

Bulletin

Sarah Heinz House

February 2010

Success Is Never Final, And Failure Never Fatal; It's Courage That Counts

February "CAMPAIGN FOR OTHERS" Month

February is dedicated to our Campaign for Others. During the month of February the members of Sarah Heinz House take time to consider others. This year's recipients applied and were selected by our Lead Team, after many hours of evaluation and deliberation. The money raised by our members, volunteers, and staff this month will help the children in the Troy Hill Baseball League. Depending on how much we raise, we may also be able to help support Shaler's M-Powerment Program, which educates and prevents abuse of young people, and possibly North catholic's Leadership team, which goes out into the other schools in the community and provides CPR Training. Many exciting fund-raising activities are scheduled to benefit the Campaign for Others. Enclosed is a program schedule including dates, times, and fees for many of this month's events. Take comfort knowing that by participating in the fun and exciting activities you are providing resources to benefit others.

Inclement Weather Policy / Emergency Closings

During severe weather conditions, we will make every effort to keep the House open. **Even if the schools are closed, Heinz House may be open.** However, there may be times when this is not possible. We generally do not close due to temperature, but more for travel-related conditions.

If we need to close or cancel an activity, we will attempt to have the cancellation broadcast on your WTAE, KDKA and WPXI Television Stations and websites. A corresponding message will also be on our answering machine, if a staff member is not here to answer the phone in person.

If we are open, but you cannot make it due to weather, please call to excuse yourself from your program, as you normally would.

Membership Registration

Saturday, February 13 is the last day to register for membership in the 2009-2010 program year. This will be the last chance to join and enjoy all the fun Heinz House has to offer. Membership also entitles you to many of our summer programs at special rates. If you know anyone interested in becoming a member, tell them to come down and join before the 13th.

Registration days and times are:

Wednesday	7:30 - 8:30pm
Thursday	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Saturday	9:30 - 11: am

****All members must register in person and be accompanied by a parent/guardian. ****

*We need one day to process your papers, so you will be able to participate in programs **the day after** you sign-up. *

New Address or Phone Number?

Please let us know, so we can stay in touch with you!

Many times we get bulletins or other mailings returned to us, so you never get the information. Or we try to call the home, and the number has been changed. The information might be very important, and/or, the phone call could impact the safety of your child. It is the family's responsibility to notify Heinz House if your address, phone number, or e mail address change. Please call to let us know, so we can adjust our records, and KEEP in touch with you!

GYM/SWIM REQUIREMENTS

Attention all parents, just a reminder the gym class for all midgets, preps & juniors is gym **and swim**. Participants are required to attend both parts of the class. If your child must leave early, or for some reason cannot participate in swim that day, their gym teacher Val (for girls) or Bob (for boys) must receive a note from the member's parent/guardian before class. A note is also need if your child is late for gym class. If your child is more than 10 minutes late to class and they do not have a note they will be sent home for the evening. Your child must be in full uniform in order to participate that includes gym socks and tennis shoes.

Academic Honor Roll:

Congratulations to all of the members who turned in their school report cards this fall. The following members received 4.0 on their first report card: Boyd Bestic, Whitney Brown, Robert Johnston, Katelyn Ley, Thomas Rone, Rebecca Volk, Thomas Schmelzer, and Emily Van Horn. Great job to all of our members! Keep up the good work.

Report Card Reminder: The deadline to turn in report cards for the 2nd report period is February 20th. Copies of report cards for members in 5th -12th grade with a GPA 3.0 or higher can be turned in at the Great Hall Front Desk.

Gold Shield

A J Dorman was the lucky Gold Shield winner in December. A J's Gold Shield was for helping in Club. Thanks A J.

Youth of the Year Semi-Finalists

Congratulations to the following semi-finalists, who have been nominated to compete and represent Heinz House in the Boys and Girls Clubs State Youth of the Year contest:

Amy Bartolowits, Andrew Buchman, Kayla Campbell, Anthony Chmura, Paige Costello, Kyrsten Dragone, Christine Fashion, Tyler Feith, Nicholas Foley, Stephanie Humphries, Anne Kisak, Matthew McKee, Nikki Michalik, Shannon Michalik, Brittany Morgan, Brettlyn Neal, Matthew Nichols, James Pace, Lauren Smith, Liam Sporrer, Kaylee Weisensee,. They have been selected as semi-finalists for the SHH local Youth of the Year competition. From these semi-finalists, 3-5 members will be selected as finalists to compete as the Heinz House Representative in the state, regional, and national Boys & Girls Clubs' Youth of the Year Contest. The SHH winner will receive a \$1000 scholarship as a state finalist.

The semi-finalists will be judged on their strength in the areas of Moral Character, Home and Family, Service to Club, Community, School, Obstacles Overcome, and Life goals. Each category will be weighted and the 5 finalists will be determined. The finalists will then compete on Thursday, February 4th. They will be judged on their written information packet, a speech the finalist writes, and a brief interview. Any one of these members would make Heinz House extremely proud at the competition. They have all accomplished great things during their membership. They are all fine young men & women, and great role models to our younger members. It should be an outstanding competition at the end of the month.

Fun With Science and Nature - will be offered FREE in the months of January through April so take advantage of this drop in program on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. For program description see handbook or call Miss Jennifer Schnell. Miss Suzanne is no longer at Heinz House, but Miss Jennifer has been given an orientation by Miss Suzanne, and will be offering some scaled down versions of Miss Suzanne's programs.

Attendance Warnings and Drops

Notifications are being sent out this month to remind members the importance of a commitment. If you have missed over fifty percent of your classes and have not called off to excuse yourself, then you should expect to see a warning card or drop letter. Remember, the purpose of the warning card is not to remove you from membership. The card's main purpose is to let you know that you are missed, and to get you to rededicate yourself. **We want to see you here!** If you get a warning card, call the program director who sent you the letter to make sure that things get straightened out.

If you receive a drop letter, that is the 2nd step. It means that you have already received a warning card earlier in the year, and your attendance has been repeatedly poor. Unfortunately, a drop letter is for the rest of the program year, and may also effect registration times and prices for summer programs.

If you have any questions, please call the program director that sent you the warning card or drop letter.

Friday Night Specials – Open for Members and their Families!

February 5 th	Be my Valentine - Make It & Take It
February 12 th	Family Swim *Note 7:45 pm—9pm
February 19 th	(NO special... Teen Night)
February 26 th	G - Movie Night \$1.00 Snacks & Drink provided.

Signups for March-April Programs!!

For classes that continue in March, members who are **currently enrolled** in the classes may sign up February 15 through February 20 (your space will not be saved after February 20). Beginning February 22, **any member** may sign up for March classes that are accepting new students, if open spaces are available.

Volunteer Profile – Mr. Jim Murrin

Jim Murrin has been a leader at Heinz House for the more than 20 years, in many capacities. His Heinz House "career" started back in the 1980's, as a parent who Dave Yovanovic recruited, and asked to help with Boys Junior Club (one of the programs for which Jim still volunteers). Soon after that, Jim also got involved with Camp Set Up and Tear Down, for which he takes vacation to provide physical and technical assistance in getting camp ready for the kids before they arrive. Jim was asked by Mr. Pittman to serve on the Advisory Board, and he completed a long and productive multi-term role in helping behind the scenes with program, policy, and procedures. He later was asked to serve on the Board of Directors, where he actually (sort of) became one of Mr. Pittman's bosses! As one of his Board duties, Jim serves as the Heinz House representative in Harrisburg on the Boys and Girls Clubs Area Council and the Pennsylvania State Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs.

Jim was the first recipient of the Tony Chmura Dedication to Youth Award, an annual volunteer award, and he totally embodies and demonstrates that phrase – "dedication to youth". Of all these roles, Jim's favorite is still that of Club Leader, working directly with our members. We are very lucky to have such a great role model for our members, staff, and fellow volunteers. Jim, thanks for all that you do... for the kids, and for Heinz House!

Keystone Korner

The Keystoneers are incredibly busy with events and preparing for the National Keystone Conference (see separate article). In February, the Keystoneers will be volunteering at a Valentine's Day Dance for Goodwill. They will also be touring Career Link and learning more about the YouthLink Program. Look for pictures around the building of our event!

In addition, the Keystoneers are planning a fundraiser at a local restaurant. If you choose to go to that restaurant for dinner that evening, we can receive 10% of their total take for that evening. Look for details in the Great Hall and listen for announcements in core program.

Finally, the Keystone parents will be sponsoring Monte Carlo once again. Details will come out in the March Bulletin, but tickets should be available by mid February. If you have any questions, please see Jennifer or Mike.

National Keystone Conference comes to Pittsburgh!!!

Beginning Thursday, March 11th and ending on Monday, March 15th, 1500 Keystone teens and their advisors will arrive in Pittsburgh for the National Keystone Conference. On Saturday of that weekend, the entire conference will be coming to Sarah Heinz House for some fun activities and to see our wonderful building. Our Keystoneers and Lead Teamers will be attending the event, but the conference will impact all of us. Read below to find out how it will affect you or how you can help!

Cancellations - The building will be closed for program on Thursday, March 11th through Saturday, March 13th. The fitness center will still be open on Thursday and Friday 6am- 2pm.

How you can help?

Any adults who are interested in helping during the conference are more than welcome. Below are some of the things that you may be able to assist with throughout the weekend. Please call or e-mail the front desk if you are interested. Give your name, a phone number where you can be reached, and the activities that you would like to be involved in that weekend. We may only need a few people in certain areas, so we will contact you once we have determined where all of the volunteers will go. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Engel.

- Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday – Assisting with setting up SHH (cleaning, prepping rooms, assisting vendors setup equipment) and serving as Van drivers back and forth to the hotel
- Thursday evening – Helping make goody bags
- Thursday evening and Friday during the day – Helping at the hotel with hospitality booth, assisting attendees with planning short trips
- Friday evening – Helping with events at the hotel
- Saturday during the day – Serving as chaperones for offsite experiences (community service, career shadowing, and college visits)
- Saturday evening – Helping with the club event, Cleaning up after the club event
- Sunday during the day – Help clean SHH and get it back in order for our members on Monday

If there is something specific that is not on this list that you would be interesting in assisting with (for example, your company wants to donate 1500 small items for the goody bags), please contact Jennifer.

This event will showcase our organization and we are so excited to host. Thank you in advance for all of your hard work!!!

Sarah Heinz House Day Camp

This camp is held at Sarah Heinz House for children K thru 7th grade.

As everyone knows, our Day Camp fills up fast.

Registration forms will be mailed to you in early March.

This year's fee will be:

\$115 per session for members, \$175 for nonmembers (this fee includes field trips),

Plus \$30 camp store money per session (note different from past yrs).

Don't miss out on a great summer. Come to our Day Camp.

Session dates are tentative:

First Session	Monday, June 21	through	Friday, July 2
Second Session	Tuesday, July 6	through	Friday, July 16
Third Session	Monday, July 19	through	Friday, July 30
Fourth Session	Monday, Aug. 2	through	Friday, Aug. 13

Sarah Heinz House Day Camp

Our Day Camp traditionally fills 360 spaces within the first week of registration. We always give our members the first opportunity to register. You must be in the membership by February 13 to register as a member for summer programs. Day Camp Registration begins March 17.

Day Camp Registration begins at 9:15 AM

Wednesday	March 17	SHH Members Only
Thursday	March 18	SHH Members & Former Day Campers
Friday	March 19	SHH Members & Former Day Campers
Saturday	March 20	SHH Members & Former Day Campers
Monday	March 22	Open to the Public

Sarah Heinz House Day Camp Staff Needed

Counselors and staff are needed for our Summer Day Camp. Positions needed include individuals with strengths in computers, ceramics and/or have life guard certification. An Aquatics Director is also needed; general counselors are also needed. You must currently be a senior in high school to apply. Email resume to Dave Yovanovic at yovanovic@sarahheinzhouse.com.

Summer ROBOTICS CAMPS

This year we will be offering 7 sessions of one-week Robotics camps. The cost of the camps will be \$75 for members and \$150 for non-members. The VEX camp fees will be \$100 for members and \$200 for non-members. Registration will begin March 24th for members, March 25th for members and returning Robotics campers, and March 26 for anyone interested. Full Payment will be due at registration. Application and more details will be available in the March bulletin. **The camp dates are listed below:**

June 21 - June 25	1-4 th Graders
June 28 - July 2	5-8 th Graders
--No Robo Camp during week of July 5--	
July 12 - July 16	5-8 th Graders
July 19 - July 23	5-8 th Graders
July 26 - July 30	5-8 th Graders
Aug 2- Aug 6 (VEX)	9-12 th Graders
Aug 9- Aug 13 (VEX)	9-12 th Graders

Heinz House Resident Camp

Are you interested or planning to go to Heinz House Camp this summer? Our Camp is in Ellwood City, and you stay there for 11 days. We sleep in large tents (like a big room with a concrete floor that fits up to 8 beds) and go swimming, boating, and fishing in the Slippery Rock Creek. Many members and alumni think it's the best place in the world, with great memories which last a lifetime!

It's not too late to start saving camp stamps toward your camp fees. Stamps are 10¢ each and the stamp savings book is only \$1. Wednesday, March 31 is the final day to purchase camp stamps for Resident Camp. Members with \$20 or more in their camp stamp book get to sign up on the first day of registration in April. Resident Camp fees will remain at \$150 for members attending 1 session and \$300 for both sessions this year to (half the cost of non-members).

Contact Program Director Bob Bechtold for questions or details.

Heinz House Resident Camp In Ellwood City on the Slippery Rock Creek

Registration for Resident Camp is in April, but it's never too soon to start saving camp stamps for a great vacation at Heinz House Camp. Camp is a summer blast that you don't want to miss. Make sure you are saving camp stamps. Each stamp purchased brings you one step closer to another exciting year at camp. This year's camp fee is \$150 per member, per session, plus crafts and camp store money \$30 per session. Registration for our resident camp takes place in April.

Please NOTE: The following Resident Camp dates are tentative.

Boys' Camp Dates ***

First Session:	Wednesday, June 23	through	Saturday, July 3
Second Session:	Saturday July 3	through	Tuesday July 13

Girls' Camp Dates

First Session:	Saturday July 17	through	Tuesday July 27
Second Session:	Tuesday July 27	through	Friday Aug 6

9th Annual Women's Camp Weekend

Friday, June 18, 11:00am – Sunday, June 20, 9:00am

Heinz House Camp will host a Camp Weekend for Women. Registration begins in March for alumni, volunteers, and parents. The cost is \$50 per person. Weekly volunteers from the 2009-2010 year receive a \$10 discount. All campers must be at least 18 and out of high school. Space is limited. Sign up by yourself or as a tent group (Max six people will be allowed in a tent). Any questions, call Cathy at 412 231-2377 ext.22.

Sarah Heinz House
Is OPEN on
President's Day
Monday February 15, 2010

February Calendar

PLEASE REFER TO OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE FOR OUR FEBRUARY'S
"CAMPAIGN FOR OTHERS" CALENDAR OF EVENTS.

Thursday	Feb 4	Youth of the Year Interviews
Friday	Feb 5	Friday Night Special (Be my Valentine - Make It & Take It) 7:30—9pm.
Wednesday	Feb 10	Final Wednesday Membership Registration
Thursday	Feb 11	Final Thursday Membership Registration
Friday	Feb 12	Family Swim *Note 7:45 pm—9pm
Saturday	Feb 13	Final Membership Registration Opportunity; All Night Epic (see separate Campaign for Others Article), 11pm—7am
Monday	Feb 15	OPEN for Presidents' Day (normal programs are offered)
Monday	Feb 15-20	Sign Ups for March & April Extra Programs (if currently enrolled in that class);
Friday	Feb 19	Building closes at 8:30pm, except for Teen Night Participants; TEEN NIGHT, 9—11pm
Saturday	Feb 20	Board of Directors' Retreat
Monday	Feb 22	Sign Ups for March & April Extra Programs (Anyone to classes accepting new sign ups)
Friday	Feb 26	G - Movie Night \$1.00 Snacks & Drink provided.

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During the month of February the members of Sarah Heinz House take time to consider the needs of others. Please take part in these activities.

Junior Boys Family Bingo **Wed Feb 3**

Midgets & Preps Family Bingo **Sat Feb 6**

During club on Feb. 7 Midgets and Preps will have their family bingo at 9:30 and 11:00am respectively. Bring your family and friends to play bingo and win some nice prizes. The fee is \$1 for 3 cards or 50¢ each. Junior boys will have their bingo on Feb. 4 from 7 to 8 pm.

All Night "Epic" **Sat Feb 13**

The Lead Team and the Keystone Club will sponsor an All-Night event, but with a twist. There will be additional activities like swimming, sports, games room, and lots more!

The cost is \$10 per person; only members in good standing are permitted to attend. Members that attend are allowed to bring three guests. Permission slips are available at the Lobby Desk. The deadline to register is Saturday, February 6 at 3:00, no exceptions. If there are not 80 people registered at that time, the event will be cancelled. Registered means that both the permission slips and the money are turned in at the desk. Late fee is \$15 if you register on February 8-12 (by 9:00pm on Feb 12). Register early with your permission slip and money. **Event is 11:00pm to 7:00am**

Ice Cream Sundae Night **Mon Feb 8**

Enjoy an Ice Cream Sundae on a Monday night. The sundaes will be available for \$2 between 6:30-8 pm on the 2nd floor.

Midget/Prep Girls Family Bingo **Mon Feb 15**

The girls will sponsor their Annual Family Bingo Night during Club. Midgets at 5:45pm and Preps at 7:15pm. Bring your family and friends to play bingo and win some nice prizes. The fee is 50¢ for one card and \$1 for 3 cards.

Basketball Volunteer / Staff vs Select Member Participants

Thurs, Feb 18

The staff and adult volunteers will play against our Boys and Girls High School CYM Teams. Come out to cheer for your favorite team. Girls game begins at 7 pm, Boys game begins at 8 pm.

Participant Fees: \$5 per adult player (pay at game)
 \$2 per CYM player (pay at game)

Spectator Fees: \$1 for members \$2 for all others

Midget / Prep Boys Club Auction **Sat Feb 20**

This auction will be held on Feb 20 from 10 am to 11:30 am. Midget and Prep boys club will be a combine club at this time on this date. Come and bid on some great items. Donations of items are welcome and should be given to Dave. Family and friends welcome.

Midget and Prep Girls Auction **Mon Feb 22**

The Midget and Prep girls will have an auction on Monday, February 22nd from 6:30-8:00 pm. The clubs are combined so everyone can get in on the bidding action. You will need money for this club to participate in the bidding. Bidding starts at \$.25, but can get pretty high for some of the more expensive items. Parents are welcome to attend. If you would like to donate items to our auction, see Mara. Anything and everything is welcome!

Intermediate Boys Dodge Ball **Mon Feb 22**

Junior Boys Dodge Ball **Tues Feb 23**

The Int. & Jr. boys will have a Dodge Ball Game in gym class. They will receive one out per 25¢.

Jr. Coed Auction **Wed Feb 24**

Bring Your Moola

The Junior Division (coed) will have an auction in Club, from 7:00 to 8:30pm on Feb.24. Family and friend are welcome to bid on some great items. All donations are welcome for the Auction. See Dave or Mara regarding donations or questions.

Tread A Thon **Feb 23, 24, 25**

There will be a Tread A Thon during the Life Guard Training class and the Night Adult Water Aerobics. All students will receive a sponsor sheet to obtain pledges for the amount of time they tread water (without hands for the lifeguard class). Students may approach you asking you to pledge their efforts. Pledges will be per minute they tread water (for **example**, twenty-five cents per minute X 30 minutes = \$7.50 pledged). Max. 45min. See or call Cathy for details.

February Club Socials **Feb 16, 17**

Club Socials will be held for Juniors and Int. on the following days in Feb. Light refreshments will be served. The cost of the events will be \$2.00 which will be donated to the Campaign for Others. M/S will be conducting a service project for their February Social. Listen for more details in club.

Intermediates	Tuesday	February 16	7:30-9 pm
Juniors	Wednesday	February 17	7-8:30 pm

Midget / Prep Boys Candy Carnival **Feb 27**

Come to the Midget and Prep boys Candy Carnival 10:15am to 11:45am to benefit the Campaign for Others. It will cost \$1.00 to play the games at the carnival. Family and friends are welcome.