Lights on After-School

Lights on After-School is a national event in which the South Reading Youth Initiative (SRYI) participated in for the first time this year. President Barack Obama and Governor Ed Rendell both proclaimed October 21, 2010 as a day to celebrate and recognize the importance of after-school programs in local communities.

The families of SRYI participants were invited to Marciano Hall for the last hour of programming for a special event designed to highlight after-school safety, and help families better understand what children do in the program on a daily basis.

Fifty participants and more than forty family members and friends attended the event, along with three faculty members Kim Stoudt, Tom Porrazzo (AT), and Polly Mathys (CIS).

The event kicked off with an officer from the Reading Police force who talked to participants and families about after-school safety. Anne Corso, Director of Education for the Reading Public Museum brought art work that participants created during a six-week Museum Exploration Workshop to display, including stained glass boxes, Pennsylvania Dutch folk art, and totem poles.
A Twilight Staff Retreat: The Art and Blessing of Collegiality
Tuesday, November 9
4:40 PM Arrival at Bernardine Franciscan Motherhouse
4:45 PM Opening Prayer
5 PM Dinner
5:30 PM Reflection with Sister Christen, quiet time and sharing
7 PM Departure
If interested in signing up, please contact Judy Bohler at judy.bohler@alvernia.edu or at ext. 5509.

Faculty & Staff News

Travis Berger (business) signed a contract with Exide Technologies to create and deliver a leadership development program. The pilot for the overall training program is being conducted at the smelter plant here in Reading. For the 2010 season, Berger served as interim CEO for Reading United A.C., the minor league soccer franchise affiliated with the Philadelphia Union of the MLS. He is currently serving as a Leadership and Organizational Development consultant, facilitating the formulation of their strategic plan.

Student News

Thirteen Alvernia accounting majors recently participated in the annual Student Night program sponsored by the Reading Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Chapter. Students who participated were Justin Arnt, Andrew Smolarski, Jasmeen Rayat, Morgan Davidheiser, Maria Lusica, Howard Kelly, Cody Smith, Nick Opdyke, Jess Gioia, David Myer, Travis Schappell, Eric Domitrovits, and Pahoua Vue. They were accompanied by Bryan Dreibelbis (business).

Alvernia in the NEWS...

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Reading infant homicides baffle experts
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Harry Deitz: Let’s consider all the positive things in the city

Reading Eagle
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“Mockingbird’ linked to current times”
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OPERATION: HOLIDAYS FOR HEROES

Help Alvernia Occupational Therapy students as they partner with Captain Erik Johnson in Operation: Holidays for Heroes. Captain Eric Johnson, serving as an occupational therapist in the U.S. Army, wants to create a “winter wonderland” for his unit of wounded combat soldiers and medical personnel. Help us raise the holiday spirits of the men and women serving our country by collecting christmas lights, decorations, winter/Christmas DVDs, canned foods, and holiday wrapping paper. Donation boxes will be located in the Bernadine Hall lobby, cafeteria, library, and gym. All donated items will be collected on November 16th for shipment.

Click here for more information on Captain Johnson and his unit.
Masquerade Bash a Success!

Alvernia’s first annual Masquerade Bash, punctuating an end to the month-long Literary Festival, was a major success. Head of the Literary Festival committee, Sue Guay (communication), worked with students from the 2010 Event Planning class to research and form several committees to create a special evening with something for everyone.

Baked desserts and a DJ complimented an evening that included dancing, costume and pumpkin carving contests, and a raffle for student-picked prizes. In addition, the Alvernia Alumni Association sponsored a VIP lounge for alumni, faculty, and staff (over 21). Party-goers enthusiastically brought canned goods instead of tickets to join the 2010 Bash.

Rumor Has It...

The Alternative Breaks gift card fundraiser is back! Please consider purchasing gift cards as prizes or for personal use. Alternative Breaks receives back a percentage of the sales (and with two additional trips added this year, your help is needed all the more). Contact Aaron Malnick for details.

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Does your office have extra supplies? Don’t throw them out. Post them on the S Drive, and give them a new home. Look for “Clare’s List” for the supply form.

What has four eyes but cannot see?

Be the first to answer correctly!
Send your answer to:
Carey.Manzolillo@alvernia.edu

Bragging rights for last week go to Sharon Helms (registrar). Answer: Fire.