

Founders' Day Banquet

Serving with Honor, Courage, Commitment

Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

Hosted by Hillcrest High School at Central High School

Tickets: \$16 per person

TICKET DEADLINE IS THIS FRIDAY!!!

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.

TICKETS ON SALE TODAY!!!

PTA/PTSA Volunteers of the Year

We would like each school to submit the name of an Outstanding Volunteer, Digital Photo (in jpg format), PTA/PTSA Unit and Unit President to Carrie Windes at crgraphics@sbcglobal.net NO LATER THAN FRIDAY!!!

Also, please include a **simple, short statement** from volunteer answering this question, "Why do you serve?". This is in connection with this banquet's theme--***Serving with Honor, Courage, Commitment.*** If questions, contact Carrie by cell or text at 417-343-0893.

MENU

BBQ Beef Brisket - chopped with BBQ sauce
 BBQ Chicken on the bone
 Pulled pork
 Cream Corn
 Baked Beans
 Potato Salad
 Roasted Zucchini
 Summer Squash
 Assorted Corn Bread (regular and jalapeno) with butter
 Apple pie (no caramel)
 Strawberry Shortcake
 Coffee, Iced Tea and water

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Letter From the President– Carrie Windes

Happy Principal's Day! The Springfield Council of PTAs board would like to thank all SPS principals for meeting with us monthly and working with your units to support the PTA programs for our children!

This month, on February 18th, 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.

"The debt that each generation owes to the past, it must pay to the future."

**Abigail
Scott
Duniway**

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! Hillcrest High School has planned a great party where we can celebrate and experience the talents of our children.

Our next general meeting will be at Horace Mann. It will be a **School Board Candidates Forum**. Please come meet and hear from the School Board candidates before the election. We will also vote on our next slate of SCPTA officers. If you are interested in serving on the SCPTA board, please contact Lori Nelson, Committee Chair at 417-818-6036 or nelson4336@sbcglobal.net.

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.

Mental Health First Aid of Youth

If your unit is interested in the Mental Health First Aid of Youth trainings, the next one available is [March 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.](#)

To sign up call Alaina Williams at the Community Partnership at [417-888-2020](tel:417-888-2020), or email her at awilliams@cpozarks.org.

This is a first come, first serve list. Location will be announced to those that sign up.

Agenda

Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Robberson Elementary School

- I) Welcome
- II) Pledge of Allegiance
- III) Robberson 3rd Grade Students Program
- IV) Robberson PTA President, Mary Lee and Principal, Dr. Kevin Huffman
- V) Dr. Jungmann, Superintendent
- VI) Tabitha Eutsler, 2015-16 Teacher of the Year
- VII) Dale Krumm, Major Saver Update
- VIII) Kelly Baldwin and Kim Acuff, Cents of Pride
- IX) Council reports, Officer reports are printed in this newsletter
- X) Nominating Committee Report, Lori Nelson
- XI) Sergeant at Arms, Lori Chisholm
- XII) Adjourn

Missouri PTA's Membership Department is pleased to announce the 2015-2016 membership promotion



What does your unit have to do?

Send in your membership dues!
One member = One raffle ticket
No application necessary

What is the prize?

Three different units will win
\$2,000.00 each!

Winners will be announced at the
April 2016 Missouri PTA Convention

Increase your PTA/PTSA membership numbers & increase your chances to win

Questions about the *Membership in Action* promotion?
Contact Rebecca Cahill, VP of Membership Services at rebeccac@mopta.org OR Jennifer Daugherty, Membership
Emphasis Chair, at jenniferd@mopta.org

PTA/PTSA units will be divided into one of three categories, based on 2014-2015 DESE school enrollment numbers. No matter the size of your school, you have an opportunity to win!

Only units in Good Standing as of March 1, 2016 will qualify for the *Membership in Action* promotion. Check your list:

- ❑ Monthly dues paid to Missouri PTA
- ❑ Bylaws are current
- ❑ Copy of IRS tax form submitted by December 1st
- ❑ Fiscal Year-End Report submitted by December 1st
- ❑ Annual Financial Review submitted by December 1st
- ❑ Officer's names and contact information submitted to Missouri PTA



Local Membership Winter Challenge

Every SPS PTA/PTSA unit who increases their individual or business membership in 2016 will be entered into a drawing for \$75. Deadline is March 1, 2016.

Must be a unit in good standing to win. Winner will be announced at our April council meeting.



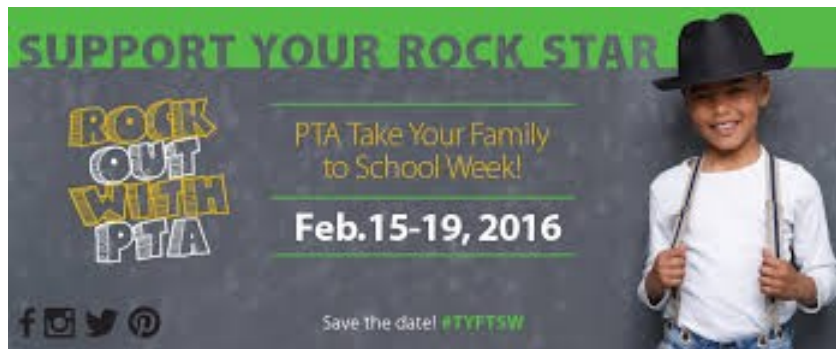
Council General Meeting minutes are approved by the Executive Committee as directed in the bylaws. Minutes are available online at <http://scptamo.com/category/meetings/>.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is in the process of putting together a listing of nominees for the upcoming year. The majority of our current officers are currently in their first year in their position and have agreed to serve another year. However, we are looking to fill the VP of Promotions (Membership, Hospitality, Founders' Day, School of Information) position. If you are interested in serving or if you know someone who would be a good candidate for this position, please call Lori Nelson at [417-818-6036](tel:417-818-6036) or email her at nelson4336@sbcglobal.net.

The committee is made up of the following representatives.

Andrea Battaglia, Central
Lori Nelson, Glendale
Trish Bryson, Hillcrest
Kirk Elmquist, Kickapoo
Heather Buckner, Parkview
Stacye Manlove, Advisory representative
Donna Petiford, MO PTA representative



TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SCHOOL WEEK

February 15-18 is Take Your Family to School Week – PTA's twist on Take your child to work day. If you don't already have something planned or are not sure even where to start with planning this type of event PTA has the tools to help.

Visit the PTA Take Your Family to School Week webpage and you'll find toolkits for different types of events, ideas on whom to recruit for your team, promotional templates, thank you letters and even an evaluation tool.



MAJOR SAVER

Foundation Fundraising You Can Trust

Does your unit or school participate in RIF, the 4th grade play, Don't Meth with Us or the Reflections contest? Does your school or unit benefit from the funds distributed from the McBride and CARE funds or the High School scholarships? Have your officers ever been trained by SCPTA at School of Information or Officer Orientation? Last but not least, have any of the kids in your schools ever visited the clothing bank to fill their basic clothing needs? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then we need your help continuing these benefits and programs. 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 students will benefit from all of it in some fashion. 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! To sign up or for questions, **contact Michele Boswell** at Micheleboswell@mac.com.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER



This year's Showcase was great!

I want to thank all of you that helped pull it all together, it really is a tremendous help. I will deliver the students art works to their schools in March, after the state posts their results.

Please keep checking the State site to see when they post and notify your students if they place. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you again for all your work.

Aaron Mrad

Springfield Council

Reflections Chairperson

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- ♦ February 16-19 Take Your Family to Work Week
- ♦ March 8-10 National PTA Legislative Conference in Arlington, VA
- ♦ April 6 34th Annual Child Advocacy Day in Jefferson City, MO
- ♦ April 9 State Reflections Showcase, Blue Springs High School, 1:00-3:00
- ♦ April 22-24 MOPTA's 100th Annual Convention in Columbia, MO
- ♦ June 30-July 3 2016 Annual National PTA Convention and Expo in Orlando, FL

Parliamentary Tip of the Month

FAQ:Frequently Asked Questions

How can we get rid of officers we don't like (or who are

not fulfilling their duties) before their term ends? The answer is it depends. Most PTA unit bylaws establish the procedure for removal from office, and that procedure must be followed. Common wording in most PTA bylaws state that "If any member of the board shall at any time cease to meet the qualifications or fulfill the duties of the position, that person may be removed from the board by a resolution adopted by the executive board." A resolution contains both whereas (why) statements and resolved (what action is desired) statements. Sometimes that officer, who is not fulfilling their duties, may resign if asked. If this happens, that officer should submit their resignation in writing to their PTA board. Any changes in your PTA unit's leadership should be reported to the state PTA office.



With changes made to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (2011), Missouri PTA now recommends this wording for removal of officers: "If any officer shall cease to meet the qualifications or fulfill the duties of the position, that person may be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the executive board."

It is also important that the reference to the term of office is stated as "or until their successors are elected" (not and) as in the following example: "Officers shall serve for a term of **(number)** year(s) or until their successors are elected." Your PTA may want to review your current bylaws and consider these changes as amendments (if applicable).

Another frequently asked question (FAQ) is: **Is an officer able to serve more than the number of terms prescribed in our bylaws?** The answer is no. This question usually arises when the nominating committee is having trouble finding candidates for all offices. It is the duty of the nominating committee to nominate one candidate for each office. If the nominating committee is having difficulty filling an office by the prescribed deadline, then the nominating committee should keep working until all offices are filled. The committee should report the candidates they have at the time and in the manner as prescribed in their bylaws and an election should occur as scheduled, at which time nominations will be accepted from the floor. If for some reason an office is unfilled after an election, the nominating committee will continue to work toward filling that office and an election would continue to be on the agenda of each subsequent meeting of the association until that office is filled.

Remember that a good reference for your PTA is *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief*. This book is available for order from the online store of the National Association of Parliamentarians,

www.parliamentarians.org. If you have parliamentary questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Missouri PTA has additional resources and we have the help of a professional parliamentarian, Dr. Leonard Young. If I am unable to answer your questions, Dr. Young is also available to help.

Donna Petiford 417.887.6821 petiford@sbcglobal.net

Did You Know?

Two seats on the Springfield Public Schools Board of Education are up for general election on April 5, 2016.

March 8, 2016, 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 Candidates Forum

Springfield Council of PTAs will host our annual School Board Candidates forum on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at Horace Mann Elementary, 3747 S. Broadway (65807), beginning at 9:15am.

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 the candidates for school board.

Springfield Council of PTAs is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and does not endorse candidates.

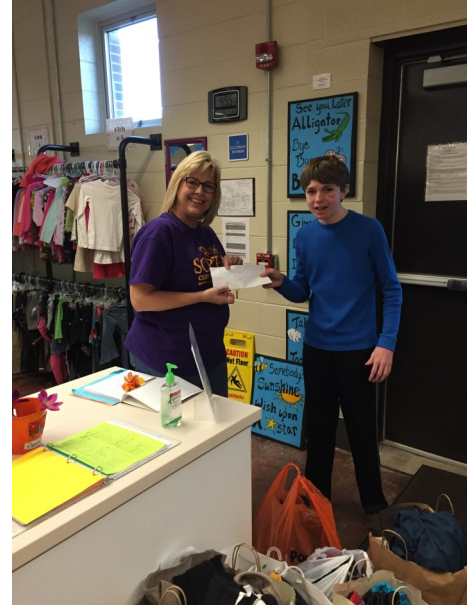
CLOTHING BANK

It's the month of love if you will, and we sure are feeling the love at the PTA Clothing Bank. We continue to receive a record number of donations and are overjoyed to work alongside some of the best volunteers in the city!

We lost a day to snow, but made up for it two days later when we opened up Saturday for the Glendale Girls Service Society to volunteer. We also had a kind young man from Greenwood ask for donations instead of gifts at his recent birthday party. So, he showed up at the Clothing Bank last week with \$25 and six bags of clothing. We have also received new coats, socks and underwear from several area churches.

We are grateful for all the donations and volunteers, as we have already served more than 1,400 students! We welcome volunteers any Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We're happy to say everyone has a great time volunteering and always comes back again to help.

We do have some sad news about our Kiwanis Shoe Bank Volunteer, Tom, who is in a rehab facility after a fall on the ice in December. He is slowly making progress, but he needs our continued prayers for healing.



Otherwise, we would just ask that you like and follow us on Facebook at The PTA Clothing Bank.

Thank you so much for making the Clothing Bank so successful!

Patty Dunn & Jennifer Penny



Reading Is
Fundamental

RIF of Springfield wishes to thank your PTA for giving us the BEST volunteers to serve as coordinators in your elementary schools. We have held our second distribution in mid-January in the Adventures in Reading theme for every 1st and 2nd grader in our schools. We would like to make a special thank you to the following PTAs that have made generous contributions to RIF:

Walt Disney Elementary, Delaware Elementary, Eugene Field Elementary, David Harrison Elementary, Hickory Hills Elementary, Horace Mann Elementary, John J. Pershing Elementary, Alice Pittman Elementary, Pleasant View Elementary, Robberson Community School, Sequiota Elementary, Sherwood Elementary, and to the Springfield Council of PTAs.

All your funds we receive go into purchasing books. Much of the other items, printing, etc., are all donated. If your PTA can donate we would appreciate any and all funds.