

Founders' Day Banquet

PTA: Your Adventure!

Thursday, February 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Hosted by Glendale High School at Glendale High School

Tickets: \$16 per person

DEADLINE FOR TICKETS IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH!!!

Contact name: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Unit: _____ # Attending _____ @ \$16 each _____

Check # _____

Please make checks payable to SCPTAs and include Founders' Day on memo line. An email confirmation will be sent to you when ticket order is received in lieu of paper ticket! Schools are seated together according to date of purchase, so purchase early for best seating!

Mail order form and check to Becky Volz, Founders' Day Banquet, 1910 N. Grant Ave. 65803.

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!!

PTA/PTSA Volunteers of the Year

As we know, PTA would not exist without its wonderful volunteers. This is the time to put them in the spotlight! **We would like each school to submit the name of an outstanding PTA volunteer for their school.** This person should be someone who has personified the PTA mission by giving of his or her time unselfishly. We would like each school to submit the name of an Outstanding Volunteer's Name, Digital Photo (in jpg format), PTA/PTSA Unit and Unit President to Carrie Windes at crgraphics@sbcglobal.net **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 9TH!!!** Also, please include a simple, short statement (NO MORE THAN TWO SENTENCES!) from volunteer answering this question, "How has PTA been an adventure for you?". This is in connection with this banquet's theme-- **PTA: Your Adventure!** If questions, contact Carrie by cell or text at 417-343-0893.

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MENU

Field Greens Salad with Parmesan Crisp
Carved Beef Brisket with Assorted BBQ Sauce
Italian Baked Chicken
Smoked Macaroni & Cheese
Sautéed Seasoned Tuscan Vegetables
Rice Pilaf
Apple and Peach Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream

Letter From the President– Carrie Windes

On Thursday, February 23rd, we will celebrate our PTA Founders' Day. From 1897 to today, the mission of PTA has always been Child Advocacy. PTA is the largest and oldest volunteer association working exclusively on behalf of all children. On February 17, 1897, Phoebe Hearst and Alice Birney met with 2,000 men and women in Washington DC and formed The National Congress of Mothers. From the Founders to the present, PTA has dealt with child labor laws, hot lunch programs, a juvenile justice system, mandatory immunization and education funding. PTA/PTSA at the unit level deals with fundraising, teacher/staff appreciation and many other great programs, but first and foremost PTA is a child advocacy organization.

"If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves."

~Thomas Alva Edison

Promoting children's education, health and safety and helping families in our communities is the heart and soul of PTA. Like our founders, we strive to stay on top of the issues. Parents who are knowledgeable about issues are more likely to participate in district decisions and advocate for our children in our community. Come to the Founders' Day banquet this year and help celebrate our Founders and the volunteers who still make this organization hum. These Volunteers of the Year should be congratulated for their dedication of time and heart for the children of Springfield! Glendale High School has planned a great celebration where we can honor the people who keep PTA going strong in Springfield!

If your unit has not purchased your Founders' Day Banquet tickets yet, please do so today! Each unit also needs to email its Volunteer of the Year name, photo and quote ASAP. Thank you to those units who have already responded! It will be a fun evening with lots of surprises!

Today is the deadline to sign your unit up for our Major Saver Fundraiser! Please consider hosting a Major Saver Fundraiser at your school. The beauty of this program is that it requires very little time and work for the school staff, teachers and PTAs. Your school will make money, your Springfield Council will make money and our kiddos will benefit from all of it in some fashion. The Council will give each participating school a cash incentive, and there is a \$500 award given to the Principal whose school has the highest percentage of cards sold. On top of that, Major Saver will donate \$200 to the Clothing Bank for every school that signs up. Please consider helping us. We are starting to schedule assemblies soon, but it is not too late to join in and help us. Please join these schools who have already decided to support SCPTA: Bissett E, Disney E, Horace Mann E, Jeffries E, Pershing E & MS, Portland E, Wanda Gray E, Wilson's Creek 5-6, York E, Pleasant View E, Twain E. Some of these schools have helped us before. Thank you all so much! We would love to have some new schools participate this year!

PTA Mission:

The overall purpose of PTA is to be

A powerful voice for all children

A relevant resource for families and communities, and

A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.



Council General Meeting minutes are approved by the Executive Committee as directed in the bylaws. Minutes are available online at <http://scptamo.com/category/meetings/>.

Agenda

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

Holland Elementary

- I) Welcome
- II) Pledge of Allegiance
- III) Holland Students Program
- IV) Holland PTA President, Susan Smith and Principal, Gary Tew
- V) Dr. Jungmann, Superintendent
- VI) Dana Carroll, Springfield's Child Advocate, Every Child Promise, Early Childhood in Springfield
- VII) Pamela Anderson, Director of Development, Foundation for SPS
- VIII) Council Reports are printed in this newsletter
- IX) Nominating Committee Report, Becky Volz
- X) Sergeant at Arms, Heather Buckner
- XI) Adjourn

Did You Know?

- Two seats on the Springfield Public Schools Board of Education were up for general election in April, however, only the two incumbents expressed interest in these positions so there will not be a school board election in April, 2017.
- The SPS Board of Education voted to place a \$189 million bond issue on the April 4 ballot.
- March 7, 2017, is the last day to register to vote in the general election.
- You need to update your voter registration if you move. See the Greene County Clerk's website for more information about voter registration, http://www.greenecountymo.org/county_clerk/voter.php.

School Board Member Q&A Forum

Springfield Council of PTAs will host a School Board Member Q&A Forum on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, at Sunshine Elementary, beginning at 9:15am, as part of our monthly meeting.

This event is open to the public and is provided as a service to our members to encourage them to participate in the democratic process and to help them learn more about issues concerning our schools.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our Nominating Committee has been reaching out to PTA and PTSA members to fill open positions on the Council executive board for the next school year. We have some great nominees lined up with three critical positions still open. If you are interested in serving as **VP of Programs** (overseeing Reflections, 4th Grade Play, RIF, Parent/Student Involvement Programs and All Pro Dads) or **Secretary** or **Treasurer**, please let one of the committee members know.

Committee Members: **John Wittmer** / CHS; **Jennifer Penny** / GHS; **Becky Volz** (chair) / HHS; **Melinda Halversen** / KHS; **Jason Michel** / PHS; **Tori Sallee** MOPTA rep; **Joe Cooper** / Principal Advisor.

Position descriptions are in our SCPTA bylaws. Contact me and I'll email you those pages related to Officers. rsvolz5@gmail.com Our unique strengths, talents and connections will create a strong and productive SCPTA.

We will also be filling the departments' chairmen positions soon. Those positions, working under a VP, will Chair: Bylaws, Legislation & Resolutions, Resource Development, Scholarships, Fundraising, Hospitality, Membership, Marketing, Clothing Bank, Safety, Student Wellness, Parent/Student Involvement Programs, All Pro Dads.

Many hands make light work. Please consider one of these departments that speaks to your heart and help us build a strong SCPTA.

Treasurer's Report

Account	12/1/2016	12/31/2016
CARE Fund	390.96	410.98
Clothing Bank	8,922.57	8,919.35
General Checking	78,593.84	75,600.76
Gertrude McBride Fund	2,231.34	2,321.45
Scholarship Checking	587.46	610.91
Total Unrestricted Funds	90,726.17	87,863.45
Scholarship CD (Restricted)	47,476.00	47,476.00
Total Funds	\$138,202.17	\$135,339.45

Financial Overview with Comparison to Budget for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>ACTUAL</u>			<u>BUDGET</u>		
	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net
01 Fundraising Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	4,500.00	20,500.00
02 Other Income	1,581.81	0.00	1,581.81	1,900.00	0.00	1,900.00
03 Special Funds	330.00	2,500.00	(2,170.00)	1,400.00	7,100.00	(5,700.00)
04 Administrative	0.00	631.01	(631.01)	0.00	3,035.00	(3,035.00)
05 Contributions	100.00	4,200.00	(4,100.00)	0.00	9,100.00	(9,100.00)
06 Leadership/Service to Units	560.00	642.19	(82.19)	0.00	8,950.00	(8,950.00)
07 Officers' Training	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	(4,000.00)
08 Programs	4,154.79	10,641.15	(6,486.36)	0.00	7,750.00	(7,750.00)
09 Awards / Recognition	0.00	414.52	(414.52)	0.00	790.00	(790.00)
Total	6,726.60	19,028.87	(12,302.27)	28,300.00	45,225.00	(16,925.00)

Detailed financial records are available on-line at <http://www.nonprofitcentral.biz>. Use SCPTA as the username and password.



This year's showcase was amazing. I would like to thank all of the parents and teachers who helped put this together. I will keep all of the artwork until the state comes back with their list of winners that will go on to the Nationals.

You should expect the artwork to arrive and your school's offices around April. If you need to have your artwork sooner for a fine arts night display please contact me and I will get it to you. Thank you again for all your support in this program.

Aaron Mrad
Springfield City PTA
Reflections Chairperson
417-619-7533



Parliamentary Tip of the Month

Know your term limits; consult your bylaws. Most PTAs only allow officers to hold the same position for 2, one-year terms. Many PTAs' bylaws stipulate that any person who has served in an office for more than one half of a full term shall be deemed to have served a full term in such office.



Legislative Call to Action

Please contact your Senators now!

SB 32 has been placed on the Senate calendar.

SB 32 would establish the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program.

The Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program is a concern for PTA because this program would create an account that would allow taxpayers to make a qualifying contribution to an educational assistance organization and claim a tax credit, as described in the act. The tax credit is for one hundred percent of the amount of the contribution. The tax credit may be carried forward for four years and may be transferred, sold, or assigned. **The scholarships will be used in private schools effectively creating a voucher system in Missouri.**

Missouri PTA encourages you to send emails to your Senators but also to directly call their office and ask them to vote no on SB 32.

Missouri PTA Department of Advocacy and Legislation



Save the Dates...

Please join the MO Alliance for Children, Youth, and Families for the 35th Annual Child Advocacy Day in Jefferson City **on April 6th, 2017.**

Missouri's annual Child Advocacy Day is an opportunity for parents, child care professionals, health care providers, and community members to speak up and ask lawmakers to make the health, safety, and education of Missouri's children a top priority for the state. Activities at Child Advocacy Day include:

- Workshops on current legislative and budget issues affecting children and families
- Meetings with legislators
- March to the Capitol and Rally
- Exhibits showcasing services for children and families



Aspire to Inspire at Missouri PTA's 2017 Convention: Friday, April 28 to Sunday, April 30, 2017 Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center 2601 S Providence Rd. Columbia MO 65203

Missouri PTA Scholarship applications are accepted until Feb 15. Please contact your high school counselor for more information.



Win with PTA National PTA Convention:

June 22 - 25, 2017

Las Vegas, NV

CLOTHING BANK

Greetings from the PTA Clothing Bank! We opened our doors again on January 12th and are thrilled to report that we have had a steady stream of volunteers, donations and shoppers through our doors!

We're excited to tell you about a project that we'll soon be helping with. Many of you know that we work with the Service Learning Class and their teacher, Miss April, every Thursday for an hour. They have long noticed that we have many, many formals on hand, but they're not necessarily going out our doors. So, they have come up with an event called, "Stay Calm, Think Prom!" The kids will invite young ladies from all five high schools to attend the event from 3 to 5 on Tuesday, February 21st, in the Study Commons, and hopefully leave with a beautiful gown for prom. If you have any dresses you might like to donate, please bring them to the Clothing Bank before February 21st.

Otherwise, we will continue on with our Thursday schedule—except for February 23rd, WHEN WE WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY TO PREPARE FOR FOUNDER'S DAY. We will switch the floor to spring/summer clothes in late March and then work through the end of April.

We can't say thank you enough to all of you who volunteer your time at the Clothing Bank; organize clothing drives at your schools; sort through and ready the lost and found for us; hold Undie 500s and Sock Hops; take up monetary donations and just completely support our efforts! We could never make this all-donation, all-volunteers Clothing Bank work without YOU! Thank you all so very much!

Patty & Jennifer

Be Calm, Think Prom

Come find the Prom dress of your dreams!

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, February 21st

Study Commons

2343 W. Olive Street in Springfield





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Paddle Party

Let's Celebrate — Mom's Night Out

Springfield — Friday February 3, 2017

Teamsters Hall 1850 E. Division St.

Doors open at 6:30 pm Paddles up @ 7 pm

For info or to make reservations
call /text or email:

Kim 417-894-3300

Donna 417-827-0434

Peggy 417-880-6073

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Come join us for an Evening of
Fun & Help support

Reading is Fundamental

which provides free books to every 1st
and 2nd grader in SPS. Over 400,000
books since 1979 have been given.

Some participating Vendors are:

Magnabilities, Jamerry Nails,

Tupperware, Avon,

Park Lane Jewelry, Perfectly Posh,

Tastefully Simple, Remember Me Jewelry,

Lula Roe and Younique and many more

Because this is a "Mom's Night Out"

and for safety reasons we ask that



Children be 12 or older to attend.

What is a Paddle Party?

It's a cross between an Auction, Bingo and a
Home party! (and... lots of fun!!)

Admission is \$15 and includes, 3 bidding
paddles, snacks, drinks and door prizes!

You will also want to bring at least one (or two)
rolls of quarters for bidding. When an item is up
for bid you can bid a quarter on each paddle. If
you have bid on the item and your paddle num-
ber is drawn... YOU WIN!!

No skill required!