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Georgia DeMolay State Parents' Club

October 2002

Georgia Hosted Region III Conference

From the SPC Coordinator

Top DeMolay State Officers, Executive Officers and other state staff from the across the southeast converged on Atlanta in September for the Region III conference. Immediate Past Executive Officer Bill Carver is the Region III Representative and organized the event.

It was a great time of fellowship and sharing among the leaders of DeMolay from the seven southeastern states that comprise Region III: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Interest and participation of Georgia DeMolays in regional activities has been increasing and our guys are getting better known in other states as evidenced by the election at the conference of PSMC Justin Nobles as the Region III Coordinator for the coming year!

Our State Parents' Club hosted the Hospitality Room, which turned out to be the central gathering place for delegates when they were not attending classes or meetings. This afforded the SPC volunteers a great opportunity to meet DeMolays from across the southeast. Having young men from seven states call you "Mom" really reinforces your desire to support this great organization.

The Georgia SPC Trunk Store was a great success, especially the Region III polo shirts. Justin was a great salesman and sold over 15 of the attractive shirts (which he helped design!) at the conference and he continues to call in orders! We appreciate Dad Carver's allowing us to take advantage of this fundraising opportunity.

Thanks to the assistance of Moms Cheryl Bennett, Kim May and Rita Riley, the Hospitality Room and Trunk Store were well staffed. Its great to have so many wonderful SPC volunteers to call upon. It makes my job as your state coordinator easier and very rewarding.

Our next state event will be the Holiday Formal on

December 7. Important information concerning this event is featured on page 4. I look forward to seeing you there.

In DeMolay service,

Mom Griggers



UPCOMING

**Holiday Formal
Tybee Lite Shrine Club
Tybee Island
December 7, 2002
7 - 11 PM**

(see Page 4 for information)

From Cecil Cheves Chapter

Beach Weekend a Marvelous Success

On September 27-29, Cecil Cheves Chapter hosted our annual Beach Weekend. We were graced by God in placing our schedule dead in the middle between hurricanes Isidore and Lili with Kyle off-shore with no set direction. All were far enough away from us that we had a beautiful weekend as was shown by some of the sunburns that many of our participants took home. As always everyone had a great time and the food and fellowship were plentiful. During the weekend, a mixed group of our best ritualist from across the state had the pleasure of conferring the DeMolay degree on three new members from another Chapter. The guys always enjoy putting on and seeing the degrees performed in an outdoors setting and this year was no different.

I broke away from Beach Weekend long enough to join Mom Rita Riley and Francesca at the Tybee Lite Shrine Club to look over the facilities for the Holiday Formal. The club was very busy as they had three events going on that weekend each serving over 200 people. We discussed some overnight arrangements for after the Holiday Formal and will have more information about that coming soon.

We will be having an Installation of officers on November 2nd at 3 P.M. at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 341 Bull Street, Savannah, Ga. The Installation will be held on the newly renovated 5th floor.

Mom Karen Vinson continues to improve from her recent sickness and appreciates the calls, visits and hugs she received during several of our recent outings. Mom Martha D'Anna has had continuing degeneration in her hips and is not eligible for surgery, She recently received a new lift recliner chair that will help her get up from a sitting position and is getting an electric wheelchair and a new van with a lift mechanism to help her get around. Mom D'Anna's car was recently totaled in a traffic accident when another car forced our Chapter Sweetheart Heather D'Anna into a telephone pole by making an illegal turn in front of her. Heather received a broken arm and burns from the airbags..... Yes, they do work.

Well that's about all now from Savannah. See y'all down the road.

Dad Gary T. Vinson, Sr.
Secretary, Cecil Cheves Parents' Club

From Samuel S. Lawrence Chapter

Hello Everyone!

Congratulations to Justin Nobles, our NEW Region III coordinator! And speaking of Region III, Mom Griggers was asked for the State Parents Club to provide the Hospitality Room for the weekend. Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and Neighbors - Mom Griggers put together a hospitality room that we could ALL be very proud of! Great job Mom Griggers! You are the best!

Our guys had a super time at Beach Weekend. Thanks to all who made that weekend successful.

Samuel S. Lawrence had a spaghetti Dinner, Friday October 11. Thank you to all who supported this event.

October 26th is a big to do! Samuel S. Lawrence and Friendship Assembly #16 are sponsoring a Halloween PARTY and dance. Our NEW Sweetheart, Whitney Taylor, will be crowned at that event - so make plans to attend!

In DeMolay Love,

Mom Cheryl Bennett

President, Samuel S. Lawrence Parents' Club



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From Clayton Chapter

Ahhh, sweet September.....just a little slower pace.

Our Chapter initiated a new member, Marcus Pedan, on Saturday September 14th. The degrees were followed by a meal prepared by our Parents' Club and afterwards the boys and advisors enjoyed laser tag and bowling.

On the 19th we had our Official Visit from SMC Mike Riley. We were honored to have Senior DeMolay, Jeremy Fowler, PSMC also visiting. We bid goodbye to Adam Perry who has joined the army, as this was his last meeting prior to reporting for active duty. We also belatedly presented Amanda Cartledge with her Past Sweetheart Pin.

Rex Lodge held their annual Fish Fry On Saturday the 21st. Our Parents Club sold crafts at this event and plan to also participate in another craft show in November.

Beach weekend was again a great success with much better weather than expected. Clayton Chapter was well represented with 4 Advisors and 7 DeMolay in attendance. We understand that our two-van caravan cruised down the road with much chatter back and forth on the two-way radios.

Our Parents' Club meets during the regular meeting time of our Chapter at 7:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Please feel free to visit us anytime.

Mom Sue Williams

President, Clayton Chapter Parents' Club

**The next issue
of the
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will be a combined
November/December
edition
Please submit articles by
November 5th**



How to stay young

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That's why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about computers, crafts, garden- ing, whatever. Just never let the brain die.
4. Laugh often, long and hard. Laugh until you gasp for breath. Laugh so much that you can be tracked down in the store by your distinctive laughter.
5. Tears happen. Endure, grieve and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves.
6. Surround yourself with who and what you love, whether it be family, friends, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
7. Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
8. Don't take guilt trips. Go to the mall, the next country, a foreign country, but do not take guilt trips.
9. Tell the people you love that you love them at every opportunity.
10. Remember, life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

-Author Unknown

(Submitted by Mom Robin Cartledge)



From Mountain Park Chapter

A crisp October greeting to everyone from Mountain Park. Isn't this cooler weather heavenly? Fall is in the air. A time best described by James Whitcomb Riley in his poem:

*They's something kindo' harty-like
about the atmusfere
When the heat of summer's over and
the coolin' fall is here
Of course we miss the flowers, and
the blossoms on the trees,
And the mumble of the hummin'-
birds and buzzin' of the bees;
But the air's so appetizin'; and the
landscape through the haze
Of a crisp and sunny morning of the
airly autumn days
Is a pictur' that no painter has the
colorin' to mock
When the frost is on the punkin and
the fodder's in the shock.*

The boys and parents have been running constantly these past few weeks. Beach weekend was lots of fun. We took two carloads of boys down to Tybee Beach. There was swimming and sports and just plain fun. We also had a chance to check out the holiday formal site. That looks to be a great location. I love the beach.

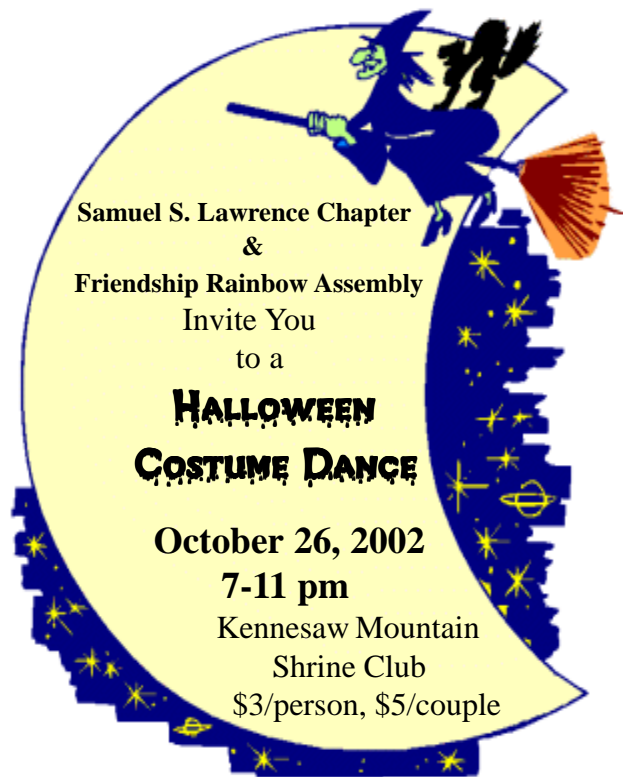
A great big congratulations to our own Richie Eells, winner of the first ever DeMolay of the Month award. We are very proud of him. Come on out to one of our meetings and see him in action.

We have one more meeting scheduled for Wednesday night October 16th. Then we will return to our normal meeting nights in November, the first and third Tuesdays. Mountain Park always loves to have visitors. Come on out for Chili & Cornbread on the 16th.

We are planning our next installation for November 23. Mark your calendars and we will see y'all then.

Mom Cindy Eells

Vice-President, Mountain Park Parents' Club



Holiday Formal Important Information

The Holiday Formal will be held on Saturday December 7, 2002 from 7-11PM at the Tybee Lite Shrine Club on Tybee Island. The cost is \$3/person or \$5/couple.

Each Parents' Club is asked to bring an assortment of finger foods along with the proper serving trays for whatever foods that you bring. Cups, plates, napkins and drinks will be provided by the SPC.

A volunteer is needed to be in charge of holiday decorations for this event. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity, please let Mom Griggers know by November 10th so that arrangements can be finalized.



Toasted Pumpkin Seeds

What you need

- 4-1/4 cups raw pumpkin seeds
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 16 clear plastic bags or 6-inch-square pieces of colored cellophane wrap
- Ribbon

Instructions

Plan on using the seeds from about four pumpkins for this recipe. If you don't have enough, ask your friends to share the seeds from their pumpkins with you.

In a medium mixing bowl combine pumpkin seeds, cooking oil, and salt. Spread mixture onto a waxed-paper-lined 15x10x1-inch baking pan. Let stand for 24 to 48 hours or until dry, stirring occasionally.

Remove waxed paper from baking pan. Toast seed in a 325 degree F oven for 35 to 40 minutes, stirring once or twice. Let cool slightly. Pat seeds with paper towels to remove excess oil.

Package 1/4 cup of the seeds in each bag or place seeds in the center of cellophane wrap, then bring up edges. Tie closed with the ribbon. Makes 16 (1/4 cup) servings.



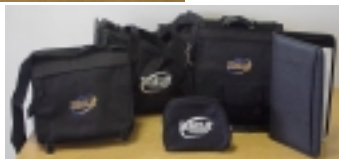
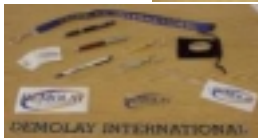
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Trunk Store

Do your **Holiday Shopping**

with us at the

Holiday Formal



Let Mom Griggers know by November 10th if you have any specific items that you would like to purchase so that she can have them available.