



The Reporter

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Pass It Along

After reading *The Reporter*, check your position off of the list below and pass it on to the next person on the list!

- Advisor
- President
- 1st VP
- 2nd VP
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Historian
- Comm. Chairs
- Class Rep(s)
- Other
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Community Service Matters

"I cannot preach like Martin Luther King, Jr. or turn a poetic phrase like Maya Angelou, but I care and am willing to serve." This is an excerpt from a poem written by Marian Wright Edelman, but to me it is so much more than words on a page.

Many of us have been blessed with things in our lives that others have not. Whether it be good health, moderate wealth, a good education, a home and family to call our own, or good friends, they all matter to us, have made a difference in our lives, and demonstrate to us how thankful we should be. It is with that same notion and feeling of knowing one's place in this world

that should drive all of us to give back to our community, our schools, and our world as a whole. Many of us do not show our appreciation for what we have been given. For those of us who fall into this category, it is time for action! To offer others a helping hand or a guiding light is to know how blessed you are. To give aid and comfort to the sick or downtrodden is a gift that you cannot put a price tag on. Giving to others is a priceless and selfless act that not enough people do. There is a big world out there and a lot of things need attention. The excuse that you are just a kid or our student council is not big enough to make a

difference is simply not true. Everyone can make a difference somewhere and in some way. To me community service is what life is all about. Community service is about turning out the light at the end of the day and knowing that my time was appreciated. It's about knowing the actual enjoyment that comes from making sacrifices for things that one believes in. And most importantly, it's about surrounding myself with people who feel the same way. Community service is more than an action. It's a way of life. So start living today!

Joe Rule
IASC Newsletter Editor

The IASC Needs YOU! Officer Election News

Applications for the 2008-2009 IASC Executive Board are now available online. The positions available are:

- President
- First Vice-president
- Second Vice-president
- Secretary

- Treasurer
- Reporter-Editor
- Webmaster

Advisors may apply for:

- Chairperson of the Board (2010 State Convention Host)

If you are interested, please visit the website at www.illinoisstuco.com for more information!

Remember, all applications are due to Jay Mann by March 11, 2008!

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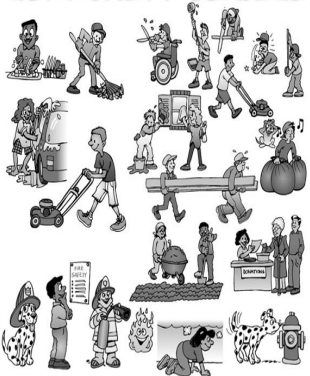
- I = Information**
- A = Activities**
- S = SERVICE**
- C = Convention**

Take a look at all of the incredible ideas that people from around the state submitted to share with **YOUR** council on the topic of **SERVICE!**

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.”

-John Quincy Adams

COMMUNITY SERVICE



Senior Citizen’s Prom

Nothing brings a community together like a Senior Citizen’s Prom! The Collinsville High School Student Council throws a Senior Citizen’s Prom every year. In conjunction with the local senior center, we pick out a theme, have a local caterer do the food, get a DJ that will play a mixture of old and new music and dance the night away with our new “senior” friends. Last

year our theme was “Blue Hawaii.” After dinner we created a huge backdrop, complete with life size surf boards so the prom participants could have their prom photo taken. The next day we had the pictures developed and created a bulletin board at the senior center where prom goers could pick up their photo with ease. Having a Senior Citizens Prom is a great promotional tool

for your school or organization. It brings together people from all different walks of life and generations. The students and seniors have the opportunity to bond and even dance with one another. It is just a great feeling to have when watching this unfold.

*Alice Carroll
Collinsville High School
StuCo Community
Service Advisor*

Trick or Treating For Canned Goods

Who said Trick or Treating is just for little kids? Throughout the state a new trend in getting high school kids involved with this grand old tradition is on the rise. Many high school students are organizing “Trick Or Treating for Canned Goods” drives in their communi-

ties. On the day before and on Halloween itself, students are dressing up and going door-to-door to ask people to donate canned goods to a local food pantry. Over the course of a two day period last year 10,000 cans were collected in a Southern Illinois high

school drive.

The best way to let people know what is going on is to have the local newspaper do a story about it a couple days in advance. Then people know, you can plan your activity and help the needy in your area while having fun!

Drive By Rakings

In the fall as the leaves drop from the trees, many elderly and disabled people have to scramble to take care of their lawns. At our school, we go out into the community and help these people tend to their yards. Using a referral

system provide by local churches, we do a “Drive By Raking” program. Students fan out with addresses of those in need and rake and bag their lawn refuse during November. In years past we have been able to serve over 200 people.

When we leave, we take the bagged leaves and leave a sign in their yard that reads, “Another Drive By Raking by the WHS Student Council.” Not only are we doing a good deed, but we are getting some PR out of it as well!

Tips For Planning A Community Service Project

Washington University in St. Louis offers the following advice when planning a community service project in your area:

1. **Determine What You Are Looking For:** Take a look at your community and determine what you can reasonably do to help and where there is a need.
2. **Research Possible Agencies To Help:** Always talk to the group you want to help in person. Get to know them and

also check references, especially if you plan to give a group money. Make sure they are reputable.

3. **Confirm! Confirm! Confirm!** Once you choose a group to help, especially if you are collecting things like clothes or canned goods, confirm when you can drop the supplies off to them. Nothing is worse than having a lot of stuff and having no place to go with it!

4. **Send Them A Thank You:** Even though your group did the work, be sure to send a thank you. It is the polite thing to do. You can also thank them for all of the work they do for others.

For more information on community service tips and planning the perfect event, please visit the website: www.communityservice.wustl.edu/leaders/tips.php



“I have learned that people will forget what you said and forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

-Maya Angelou

*The IASC challenge to you:
Be remembered for how you made someone feel today!*

Christmas Gifts For Kids

At our school we adopt an entire elementary school for the holidays. This year we adopted all of the kindergarten, first and second graders in the school. In conjunction with their teachers, each child wrote a letter to Santa Claus. Not only did this add to their writing skills,

it allowed the kids to tell Santa what they really wanted for Christmas. Our student council then took the letters, compiled a list of what toys were needed and our members bought each kid one thing on their list. This year we served over 200 kids in the school. Santa, Mrs.

Claus, and their elves visited the school and delivered the gifts. Often times this is the only gift these kids will receive at Christmas time. So please check out schools in your area and see if there is a need to do this. It is very rewarding to see the looks on their faces!

Reputable Organizations to Work With

When looking at charitable organizations to give money to, please check to make sure they are reputable. A really easy way to check on a particular charity is go to the national Better Business Bureau website (www.us.bbb.org). There you can find charities with the Charity Seal that the BBB offers. This is a compre-

hensive list of national charities that have been given the seal of approval from the BBB as a reputable organization to work with. Organizations with the Charity Seal include:

- Adopt A Classroom
- America’s Second Harvest
- America Red Cross
- Children’s Defense Fund

- Feed The Children
 - I Have a Dream Foundation
 - Make A Wish Foundation
 - MDA
 - Project Hope
 - Susan G. Komen for the Cure
- A detailed report on each foundation’s giving policies and practices is listed and a link to their homepages are provided. This is a great resource to check out organizations!



State Convention 2008: Springfield, Illinois

*"And in the end
it's not the years
in your life that
count. It's the life
in your years."*

-Abraham Lincoln

*"Don't worry
when you are not
recognized, but
strive to be worthy
of recognition."*

-Abraham Lincoln

*"A good is never
lost: he who sows
courtesy reaps
friendship; and he
who plants kind-
ness gathers love."*

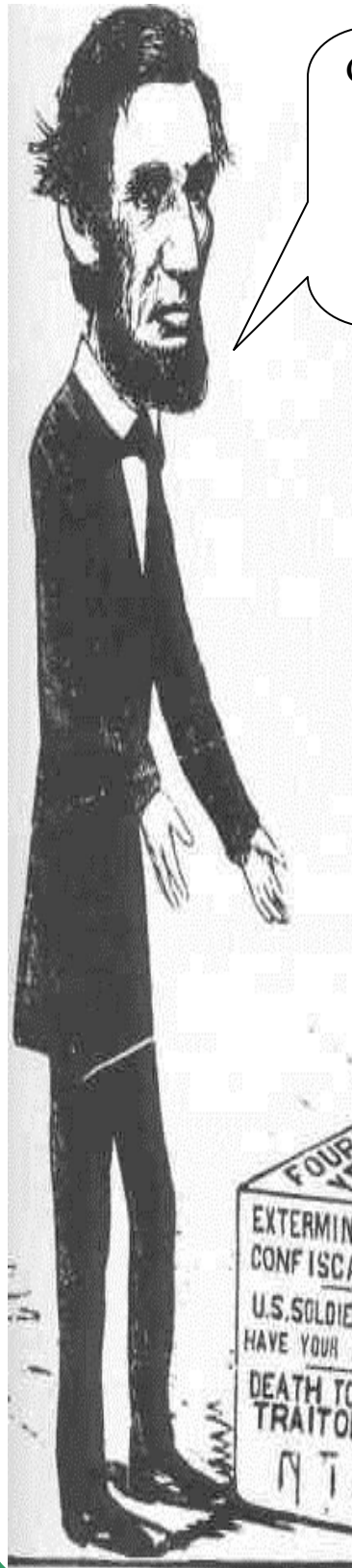
-Basil

*"Service is the rent
we pay to be living.*

*It is the very
purpose of life and
not something you
do in your spare
time."*

-Marian Wright

Edelman



Get to know my city
and the leaders of
tomorrow at the
2008 IASC
Convention!

Hey IASC! Just three months to go before the 74th annual state convention at the Springfield Hilton, May 8-10. The Atwood-Hammond High School student council is hard at work to make this convention one of the best in history!

You should have received a registration packet in the mail. If you have not, please contact me so that I may send another packet to your council. Included is a letter to our "rookie" advisors. Please take the time to read it and hopefully some of your questions will be answered.

We have color coordinated the registration forms so it will be easy to know where to send the forms and payments. Return your hotel registration directly to the Hilton because rooms will go quickly! Packets with convention information

and "surprises" will be given to each person when you register at the convention! Souvenir t-shirts will be red with the famous black convention logo.

The Amazing Race will be filled with excitement. Don't miss out on the fun! Thursday evening's entertainment is nationally known hypnotist Andy Dallas so be ready to reveal your hidden talents and secrets! The featured convention speaker is Bill Sanders. Mr. Sanders was among the great speakers that we heard at Nationals last summer. Jessica has worked really hard to secure him for our convention. Thanks Jessica!

The IASC executive board and Atwood-Hammond High School are very excited about this year's convention. Don't miss out on being a part of one of the most memorable conventions ever! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Brooke Bryson, or my advisor, Debbie Fay, at 217-578-2226 or by e-mail at bbryson@illinoisstuco.com. I look forward to seeing you soon! Be ready to explore the "Magic In Leadership"!

Leadership Academy

The IASC will once again offer our Leadership Academy workshop. This workshop is open to all students who have attended either a summer camp or a one day drive-in workshop **AND** the weekend Advanced Workshop. The

Leadership Academy will be held in Bloomington, Illinois at the IHSA office on April 5-6, 2008 and we will stay the night at the local Day's Inn located in Normal. This Academy workshop will be a hands-on experience for you to demonstrate

the skills that you have learned throughout the IASC workshop schedule and an officer training session will also be offered.

SPACE IS LIMITED!
Registration is due to Lorie Demry by April 1, 2008!



Planning to head for Texas in June 2008 for the NASC Conference?

Please visit www.nasc.us for details on how you can be a part of the "Hats Off to Leadership" experience!



Illinois Association of Student Councils 2008 Leadership Academy Registration Form

Name: _____ Male / Female _____
 Home Address: _____ City: _____
 Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____ E-Mail: _____
 School: _____
 School Address: _____ City: _____
 Zip Code: _____ School Phone Number: _____
 Advisor Signature: _____ Principal Signature: _____
 Advisor's Home Phone and Cell Number: _____
 I attended the _____ summer session or _____ one day drive-in
 Cost of \$75 for IASC members, with registration, is due by April 1, 2008.
 Make check payable to IASC and mail it and the registration form to:
 Lorie Demry
 18523 Oak Drive
 Carlyle, Illinois 62231

State Service Project:
Operation Smile
 Your school will be receiving information in the mail concerning this year's service project very soon. Also, be sure to take a look at the website at www.illinoisstuco.com for further details as the state convention approaches!

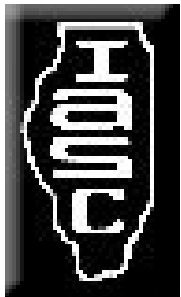


IASC State Convention
May 8-10, 2008
Springfield Hilton Hotel
"The Magic In Leadership"
 Take part in all of the magic through...
Leadership Workshops
Nationally Renown Speakers
Networking
And so much more!

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any one thing."
 -Abraham Lincoln



IASC Student Council State Convention 2008
 Springfield



Collinsville High School
2201 South Morrison Avenue
Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Attention: Student Council

Calendar of Events

February 16-17: State Board Meeting at IHSA Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois

LEAD Conference in Chicago, Illinois February 22-24, 2008

Leadership Academy: April 5-6, 2008 at IHSA Headquarters, Bloomington, Illinois

May 8-10, 2008: IASC State Convention in Springfield, Illinois

June 25-29, 2008: NASC National Conference in Justin, Texas

July 21-24, 2008: Summer Leadership Workshop at Millikin University in Decatur

July 28-31, 2008: Summer Leadership Workshop at Millikin University in Decatur