eastern Star are welcome to see her come into our wonderful Order. Also, on May 24th our youngest Parents Club member Jodie, will be graduating high school! On that note, we have Marcos DeLosSantos, Justin Nobles, Adam Fowler and our Chapter Sweetheart Britney Boynton will be graduating as well. We are so very proud of each of them! Congratulations to each of your graduates as well. Our futures are bright because of them.

In DeMolay Love,

Mom Cheryl Bennett

President

Samuel S. Lawrence Parents' Club

P.S. Happy Mothers Day! Ya'll are the best Moms I've ever known. Your children are blessed by having you as their Mom.

**"All that I am or
ever hope to be, I
owe to my angel
Mother."**

— Abraham Lincoln

(1809-1865)



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From Mountain Park Chapter

Happy May from Mountain Park!

Spring Jam was fun in spite of the rain. The Dads did a great job of planning and instituting "Plan B" when the outdoor activities had to be rethought. Thanks Dads! The boys enjoyed 4-square, too, it may need to be added to the list of sports the boys play. After all the practice the MP boys did in Frisbee these last couple of months, they will have to get a game going later in the year. Watch for the invite. The T-shirts looked great, at least until they hit the mud.

Our membership drive is progressing well. We have several petitions to act on and even called an initiation to initiate one boy in time to attend Spring Jam. Welcome to Michael Edwards!

Everyone put May 24th on your calendars and come on over to Mountain Park for our Spaghetti Dinner Fund-Raiser, 6-8pm. Tickets are \$5.00. We're looking forward to serving tons of Spaghetti.

Mom Cindy Eells

Vice-President
Mountain Park Parents' Club



To the Officers and members of the State Parents Club,

Mere words could never express my utmost appreciation of the support that each of you gave to me and my fellow Knights at our Installation and reception on April 13th. The new beginning of Knighthood in the state of Georgia could not have been ushered in any more beautifully and well planned as that night. The many hours of time and effort put in by each of you was very apparent. It was perfect in every way—and I could not have asked for a more successful evening. Thank you for everything. If the Order of Knighthood can be of service to you in ANY way- please do not hesitate to contact me, or any of my fellow Knights.

In DeMolay Love,

Sir Knight Perry Bennett

Illustrious Knight Commander

P.S. Your sons are very lucky to have mothers as loving and dedicated as each of you. Happy Mother's day from the State Priory of Georgia. We Love You!!

From Clayton Chapter

Greetings from Clayton Chapter

We started the month off by attending the Miss Rainbow Dance in Macon on April 6th. Brothers Alex Williams, Michael Griggers, Brian Eidson and new prospective member Ben Pierce all had a wonderful time.

On April 20th we had a very full day. We started out helping at the annual Fish Fry held by Rex Lodge, then it was off to Morrow Lodge for an Initiation Degree and DeMolay Degree for new member Ben Pierce, followed by a hamburger cookout and then off to go bowling. After bowling, we had a lock-in at the Lodge. We would like to thank Todd Stovall and Daniel Shubeck of Mountain Park Chapter for helping with the degrees and Dad Stovall for bringing them. We hope they enjoyed the lock-in as much as our boys did.

Spring Jam was a good although slightly damp time. Mom Griggers did an excellent job with the Trunk Store and organizing snacks for Saturday. The Moms had to move cabins because of a dead squirrel in the vent system. After much upping and downing we all got nicely settled. Although we came home empty handed, wet, sandy, dirty, chilled and tired, we all look forward to Spring Jam next year.

Mom Sue Williams

President
Clayton Parents' Club



Mother.....

A decorative graphic featuring a cluster of flowers in purple, white, and red, positioned to the right of the word 'Mother' and its trailing ellipsis.

**A pillar of strength the pure meaning of Love
A Divine gift from our Lord up above
As gentle as rain on the petals of a rose
To kiss away fears and to hug away woes**

**A Doctor when tending a cold or a scrap
A Chef when making cookies or frosting a cake
A Tailor, A Chauffeur, A Fairy God Mother at times
But never too busy for a child's nursery rhymes**

**A source of Wisdom that comes from inside
A Manager, A Book Keeper, and a Private Tour Guide
The one that knows just what to say
When a child is having a difficult day**

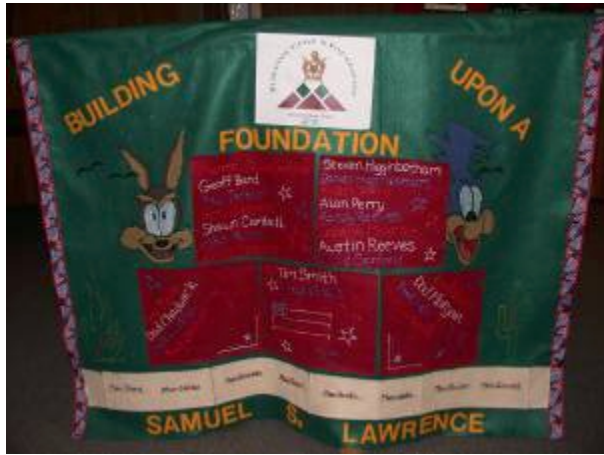
**The maker of dreams and the setter of goals
As a pile of laundry she sits and folds
When strange noises go bump in the night
It's her loving hand that turns on the light**

**All things to family she feels she must be
Although her family may not see
In our Lord's kingdom the one that will fare
Is the one we call Mother. No others compare!**

By Barbara K. Cox



Spring Jam Banner Competition



Samuel S. Lawrence Chapter
First Place



Mountain Park Chapter
Second Place



Cecil Cheves Chapter
Third Place



Clayton Chapter



Middle Georgia Chapter