



THE *Herald*

EASTERN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

WINTER / SPRING
2003



SHINING LIKE STARS...AS YOU HOLD OUT THE WORD OF LIFE

Celebrating Christian Education Day

INSIDE



ECHS NEWS
PAGE 2



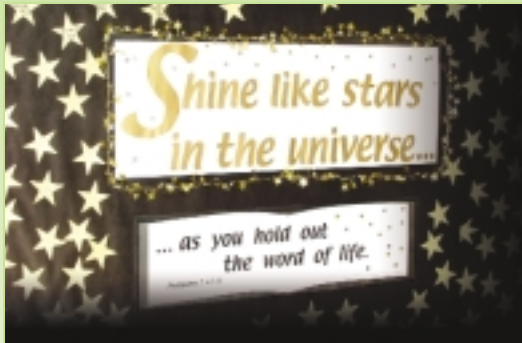
ECMS NEWS
PAGE 9



ECES NEWS
PAGE 12



ALUMNI NEWS
PAGE 16



“Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.” (Phil. 2:14-16a)

A Constellation Destined to Shine

Celebrating Christian Education Day 2003 BY RICHARD VAN YPEREN ~ ECES PRINCIPAL

Kenyan Night Skies

During the five years I lived in Kenya, no scenery amazed me more than the beauty and vastness of African skies. Even though the dramatic dominating daytime dome of sky daily impressed me, it was the 3-D black night sky with uncountable flickering pinpoints of light that always filled me with awe. I think of Kenyan night skies whenever I read Paul’s words in Philippians 2: 15 & 16: “... in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.”

Of course, during the day, star shine is overwhelmed by sunshine; however, the stark contrast of deep darkness of night and flickering starlight over Kenya produced an indescribable soul response. In northern New Jersey, we rarely notice the sky and the stars. Perhaps, we live narrowly focused and myopic lives. Here, at night so many artificial lights diffuse the natural beauty of the stars. In Africa there is time to watch the sky, and man-made electrical lights have yet to dilute the darkness. Some days I find myself inadvertently yearning for the undiluted views of God-designed awesome beauty in the African skies.

A Primary Goal of Reformed Christian Education

Because at Eastern Christian children live in the daylight of Sonshine, one may not notice that as children of God they are learning to shine brighter. But every year we graduate young people ready to “hold out the word of life” in the deep darkness of our world. A primary goal of Reformed Christian Education is for each covenant child to grow into the role of walking in the light. (*I John 1:7*) This calls for excellence in intellectual and spiritual formation so that each student is prepared and nurtured to “shine like stars” to his/her maximum potential in Christ.

A Universal Question

“Twinkle, twinkle, little star/how I wonder what you are.” In the simplicity of this familiar nursery rhyme a universal question points to the wonder that flickering night stars evoke. Did you know that light traveling from the nearest stars we see lags behind by 4.3 years? When we “wonder what you are” as we look at a star, we are actually wondering what it has been because we are looking into the past. According to scientists, stars appear to twinkle because moving air in our atmosphere absorbs some of their light, which causes them to flicker.

The Word of God is the Source of Light and Life

As Christians, we believe that the source of light and life is the Word of God. We know that in partnership with parents and church, Christian Education magnifies “your light before men, that they may see ... good deeds and praise [the] Father in heaven.” (*Matthew 5:16*) The light we see in our Eastern Christian students has originated in intentional biblical education and, like starlight, is a time-lapsed reflection of absorbed truth displayed in action. As this light interacts with the atmosphere of a dark world, it flickers, drawing attention to God’s message of deliverance and eternal life.

Your investment in Christian Education and your partnership with us by God’s grace is continuing to form a constellation destined to shine in an increasingly dark world that desperately needs Sonlight. “Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.” (*John 1: 3-4*)

“The light we see in our Eastern Christian students has originated in intentional biblical education and, like starlight, is a time-lapsed reflection of absorbed truth displayed in action.”





Contents

THE *Herald*

WINTER / SPRING 2003

EDITOR

Gail B. Beverly

BOARD PRESIDENT

David Simcox

SUPERINTENDENT

Gilbert P. Kitchen

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Jan A. Lucas

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Florence Nieuwenhuis

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Richard Van Yperen

ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR

Janyce Bandstra

PHOTOGRAPHER

Mark Lucas

WRITER/EDITOR'S ASSISTANT

Beth Milkamp

DESIGN

Yellow House Graphic Design
www.yellowhousedesign.com

PRINTER

Lont & Overkamp
Prospect Park, NJ

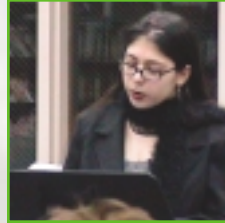
SHINING LIKE STARS 2 ~ 5

Serving the Lord



6 ~ 7 ECHS NEWS

Sharing with Others & Cultivating Talents



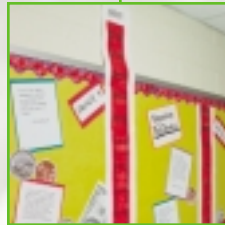
EC SPORTS 8 ~ 9

Winter Highlights & Awards



10 ~ 11 ECMS NEWS

Special Service Projects



ECES NEWS 12

Showing Creativity & Helping Others



13 ~ 14 ECSA NEWS

Fundraisers & Financial Blessings



ALUMNI NEWS 15 ~ 19

Class News & Reunions



20 ~ 23 DESIGNATED GIFTS

In Memory & In Honor

ABOUT THE COVER

Shining Like Stars

Pictured are members of the **ECHS Gospel Choir** directly by teacher **Jenna Cooksey**, serving the Lord with their singing talents. Also pictured (L to R in smaller photos) are: ECHS student **Olga Vallejo** & a Paterson School #16 guest; ECMS teacher **Terry Allen** and GeoBee winners **Alex Petras** and **Dan Hook**; 2nd Grader **Ann Abadeer** with her "Coconut Night Light" invention; and EC alumnus **Bob Kuiken** and family, serving Christ at Faith Academy in the Philippines. In this issue are articles on the theme of service in conjunction with our celebration of Christian Education on Sunday, Feb. 23.

The Herald is the magazine for alumni, parents and friends of Eastern Christian School. The mailing address for Eastern Christian School Association is: 50 Oakwood Ave, North Haledon, NJ 07508-2449. To reach us by phone, call 973-427-6244 or 973-427-9294. Eastern Christian School's e-mail address is: ecsassoc@juno.com. Our web site address is: www.easternchristian.org.

Letters, articles, artwork, and color or black & white photos are welcome for possible inclusion in *The Herald*. Art and photos will be returned when a SASE is included. Send all correspondence regarding publication to: Editor, *The Herald* at the address listed above.

All Address Changes, Alumni News items, and Memorial or Honor gifts should be sent to the attention of the ECSA Development Office at the address above. Items for Alumni News should be identified by class year.

Eastern Christian School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools and is a member of Christian Schools International. Reproduction of **The Herald** in whole or in part without written permission is prohibited.

Saved to Serve

BY BEVERLY TEN KATE | ECMS MEDIA CENTER SPECIALIST

Servanthood is not a popular subject in our culture, but it is mentioned frequently in the Bible. It isn't hard to find many scriptures that point to servanthood as a lifestyle God wants us to adopt. Six reasons why service is necessary for the Christian are:

- *To build up the body of Christ* (Ephesians 4:11-12)
- *To live out our beliefs and reflect the love of Jesus as we relate to others* (Luke 12:35)
- *To gain a great assurance in our faith* (I Timothy 3:13)
- *To glorify God by using the gifts he has given us* (I Peter 4: 10-11)
- *To follow Christ's example – He was the greatest servant of all* (Luke 22: 25-28)
- *To show gratitude to the Lord* (Colossians. 3:23)

The kind of life Christ wants us to live is one of service that flows from the lives of believers who are filled with God's Spirit. Servants observe a need and assume the responsibility to meet that need as the Holy Spirit directs them in their daily activities. As I reflected on servanthood, I realized that my willingness to help one of my colleagues with his chapel service preparation recently was one example of being directed by the Holy Spirit. As a result, I received a blessing because I took the time to help him. Being available to serve others is something Christians do.

If we are true disciples of Christ, we immerse ourselves in the Holy Word. This brings us face to face with our Lord, and when we read His Word we become more and more like Him. I was listening to R.C. Sproul on a videotape recently, and he spoke of a passage in the Bible that gives us three easy steps for Christian living. Micah 6:8 says, "*What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*" Humility and service are one and the same. Just as Jesus was willing to wash the feet of the disciples, we must



Approximately 40 members of Cedar Hill CRC in Wyckoff who are affiliated with EC in a variety of ways sang together as part of the Christian Education Day service on Feb. 23.

be willing to do the most mundane tasks to show our willingness to be like our God.

Rick Warren has written a book entitled *The Purpose Driven Life: What On Earth Am I Here For?* In the book, he talks about five purposes of the Christian life. Not surprisingly, one of those is service. He talks about how service starts in our mind and that all of us need an attitude change. We are all sinful people who tend to think more about ourselves than others. It is through Christ's power and in His strength that we can change our natural tendency to be self-serving. This is a lifelong challenge. Each day we need God's grace to set aside our own agenda and follow His.

Asking students to participate in service projects is a means to an end. We are hoping that, by feeling the joy and satisfaction which service brings, our students will desire more and more to live a life devoted to following Jesus, the Greatest Servant of All.



Shoebboxes of Love: Many ECHS students participated with Samaritan's Purse' Operation Christmas Child in a special Christmas service project, coordinated by Biology teacher **Amanda Mulder** (left). By filling a shoebox with small gifts for delivery to the needy around the world, students made a difference in the lives of hurting children. Students filled their shoeboxes with small cards, dolls, stuffed animals, yo-yos, crayons, writing pads and candy. Operation Christmas Child then inserted Christian literature

into each box and shipped them overseas to more than 90 countries whose children suffer from poverty, disease, war and natural disasters. Pictured with Ms. Mulder are volunteer gift-wrappers **Jennifer Zicherman, Lauren De Jong, Anafaye Greco**. Not pictured but assisting with this project as well: **Stephanie Siegel**. (See Contents pg. photo)



ECHS Christmas Festival: In its 16th year, this is a special day when 180 first and second graders from Paterson's School #16 visit ECHS for a time of Christmas fun. The event is coordinated by a National Honor Society committee headed by **Jackie Hoogstra, Allison Postma** and **Kristi Mihal**. Pictured are **Matt Bale-Pena** and **Dennis Bloom** having fun with their student "buddies" for a day as they and all the other participants watched a Christmas skit, sang carols, and enjoyed a pizza lunch together.

ECMS Ground-Breaking Ceremony Celebrates Milestone

BY THOMAS DYKHOUSE | ECSA BOARD MEMBER

Eastern Christian Middle School students, faculty and staff joined with members of the Christian school community for a very special chapel service and Ground-Breaking Ceremony at the Wyckoff campus on Wednesday, March 19. The service celebrated God's continuing goodness to Eastern Christian and marked an important milestone as construction is set to begin on another major addition to the Middle School.

The addition will include a long-awaited gymnasium, new kitchen, and the conversion of the existing all-purpose room into new art and music rooms. Construction work is scheduled to start on March 24 and we anticipate completion by early-September, thereby allowing for the full use of the new facilities for the 2003-04 school year. This addition is the second phase of the expansion project begun over ten years ago to convert the Wyckoff campus into a modern middle school facility. The first phase of the project included a media center, computer education facilities, enlarged classroom space and locker rooms.

FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT HAS BEEN PROVIDED THROUGH:

- the generous contributions from Eastern Christian community members,
- monies raised by the Middle School PTO, and
- a significant pledge by Faith Community CRC, as the continuation of its expansive joint-use agreement with Eastern Christian.

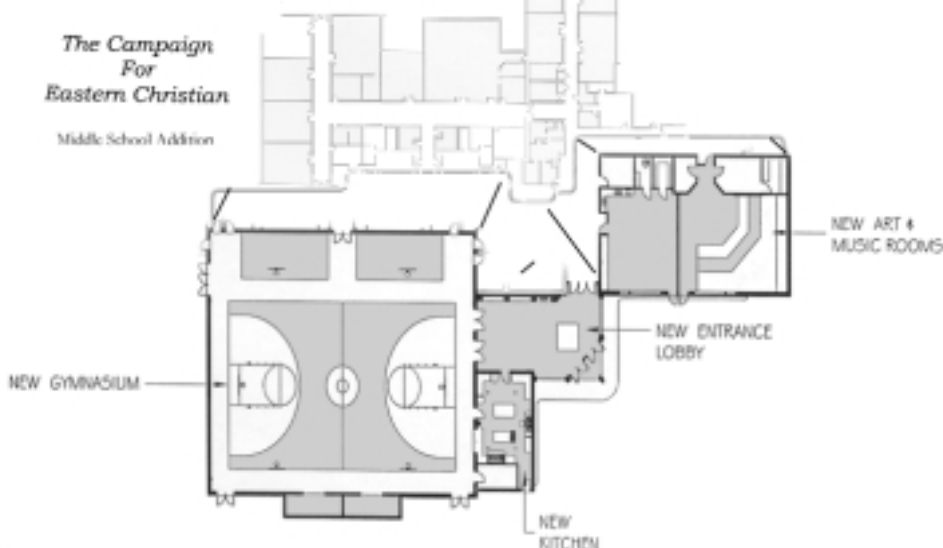
We are planning to raise additional funding to complete the project through the anticipated completion of two real estate transactions involving the sale of the Irving Park property and the purchase of property adjacent to Eastern Christian Elementary School. The completion of these transactions should result in an estimated \$500,000 to be put toward the construction project. The remainder of the funding required to complete the project will be raised through a Capital Campaign that will also be used to fund important repairs and renovations at the EC Elementary School in Midland Park and the EC High School in North Haledon.



For the **Christmas Festival** our high school students are paired up with the visitors who spend several hours together participating in activities including cookie decorating, face painting, making a Christmas craft and playing games. A highlight of the **ECHS Christmas Festival** comes when the High School students present their "buddies" with a Christmas gift purchased especially for each of them. Smiles and laughter fill the classrooms and hallways until it's time to say "Good-bye." Then there are lots of hugs and good wishes for their new friends as well as a promise to see them again next year! Pictured are **Susana Lopez** and **Melanie Susen** with their special guest.



A cast of superb ECHS actors and singers directed by Drama teacher **Jane Okma** presented a Christmas opera, **Amahl and the Night Visitors**, during two weekends in December. Pictured in this scene are: **Jane Fylstra** (Amahl) and **Sarah Vander Ploeg** (Amahl's mother). Others performing as main characters were: **Jonathan Shaffstall**, **Nora Marakchi**, **Justin Van Denend**, and **Jenna Hulsebos**. A 36-member "Shepherd's Chorus," a group of 11 student dancers, members of the EC Orchestra, a student technical crew, and several faculty advisors all played an integral part in conveying the play's message of God's grace and love.



ECHS Senior Shares Christian Viewpoint in Local News



Senior **Rebecca Bruins** was chosen as “North Jersey Scholar of the Week” for 12/29/02 edition of *The Record* newspaper. She shared the following perspective with readers:

“ ‘I’ve excelled in a lot of areas but success isn’t as important as things like integrity, morals and character,’ said Rebecca Bruins.

‘Why? Because success may be something you’re not always going to have. Things like values and integrity, they can never be taken away from you. My parents taught me that,’ continued Rebecca, sounding much older and wiser than her 17 years.

Rebecca, a senior at ECHS is such an accomplished violinist that she plays with the Ridgewood Symphony Orchestra, whose members are mostly seasoned adult musicians. She is also a featured violinist and concert mistress for the Northern New Jersey Youth Orchestra and the All State Orchestra. She is on the school’s varsity soccer team, a member of the National Honor Society and class council. Outside of the classroom, she is a Sunday school aide for a 5-year-old boy with Down syndrome. ‘That’s a very rewarding experience,’ she said. ‘I love helping him; I love seeing him able to learn things.’

She credits her Christian education and upbringing for stirring her compassion. ‘I’ve been blessed to have had a Christian education and to go to a school where people have the same faith as I do. It’s important for me to go to a place where people share the same faith. It’s almost like being on the same plane. It’s a good opportunity for us to grow in our faith before we go out into the world.’

Although she’s not sure what track she’ll pursue once she does go out into the world, Rebecca knows she wants ‘to glorify God and to help others.’ She is thinking of majoring in music or combining that with something else ‘and use that in some way to accomplish my goals. All I know is I want to use the talents God gave me.’ ”

“The Lord’s Ways Sometimes Become Apparent in Hindsight”

A Testimony from an EC Alumnus

BY BILL VANDERKOOI | CLASS OF 1947



Bill Vanderkooi pictured in the 1947 EA Yearbook.

Bill Vanderkooi, a retired scientist and manufacturing consultant, sent in the following letter. He currently resides in Midland, Michigan with his wife Lorna:

“The excellent *Herald* article about an open house for Sidney Bangma’s 90th birthday brought back many fond memories.

Mr. Bangma was my favorite teacher during 1943-47 when I attended Eastern Academy. He played a large part in establishing the course of my life and careers. After a sixth grade teacher at North 4th Street Christian School sparked my early

interest in science, Mr. Bangma nurtured that interest with his math and science courses. His teaching made it fun to learn. He also made us welcome to eat with him in his classroom in the old annex building of EA overlooking 7th Street. By time I graduated and headed for Calvin College I felt the Lord was leading me to be a Christian school math and science teacher, just like my role model, Mr. Bangma. Other teachers who also provided particularly long term benefits for me were Mr. VanTil teaching writing and English grammar, someone teaching one semester of typing that my Dad advised me to take, those who taught Reformed Doctrine, and all the teachers who gave me a great love for Christian Education.

Teachers plant many seeds as they educate young people, and probably wonder if it was worth the effort and what happened to the young lives they helped mold. If it might be of any interest or encouragement, I will share briefly what God did in the life of this alumnus. From EA I went to Calvin College and majored in Christian Education, Mathematics, and Science to prepare for a teaching career. However, our Lord then used chemistry professor, John De Vries, to guide me to change direction and go on to graduate school instead of into the classroom. At Purdue University John’s brother, Tom De Vries, was my major professor; and I earned MS and PhD degrees in chemistry. I had experience in both teaching and research assistant positions at Calvin and Purdue, and enjoyed research more than teaching. After much prayer, it became clear to me that the Lord was leading me to a professional research career rather than teaching. Why then had He led me to take all those education courses? **The Lord’s ways sometimes become apparent in hindsight.**

Accepting a job offer from The Dow Chemical Company, my wife Lorna (a Christian school teacher) and I moved to Midland, Michigan, where I enjoyed a forty year career of doing product and process improvement research for Dow production plants in both this country and Europe. I retired from Dow in 1995 at age 66. My other career I trust has greater eternal significance. Soon after we moved to Midland we joined with a few other families desiring to have a Christian school here. We started the Midland Christian School in 1960, and I have served in many capacities on the Board most years since then. **Attending Christian elementary, high school, and college; and taking all the education courses, was God’s way of preparing me for a lifetime of service in Christian Education, even though it was not in the classroom.** After retiring from Dow, besides continuing to serve as Treasurer of the Midland Christian School Association, I took on a continuing volunteer responsibility of installing and maintaining a networked computer system in the

continued on page 5



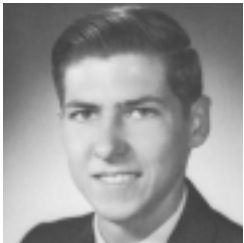
SIETSM A
LANDSCAPE CONTRACTORS
GREEN-WAY IRRIGATION
402 Grove Street, Midland Park, NJ 07432
201-447-9343

LORD'S WAYS continued from page 4

school. This soon expanded to include doing the same for our church and another Christian organization. I expect to continue serving the Lord in whatever capacity He calls me to do for as long as He gives me the ability to do so.

The Lord has richly blessed me with the privilege of serving Him in unique ways, and used my many Christian teachers to prepare me for the tasks He would call me to perform. My sincere thanks goes to all the Christian teachers who helped prepare me for an enjoyable life of serving our Lord in the area of Christian education."

Grateful to Those Who Cared Enough to Serve



1968 EC Yearbook photo:
Ron Van Der Weert

Ron Van Der Weert (Cl. of '68) wrote the following article for his local weekly newspaper. Ron was a USAF fighter pilot and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1994. He graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1997. Ron and his wife Linda reside in Rocksprings, Texas where Ron is the pastor of the First Baptist Church. Ron adds, "I am doing well on my recovery and am back to ministering full time. My best friend, Jesus Christ, is watching over me and helping me every day."

Who Is Your Neighbor?

In the Bible, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. It is the story of a man who was on a journey through the hills. He was attacked by robbers and left half dead on the side of the road. Some who passed by and saw the man could have helped, but they didn't. Finally, one individual came by and helped the man. Jesus was teaching with the story that it was truly the individual who helped that was the injured man's neighbor.

Over the last eight weeks since my motorcycle accident I have had the opportunity to learn who are really my neighbors. While one thinks of a neighbor as the person living next door, I have found that the true definition of neighbor goes well beyond the immediate locale of one's house. My neighbors are located in the town of Rocksprings, throughout Edwards County, all over the state of Texas, and around the world. It is people in all of these areas that have shown themselves to be my neighbor.

Immediately after the accident, as I lay on the side of the mountain, I found by my side: Joe Baker, Glynn Hendley, and John Davis. They were there to give me immediate first aid, call for EMS, and give words of encouragement. Soon others passing by stopped to help and the EMS folks arrived from Junction. Everyone was working together to get me to needed medical care. The only negative comment spoken was how big and heavy I was for hauling up the side of the mountain! Of course, that was just a true statement of fact, and I told them they were lucky I had been on a diet that week and had lost a couple of pounds. And since then, I have lost a few more.

Diagnosed with five broken ribs, I spent the night at the Junction hospital. Even while there, the word had spread of my accident and I had bikers from the Christian Motorcycle Association stopping in to check on my progress and to pray for me. Discharged the next day, I returned home, only to find my condition getting worse. By midnight, I was having trouble breathing and my temperature was dropping. Linda called on a neighbor to come over and help, while at the same time calling for our EMS. Despite the late hour and rain, our EMS arrived to lend much needed aid. Three more neighbors made up the crew. Under their expert care I arrived at Val Verde hospital and was able to receive life saving care. Apparently the broken ribs had caused other damage resulting in internal bleeding and lung damage. Part of the lifesaving procedures was receiving two units of blood from two more neighbors I had never met, but they had cared enough to have donated blood for someone in need.

continued on page 6

Find Us Faithful

*"We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,
And those who've gone before us line the way
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustain-
ing grace*

~ Refrain ~

*O may all who come behind us find us faithful,
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
O may all who come behind us find us faithful.....*

*Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
Let us run the race not only for the prize,
But as those who've gone before us, let us leave
to those behind us
The heritage of faithfulness passed on thru Godly
lives. {Refrain}*

*After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,
And our children sift thru all we've left behind,
May the clues that they uncover, and the mem'ries
they uncover,
Become the light that leads them to the road we
each must find." {Refrain}*

Words and music by John Mohr



Certified installers:

- Cement Stucco
- E.I.F.S. Products
- Coatings
- Interior Plaster Systems
- Pre-Cast Stone Veneers

944 Belmont Avenue 973-423-8770
North Haledon, NJ 07508-2563 Fax 973-423-8111



SPECIALISTS IN NETWORK
DESIGN, INSTALLATION
AND SUPPORT

121 Lincoln Avenue • Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
Tel: 973-636-7350 • Fax: 973-636-7360
Email: support@crawleyinc.com
www.crawleyinc.com

I am thankful for Eastern Christian because....

- as a student I was taught that our world belongs to God.
- as a teacher I had the privilege of shaping young lives for God.
- as a parent my children were instructed and challenged to grow academically and spiritually for God.
- as an office manager I observed and supported the students, teachers and administration in their hard work and dedication, demonstrating their commitment to God.
- as a volunteer I gave of my time and worked with others in showing thanks to God.
- as a supporter I have the privilege of giving and praying to assure that Christian education continues for the next generation and for the glory of God.
- I thank and praise God for all that Eastern Christian means to me.

- Elizabeth (Bradford) Aupperlee, Cl. of 1962

Servant Leadership

“Teaching children to be servant leaders is more than training in what most parents call ‘basic skills.’ It’s more than reading and writing and more than accessing computers or solving equations. Preparing children to be servant leaders is practice in skills that are more related to the heart and mind and spirit than to sensations, chemical reactions, and physical agility. Servant leader outcomes I propose are integrity, community, vision, a wise use of language, discernment, wonder and worth....

We teach tomorrow’s servant leaders by what we do today. No one is sufficient in teaching and modeling all these essential habits of servant leadership unless she is totally dependant on the God who gives us all, including his Son who led by serving. The proof of our students’ heart habits is in the pudding of their adult living. What we have now in our rooms are saints in progress, looking for models of Christ-like servant leadership right in from of them: that’s you.” – Author: Daniel R. Vander Ark, Executive Director, “Christian Education in an MTV World”

CARED ENOUGH TO SERVE *continued from page 5*

The eight days I spent in Val Verde hospital, followed by another 24 days in Wilford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, also allowed me to meet many of my neighbors: some visited me in person, some spoke to me by telephone, some sent cards, and many lifted me up in prayer – every one of them a neighbor who cared. My favorite, as well as the favorite of the hospital staff, was the eight-foot banner wishing me well that the children at Little Miracles Childcare Center made for me. They are my little neighbors learning at an early age how to be big neighbors when they grow up. I had the banner prominently displayed on the wall at the foot of my bed so that I could constantly see it and show it to visitors.

Finally, after three operations, the final one of which was open chest surgery to repair the right lung area, I was able to return home. Once again, I got to see my neighbors in action. Meals were supplied by members of the church family. Doc Todd stopped by to make sure I was doing OK. Pastors of the local churches visited or passed along words of encouragement; and told me that their congregations had been praying for me. Over the weeks I was recovering various needs of the church were taken care of by members of the church, deacons preached, and other visiting clergy helped to fill the pulpit.

During this whole ordeal, my wife, Linda, who is an RN, was by my side to care for me. Now I know why God had me marry a nurse. I could not have made it without her. She is my best and closest “neighbor.” Of course, with her by my side the school had to make due without her presence. Here again, our good neighbors of the school staff told her to take care of me and not worry about school. They saw to it that her position was covered and that the children received proper medical care.

As you can see, I have hundreds of neighbors who reached out to me after I was found by the side of the road. I want to thank each and every one of you who had a part in my recovery. I could never list all by name. The numbers are too great. While it will be months for complete healing to take place, I will be back in the pulpit to deliver God’s word starting again this Sunday. And, if you have not guessed it, I’ll start preaching a series on the story of the Good Samaritan, but from the perspective of the injured man who lay by the wayside. You see, I’ve been there and I know what it is like. Who is your neighbor? Everyone who reaches out to someone in need says, “I am you neighbor, and I care.” That’s the way it should be.

Perspective for Each Day

BY JAN LUCAS | HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Faculty devotions at 7:55am give perspective to the new day of school. What privilege and blessings we share working in an environment where God’s Holy Spirit is the source of community solidarity and energy! What an assurance it is to include the names of the students of Eastern Christian families in faculty prayer time!

Faculty devotions is also a time of contemplation and challenge. Media Specialist **Damaris Nganga** recently challenged the faculty to add to our prayers those suffering injustice around the world. A native of Kenya, she gently reminded the faculty of the millions of poor children who have no one to name them in prayer. English teacher **Kate Schuurman** provided an image of one of these nameless children, reading a journal entry to share her own experience of holding the hand of a Kenyan child who begged for help. Although we may be overwhelmed with a sense of hopelessness by the sinking reality of the world, God has given us hands to offer in service to others and to raise in prayer.

As the faculty shares its insights about God’s richest blessings evident in the youth of the Eastern Christian community, they also make this prayer request: *Grant us the wisdom to nurture our students to become significant forces to usher in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. May our students be able to pray the names of the nameless children of this world.*

Strategic Planning Team Update

BY JAN LUCAS | ECHS PRINCIPAL

The Strategic Planning Team has been actively involved evaluating data from surveys distributed to students and parents last spring. As a result, the team is focusing on two specific 5-year objectives for improvement at the High School:

Technology Objectives:

- Gaining proficiency in word processing, spreadsheet, presentation and database software
- Developing ethical knowledge and practice in technology use
- Using advanced technology software applications, i.e. CAD, graphics, web design, accounting and programming software
- Encouraging female student success on a parity with males
- Becoming knowledgeable about operating systems and research tools



Teacher Tim Steen works with students Dan Westdyk and David Han in the Computer Lab.

Communications Objectives:

- Linking broad ideas and concepts to specific details in reading and writing
- Developing effective oral communication skills
- Developing and improving proficiency in writing
- Developing and improving listening skills

To qualify as Middle States Commission-approved objectives, the plan must directly impact student learning, and its effectiveness must be determined with data. A significant challenge for each of the Action Teams writing the objectives is to select appropriate assessments to measure progress.

Now that our objectives have been approved by Middle States, we will begin formulating implementation plans. During the last week in April, the Middle States Commission will send a 5-person team of evaluators for an on-site visit to our school. Our accreditation for the next 5-year period is contingent upon an objective assessment of the entire high school program according to Middle States' standards and a viable plan for improvement, which is being implemented.



Mrs. Agnes Fisher. These students are also in the process of publishing their own small books. The class included: **Joshua Alicea, Essence Morgan, Kelvin Wangombe, Nicole Hadley, Lindsay Walker, Lindsay Litland, Kara Fisher, Helena Mazza-Hilway, Kate McDonnell, Jonathan Cheresnick, Michael Darmstater and Jill Rose** as well as her black lab puppy O' Leah, an "Assistance" dog in training to help those who are physically challenged. After the ECHS students read their own works, they shared various delightful desserts with their guests.

ECHS Creative Writing students hosted an "Evening of Readings." Their parents, uncles and friends enjoyed the semi-formal atmosphere created by the twelve students on the evening of January 16 in the High School Media Center. Their audience was in for a treat as young people entertained them with readings of poetry, essays and short stories. These students presented the best of their work from the semester-long Creative Writing course taught by



Jill Rose with Hilton, the Seeing Eye dog she trained last year.

"Adopt a Chaperone" for Harvey Cedars

A Request from the ECHS PTO

Attention all ECHS Parents, Grandparents, Alumni and friends: The ECHS PTO-Harvey Cedars Committee urgently needs your help to "Adopt a Chaperone" for EC's Convention at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference in September 2003.

It's hard to believe that this will be our tenth retreat! To ensure a safe environment for the students, we enlist 26-28 chaperones, including both parents and faculty members. Chaperones generously volunteer their time and energy for the benefit of the students during this entire weekend. Many of the parents who chaperone have one or more children attending the retreat. In order to reduce the financial burden for them, we are asking you to "Adopt A Chaperone." The fee for the weekend retreat is **\$95** per person. We are not asking that your contributions totally cover a chaperone's fee. A gift in any amount is greatly appreciated!



Friends enjoy a meal together at Harvey Cedars.

Volunteers & Donations Needed

We look forward to this energizing spiritual retreat weekend at the end of the first week of the 2003-04 school year. Each year the PTO needs to raise about **\$4,500** for expenses over and above the student fee. In order to keep the student cost down, we need volunteers in the following areas:

- Bakers to donate baked goods for various occasions
- People willing to advertise events (posters/ mailings)
- Chaperones
- Planning committee members

For more information, call Marge Sietsma (201-891-7163) or Marie Bogert (973-696-4284). To make a donation, mail your check (payable to ECHS - PTO/HC) to: Eastern Christian High School, Attn: Harvey Cedars, 50 Oakwood Ave., North Haledon, NJ 07508.

E C H S

Sports Highlights

WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

BASKETBALL

Mandy Kuiken

First Team All League
First Team All County

Lindsay Litland

First Team All League
First Team All County

Melanie Susen

First Team All League
Honorable Mention All County

Scott Bushoven

First Team All League
Second Team All County

Karen Hutton

Second Team All League

Brad Livingston

Second Team All League
Honorable Mention All County

Kelly Kuiken

Honorable Mention All League
Honorable Mention All County

Bryan Troast

Honorable Mention All League
Honorable Mention All County

BOWLING

Sean Fischer

First Team All League
Honorable Mention All County

Andrew Poalillo

Honorable Mention All County

Andrew Post

Honorable Mention All League

Brian Vogel

Honorable Mention All League

Olivia Tornick

Second Team All County

Ashley Avila

Honorable Mention All County



EC Bowling Team All League or All County Honorees: Back Row (L to R): **Sean Fischer, Brian Vogel, Andrew Post**; Front Row: **Ashley Avila, Olivia Tornick, Andrew Poalillo**

ECHS WINTER ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Bowling – The Eagles ended the season tied for third in the Carpenter Division with a record of 6-14. Most of the team was comprised of underclassmen since the entire Varsity squad graduated last year. Several key victories included wins over Garfield, Manchester and Hawthorne – teams that EC had never beaten in the past. Another big win came against the Midland Park team. EC won against this very good team by 407 pins. Six members received All-League or All-County honors. (See photo)

Boys' Varsity Basketball –

The team finished at 6-16. They were seeded 10th in the County Tournament and lost to a strong Eastside team by a score of 82-67. Victories during the season included wins over Lodi, Elmwood Park and Hawthorne Christian. This team played competitively over the season and lost many close games. Scoring leaders were Junior **Scott Bushoven** and Senior **Brad Livingston**.



Boys Varsity Basketball team member **Brad Livingston**



EA Soccer Team – 1934: Barney Steen sent us this picture for the EC archives, along with a note to his niece Admissions Director Janyce Bandstra, saying that this was his favorite of all his sports pictures – it was the 1st team he was on. He commented that many teammates were later in the service, but only **Jim Greydanus** died in battle, according to his recollection. On a lighter note, he points out the difference in uniforms and sports shoes from today's teams, and he remembered: "We were lucky if we won one game a season. The Catholic parochial schools didn't field a soccer team so we had to play the large –enrollment public schools. We played at Mohawk Oval." Does anyone remember where that field was located? Barney would like to know.

The team members in 1934 included: **Front Row:** Coach John De Vries, ? De Leeuw, Peter Meindertsma, Al Smith, Phil Bandstra, Ted Trouborst, George De Boer, John Feikens, Bill Struck, Henry Bruning; **Middle Row:** Bill Heerema, Jim Greydanus, Barney Steen, John Minnema, Peter De Vries, Lambert Yskamp, John Veenstra; **Top Row:** Gil Jeffer, Mike De Jong, Bill Tanis, George Vermeulen, Dick Vander Plaet, Bill Bush, Pete Hofstra, and John Belanus

Boys' JV Basketball – The JV Eagles finished with a record of 11-5. The team worked hard on improving their skills and consistency, and this paid off in many wins over the last part of the season. Several of the key wins were over Hawthorne Christian, Pompton Lakes and Midland Park. **Daryl Leegwater** led the team in scoring and rebounding, with **Reid Parker** helping on the boards. **Mike Steenstra** and **Steve Link** helped lead the team as guards with good outside shooting.

Boys' Freshmen Basketball – The Freshmen Team posted an impressive 15-1 record this season, with their only loss coming against Paterson Catholic by 6 points. This was a very talented team consisting of 13 hard-working players. As the year progressed, several of the team members also moved up and played JV. **Ben Kuiken**, **Josh Wisse** and **Mike De Waal Malefyt** were the leaders of this successful team.

Girls' Varsity Basketball – The Girls Varsity Team finished the regular season at 18-6 and still have to play in the State Tournament as of this printing. The team took second in the Garfield Christmas Tournament, losing to a talented Tenafly team. The team was seeded 4th in the County Tournament and lost a tough double overtime game to De Paul. Several of the key games included wins over Clifton, Hawthorne Christian, and a highly ranked St. Patricks' team. Offensively the team was led by **Lindsay Litland**, **Mandy Kuiken** and **Melanie Susen**.

Girls' JV Basketball – The junior eagles finished at 8-7. This was a very successful year for a young squad. Each player improved over the season, and this became evident as the team defeated many of the opponents that had beaten EC in the first half of the season. The team was led offensively by **Alyssa Kitchen**, **Jackie Stout**, and **Nicole Lebron**. **Megan Van Schepen** led the team in rebounds.



Girls Varsity Basketball team member
Lindsay Litland

New Scoreboard Installed

Eastern Christian High School is extremely proud of the new scoreboard in the gym. The old scoreboard was over 25 years old. It was having timing problems as well as occasionally blanking out or freezing. The new board was installed on February 12 and is a welcome addition to the program. Thank you to all the special donors, including a gift from the **Class of 1970's Reunion**, for making this possible!

Congratulations to 2 EC Sports Honorees!

At the Passaic County Coaches Association Awards Dinner on March 19 EC's Head of Maintenance **Paul Laauwe** was honored not only for his work at our schools, but especially for his dedication to the Athletic program of the Association. Athletic Director **Steve King** nominated Paul for this award, noting his outstanding work on maintaining all of the fields and meeting many of our athletic needs. A huge "Thank You" to Paul for his service to EC and to the entire Athletic program.

Also honored at this County Awards Dinner was **Barry Veenstra** for his 100+ victories as Softball Coach and his 200+ victories as Girls Soccer Coach at EC. Congratulations, Coach Veenstra, and "Thank You" for your years of dedicated Christian coaching!

ECMS Students Rise to the GeoBee Challenge

In January, the 8th graders participated in our school's part of the National Geography Bee. Congratulations to **Alex Petras** as he won the overall Bee with a correct answer to the following question: "In May 2002, an invasive species of predatory fish was found in a pond about ten miles from the Chesapeake Bay, alarming scientists and wildlife managers in which state?" (Do you know?)

Alex competed with fellow 8 grader **Dan Hook** (2nd overall) in the final and championship round. Other contestants who did very well included **Alyssa Vanden Berg** (3rd overall) and other finalists **Michael Vega**, **Tim Rudd**, **Kirstin Lane** as well as semi-finalists **Dan Sietsma**, **Joe Dickey**, **Andrew Hulsebos** and **Dominic Rivera**. Alex was "rewarded" with the opportunity to take a test which has been sent to the National Geographic Society in Washington DC. We congratulate all those who demonstrated a fine knowledge of United States geography.



GeoBee school winners **Alex Petras** and **Dan Hook** with Social Studies teacher **Terry Allen**.

Jim Nieuwenhuis 973-427-9600
973-790-1675 Fax

A Landscape Design / Build Firm
FAYSON LAKES NURSERY
91 Mountain Ave., Haledon, NJ 07088

Weather Seal Contracting Inc.
CONSERVING ENERGY SINCE 1982
INSULATION CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIES
OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE:
56 SPRUCE STREET, OAKLAND, N.J. 07436

JOHN BELANUS OFFICE 201-337-4800
FAX 201-337-3121

ECMS All-School Fundraiser: “Pennies for Patients”

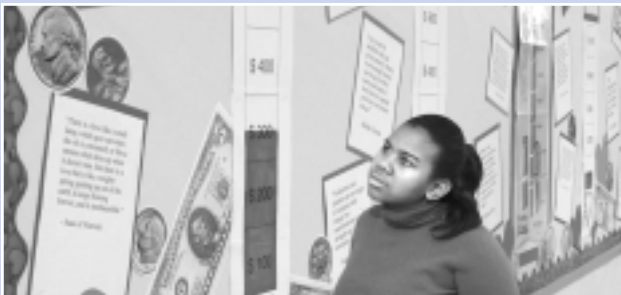
By VIRGINIA HOOGSTRA | STUDENT ASSISTANCE COUNSELOR

In February, the Middle School participated in “Pennies for Patients,” a three-week fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor of **David Den Hollander**, an 8th grader who is currently in remission after 3 years of treatment for leukemia. **Gina Panas**, Campaign Coordinator of the Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Society, was present to help introduce this project to students during their weekly chapel service. Middle School counselor **Ginny Hoogstra** read Dave’s Thanksgiving testimony in which Dave talked about the importance of friends and family in getting him through the rough times. Most importantly, though, Dave wrote:

“I would like to thank God. In Philippians 4:13 it says, ‘I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.’ God has been with me every day and has shown me such love and grace. Through my whole ordeal, I have seen God work in my life, causing my relationship with Him to be stronger.”

Students and staff were asked to bring in pennies (other coins, bills and checks were also accepted!). The money was counted each day and recorded on large “thermometers” located on a billboard in the Media Center hallway. The billboard also contained inspirational sayings regarding giving, service and kindness, as well as a dozen terms relating to leukemia and their definitions. These same inspirational sayings have also been placed in every homeroom. They served as a reminder to students and staff alike that “Pennies for Patients” provides each and every one of us the opportunity to “shine like stars in the universe.”

In honor of David, the Middle School raised over **\$4,626.18** for this worthy cause. In conjunction with this fundraiser, the ECMS staff donated food items to the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation in Midland Park, NJ. ECF works with families of children diagnosed with cancer by providing counseling, food, clothing and monetary assistance as needed by the families they serve. According to Mrs. Hoogstra, “*Dave’s faith is an inspiration to all of us at the Middle School.*”



The friendly rivalry between grades was pictured by thermometers on the large bulletin board on which the number of pennies raised per class rose each week. **Shaneia Gray** looks at the results in the early stages of the fundraiser.

ECMS Service Projects Spread the Light of Jesus



Fifth graders (L to R) **Kim Dykhouse, Daniel Banks and Liz D'Amelio** pack up school supplies for KID'S STUFF USA

On the first anniversary of Sept. 11, Pastor Paul Jonas spoke to EMCS students in chapel, focusing on John 12:23: “*I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.*” As a result of Pastor Jonas’ challenge to bring forth seeds of

service for Christ and in response to President Bush’s declaration to honor victims of September 11, each homeroom in ECMS has risen to the occasion by volunteering and doing service projects. Here are examples undertaken by each grade:

5th Grade Homerooms

Valerie Shafer reported: “*Right before school, a man who is near and dear to the hearts of many of the students and faculty was injured in a swimming accident in the ocean. This former EC teacher, Don Holwerda, whose very life is an example of service project-mindedness in action, was very seriously injured and spent many weeks/months in rehabilitation. Our homeroom, grateful for Mr. Holwerda’s dedication to us and mindful of our challenge, chose to send Mr. Holwerda cards of encouragement and gratitude. These cards were about three feet wide and four feet long to fit all the students who wanted to send uplifting messages to ‘Mr. H.’ Through this project, we believe Mr. Holwerda was blessed, but the students were uplifted also. They ‘shone like stars in the universe’ because they ‘held out the Word of Life.’ As Jesus reminds us in Matthew, what we did for ‘Mr. H.’ we did for Christ, which is a labor never done in vain.*”

Everett Henderson shared: “*We visited the Longview Assisted Living Center at the Christian Health Care Center. The students got to interact with the elderly residents and were reminded to ‘show respect for the elderly and revere your God.’” (Lev. 19:52)*

Joann Everett’s homeroom decided to work together to fill five shoeboxes of “school tools” for underprivileged children in the USA. During the months of September and October, students donated a variety of new school supplies. Items such as notebook paper, crayons, scissors as well as small toys were neatly packed into brightly wrapped shoeboxes. These boxes were then shipped to the Oklahoma City office of Kid’s Stuff USA, an organization affiliated with Feed The Children. The students were thrilled to know that their homeroom service project would bring joy to boys or girls who might not otherwise have the necessary “tools” to do their best work in school.

continued on page 11

SERVICE PROJECTS *continued from page 10*

6th Grade Homerooms

Joyce Schoonejongen's homeroom raised money for Tim and Renee Aupperlee, who are living and studying in China, along with their two sons, Jacob and Samuel. Each homeroom student brought in two dozen baked cookies that were sold during noon recess to students and teachers for twenty-five cents a bag. We raised \$85.00 to send to the English Language Institute in China (ELIC), the organization that sponsors the Aupperlees. We enjoyed working together and helping to spread the message of Jesus to the people of China. We remember the Aupperlees daily in our prayers. Danielle Hoitsma wrote, "It just shows how something so little in this big world can make a huge difference in someone else's life."

Naomi Braunius & Joyce De Groot's homerooms "adopted" a school in Uganda, Africa whose students are orphans. The last Friday of every month, homeroom students are asked to bring in new or used books in good condition for K-8th grade students plus \$1.00 of their own money. Each year sixth graders study the countries of Africa, and this project enables them to not only learn about this country, but also to touch the lives of some students there.

7th Grade Homerooms

Denise Post's homeroom planted daffodil bulbs in the grassy circle around the flag pole. They will bloom in place of the large pine tree that fell on Sept. 11. This spring they hope to see hundreds of beautiful daffodils filling the void where the pine tree once stood.

After reading a newspaper article on the need for food at local food banks, Cynthia Flim's homeroom decided to collect food for the Unity CRC Food Bank. The students willingly brought in non-perishable items and household supplies. They filled an 18-gallon container in less than two weeks.

8th Grade Homerooms

Eighth graders in Joyce Breur's homeroom tried to set a shining example of service as they worked to keep the Middle School grounds



David Den Hollander and Ray Torbet check the bulletin board displaying correspondence with US soldiers serving in Kandahar.

clean. They energetically collected balls after recess and returned them to their receptacles. They also helped to keep the hallways clean by faithfully picking up garbage every day. Although this was to be a short-term project, many of the students have extended it by continuing these tasks.

Betsy Tyvoll's homeroom has been communicating with an army unit stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The head of the unit, John Greenplate is a good friend of the Tyvoll family. His 6-person unit is responsible for water safety, disease-carrying insects and other possible health and cleanliness issues for the large American army stationed in Kandahar. Weekly our homeroom e-mails the unit. In October, two boxes filled with candy, snacks and magazines were sent. For Christmas, we mailed each of the soldiers boxes filled with his/her favorite candy, DVDs, magazines, a Bible and "goodies." Also shipped were lots of items for young children. Frequently, the soldiers go on humanitarian missions visiting small villages, bringing medical supplies and offering "goodies" to the children. Mrs. Tyvoll said, "Occasionally we hear back from 'our guys.' We continue to pray for their physical safety, salvation and spiritual growth while they serve our country."



The third grade students worked together to present the Christmas chapel this year at ECES. Principal Dick Van Yperen encouraged parents and neighbors to come and experience the "excitement, wonder and joy" of children celebrating Christ's birth. His Home Bulletin for the week stated he especially enjoys children's unique ability to share the light of God's Word.



ECES 3rd graders (L to R) Matthew Botbyl, Heather Tanis, Diana Kleinmanns, Emily Lotz, and Mitch Noordeloos told the Christmas story during a special chapel service in December.

Raising Puppies to See for Others

To complement the third graders' study of **Helen Keller** and the challenges of the disabled, EC parent **Sue Biswurm** came into class with her Seeing-Eye puppy, Nate. The children learned about one way in which they could contribute to those who have special needs – by raising a puppy!

A follow-up activity planned is a visit to the Seeing-Eye Training Center in Morristown where students will learn how blind people are paired with their specially trained dogs. When Nate visited their classroom, the students were challenged to think about how they can make a difference – to “shine like stars” – and help those in need.



Nate, a Seeing Eye dog in training, is a member of the Biswurm family

Pizza Night at EC Preschool

Dad's Pizza Night was held at Eastern Christian Preschool in mid-December. After sharing a pizza supper together, the boys and girls and their dads enjoyed special games and activities. The children and their dads made a Christmas ornament together and played games including “Christmas Tic-Tac-Toe,” “Twister” and “Pin the Nose on the Snowman.” Since many of the dads don't have a chance to see their little ones at school, this is a very special evening – one filled with lots of smiles and love!



Dad Paul Dussard and his daughter Kimona enjoy making a Christmas craft together.

ECES Students “Have a Heart”

ECES participated in a fundraiser during January and February to raise funds for two of their students who have cystic fibrosis. The Cystic Fibrosis Service Project was geared to show love, kindness and compassion to two students: fourth grader **Meghan Vander Plaat** and preschooler **Ethan Vander Molen**. Both of these students live with the genetic disease of cystic fibrosis, which causes chronic lung infections and impairs digestion. At a “kickoff” chapel Ethan's mom Sarah Vander Molen focused on the school's “Word of the Month,” which was courage.

She talked about how ECES as a school community encouraged her and her family.

Students were asked to provide a service for which they collected a donation at the completion of their service. Some examples of services provided were: helping to serve dinner to the homeless men at church, baking cookies for a neighbor, washing dishes, selling snacks at a basketball game, drawing a picture for grandparents in Florida, and playing the violin.

As donations were handed in, students received a pink paper heart from their teacher. Students colored and decorated their heart(s). Teachers then hung the hearts on the “Have a Heart” bulletin board in the main hallway. Meghan, Ethan and their families are so thankful that **\$6,090.50** was raised for battling this disease!



Lots of hearts were mounted on the ECES bulletin board as more and more service projects were completed to support Ethan and Meghan.

Invention Stars Shine in Second Grade

BY NANCY DICKEY | 2ND GRADE TEACHER

During the month of January, second graders created their own inventions. They learned about different inventors, and they also learned that the best inventions are created from a need. This year, after all the inventions had been brought into school and admired by the second graders, the first graders were invited to an “Invention Convention.”

The second graders' faces beamed as they shared the facts about their unique creation, such as the name of their invention and the purpose of their invention. They even imagined how much they would ask someone to pay for it.

While creating these inventions, the second graders use higher level thinking skills and practice their oral presentation skills. The first graders enjoyed this opportunity to get a glimpse of the fabulous future ahead of them in second grade.



Several 2nd graders enthusiastically present their inventions to a group of visiting 1st graders.

EC Events Update

BY BETH MILKAMP | EC EVENTS COORDINATOR

Christmas Bazaar – The 6th annual **Christmas Bazaar** on Saturday, Dec. 7 proved to be a fun and profitable event! A beautiful day brought a record turnout to browse through both the High School gym and cafeteria to see crafters and their merchandise. Many visitors stopped by the Food Court, sponsored by **Midland Park CRC Boosters**, to enjoy hoagies, soup, or pie and coffee. Children enjoyed making crafts, playing games or shopping in the “Holiday Dollar Shop.” We also appreciate the participation of **Cedar Hill CRC, Faith Community CRC, Sixth Reformed and Unity CRC Booster Clubs**. If you are a crafter, be sure to call the office to be on our mailing list for next year’s Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003.

Auction Elegance – **Auction Elegance** will be held on Thursday, April 3 at *The Tides Estate* in North Haledon, NJ. This is an evening filled with great fellowship, fun and good food. A silent auction begins at 7pm, during which time there is a scrumptious buffet dinner in the dining room. After dinner, a professional auctioneer leads a live auction while you enjoy coffee and dessert.

This is a major fundraiser for Eastern Christian with approximately 250 guests attending. It is a great way to advertise your business since all donors are listed in an *Auction Elegance* booklet. Auction items are offered in a wide price range beginning at \$10.00. Many beautiful handmade crafts, outdoors items and springtime items are available for bid as well as several unique offerings. For example, did you always want to drive a racecar? Come bid to participate in a one-day Skip Barber Driving School lesson in Connecticut. Getaways available include golf outings, tickets to US Tennis Open, sporting events, shows, and a two-night cruise to “Nowhere” departing from NYC. Pamper yourself at the Elizabeth Arden “Red Door” Spa in NYC or treat yourself to a personal fitness trainer. If you would like a fun night out and want to support EC at the same time, please consider supporting this event.

Upcoming Events – EC’s annual **Golf Outing** will be held on Monday, May 19. Golfers meet at Great Gorge, NJ for a shot-gun start, and finish at *Portobello’s Restaurant* in Oakland for a delicious luncheon and prizes. To advertise your business, various sponsorship levels are offered. For sponsorship information or to participate, call our office for a brochure.

Dining With Friends was so successful we would like to offer this event again in the fall of 2003. Hostesses are needed to give a dinner party where guests will bring a donation to ECSA as the appropriate hostess gift. All participants will gather later in the evening for delicious desserts “under the stars.” Last year thirty dinner parties were held, and we would love to increase this number. If you already know that you would like to support this event as a host or hostess, call the Development Office to be placed on our mailing list. Hosts and hostesses will receive an information packet during the summer.

ASB Contributes Faithfully to EC



ASB representatives **John Steen (L)** and **Bill Vander Eems (R)** present ECSA Board President **David Simcox** with a generous contribution.



Relying on God

Reprinted with permission from *The Barnabas Foundation*

In the last issue we talked about understanding that God owns everything and we are managers of the gifts He gives. This is a foundational principal in understanding our relationship to God and how we should respond to Him. If we don't get this one right, the rest won't make any sense!

Principle #2: GIVING IS ESSENTIAL

Giving is the result of understanding what it means to live a life of stewardship. It is essential because it involves putting God first in our lives.

In what ways can we put God first? One way is to spend time with God – to have a daily quiet time with Him. If that is not happening in our lives, it means that someone or something else is more important than the Lord.

Another way to put God first is to trust Him to take care of us. Trusting comes before giving. Sometimes it is easier to trust God for our eternal salvation than it is to trust Him to "give us this day our daily bread." However, Christians know that if we trust in God and live according to His will, He will take care of all our needs. If we trust in God, we can never say "I can't afford to give." According to Deut. 14:23, one purpose of tithing was to teach the people of Israel to put God first in their lives. Tithing teaches a reliance on God that is fundamental to our relationship with Him.

Trusting Comes Before Giving



BUSHOVEN & COMPANY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

317 GODWIN AVENUE
MIDLAND PARK, NJ 07432

201-444-0001
FAX: 201-444-9168

New ECHS Scholarship Funded by Grateful Supporter

Help from Barnabas Foundation Results in a Planned Gift



Bernie & Henriette De Vries Houseward

*"In gratitude to God and with thankfulness for the Christian community and Eastern Christian Schools, I am at this time, funding a scholarship in memory of my beloved wives, Henriette De Vries Houseward and Kathyne Miller Houseward to be known as the **Henriette and Kathyne Houseward Scholarship**. Both Henriette and Kathyne received at Eastern Academy an excellent education that provided them with background training for their lives."*

These are the opening words of a letter sent to us by long-time supporter **Bernard W. Houseward**. In honor of each of his wives, he set up a special fund which "... will provide financial assistance to students of Eastern Christian High School for those who would continue training in technical or vocational fields such as paralegal or paramedical, or for those who would attend business college to pursue business training in the many forms it may have today or the future."

The Barnabas Foundation worked with Mr. Houseward to establish this scholarship in the form of a Charitable Remainder Trust. According to their recently published brochure:

"A Charitable Remainder Trust provides the following tax benefits:

- Annual payment to you for your lifetime or a term of years.
- Immediate income tax deduction based upon the value of the remainder interest of the trust.
- The remainder interest which passes to charity is not subject to estate tax.
- If funded with appreciated assets, you avoid the immediate realization of capital gains."



Bernie & Kathyne Miller Houseward

If you are interested in discussing this and other types of planned gifts to benefit Eastern Christian School and its students, please contact the EC Development Office at 973-427-9294. You can join Mr. Houseward, whose hope is that this gift "... will be a blessing to others as the lives of both Henriette and Kathyne were a blessing to me, thanks be to God our Father."

Would You Consider a Gift to the Endowment Fund?

An Endowment Gift could be:

- a memorial to a loved one
- in honor of an outstanding person
- the celebration of a wedding, anniversary, birthday or other special event
- the recognition of a teacher, church leader, or EC graduate

You can also donate:

- Stocks
- Corporate or ECSA bonds
- Insurance policies
- Matching gifts from your company
- Cash

The principal of your gift is never touched – only the income is used for school purposes. Your gift will go on giving year after year. For more information, contact the EC Development Office at 973-427-9294.

Alumni News – Exploring EC’s Roots

Stepping Back in Time: 1947

The roots of Eastern Christian School and how it has grown and developed is a familiar topic for many alumni, but this history is increasingly unknown to many of our current families and recent graduates. Therefore, we share this 1947 reprint from a National Union of Christian Schools’ publication, *Welcome to the East*. Part I of this recurring column focuses on North 4th Street Christian School (Paterson), one of the schools that was eventually consolidated into the Eastern Christian School Association.



North 4th Street Christian School

“When the friends and promoters of Christian Instruction met on August 7, 1892, they did not realize what important step they had taken. The ideal of the first President, Rev. P. Van Vlaanderen, has been realized today. He favored a chain of Christian Schools in Paterson and vicinity and a Christian High School centrally located, and Amity St. Chr. School, now North Fourth Str. School, as the first Christian school in this section.

About 65 persons were assembled in 1892 to organize a Christian school society. Several meetings were held during the first year and these meetings were well attended. The school was opened by Principal R. Haan, now retired, Dr. R. L. Haan, and his assistant, Mr. Van Vliet. During the first years of its existence, the school had to face not only the attacks and sneers of some of our own people, but to finance the school properly was a difficult task. Our pioneer educators, with diplomas received in the Netherlands did excellent work, and some of our sincere young men and women were willing to teach in a Christian school to guide the covenant youth. They were willing to sacrifice!

When Mr. B. Stegink graded the school and improved conditions, critics were silenced in naming our school a ‘Dutch’ school. A branch was started in 1899 in the Riverside section, which subsequently became the Riverside School sponsored by a separate society. Still later on Paterson Christian High school, now Eastern Academy, had its beginning in our school, in 1919. Our present building was erected in 1908 and improvements have been made from time to time.

Our enrollment (August 1947) is about four hundred pupils. We have more supporters and more families who send their children but less pupils than twenty years ago. This is due to smaller families and people moving out to the suburbs.

Financial income is derived from tuition, donations, Labor Day Picnic income, proceeds from the Mutual Burial Fund, the annual campaign and the six supply funds from our Christian Reformed churches: Paterson I, Paterson II, Paterson III, Prospect Park, Bethel and Preakness. Our budget for next year is \$35,600. Will the Christian school persist? We answer ‘Yes, if we are faithful to our trust.’”

Memories of a North 4th Street Graduate



Alida (Woudenberg) Graham in the Holland Home woodworking shop.

Alida (Woudenberg) Graham, a resident of the Holland Christian Home in North Haledon, remembers much from grades 5 - 8 at the North 4th Street Christian School. That is quite remarkable since she graduated from the school as an 8th grader in February of 1919. *“I remember our principal, Mr. Bos and Garret Dykstra, my 8th grade teacher,”* she says.

Alida finished 8th grade with “Second Honors” but the principal asked her if she wouldn’t mind the award going to a boy – *“who would find it more useful on his resume”* – and she graciously agreed. She also recalls one student who had failed but was allowed to graduate with the class’ permission. She added, *“He went on to become very successful.”* Alida is a former member of the First Christian Reformed Church. She attended Spencer Business School and became an accountant, even though she admits math was not her best subject. She remains active and is a regular in the woodworking shop at the Holland Home.

Class of '52 Reunion Booklet Excerpts

The Class of '52 Reunion Booklet included this forward: "It is difficult to believe that 50 years have passed since we graduated from EA. We as a class came to the realization very quickly that graduation was but a stepping-stone toward our future goals and ambitions. Many of us went on to further education in preparation for our life's work. Whatever our profession, we lived out the Christian philosophy that shaped our high school education, striving to do all 'to the honor and glory of our God.' The word that seems to characterize us as a class at this time in our lives as we wind down our professional careers is our gift for volunteering. Many of us contribute countless hours in the service of our families, churches, service organizations and communities."

On the humorous side, **Frank De Haan** submitted the following memory in the reunion booklet: "It was a very cold winter morning. For some reason, **Rev. Beversluis**, our homeroom sponsor, was out of the room. Big mistake. As we watched, **Ren Broekhuizen** opened a window (Brr!), leaned out, and with our room's window opening pole, pushed down and opened an upper window of the homeroom below us. Seeing the happy look on his face, I took off down the stairs and watched the fun through the window in the door to **Milo Okkema's** homeroom. As **Mr. Okkema** took his pole and pushed the window up and closed it, the mysterious "pole from the sky" reappeared and opened a different window, which, of course, **Mr. Okkema** raced over and closed. As you would guess, his homeroom students found this to be hilarious, especially when it soon became apparent that **Mr. Okkema** was going to lose big time, i.e., the mystery pole was operated by someone with far more athleticism than he. After a few more window jousts, **Mr. Okkema** came to his senses and headed up to our homeroom, thus putting an end to a most stimulating homeroom session."

Some other memories shared by classmates included: "Sidney Van Til's endless outlines," "The winning girl's basketball and softball teams and coach Helen Kamp Van Hassel," "The Solid Triggers' and Mr. B.," "Listening to ballgames in study hall," "Stand-up chapel," "The Academy Spa" – the official hangout for the boys, and "Kings' for the girls," "Bamey Steen's grueling cross country runs," "Memorable teachers...Rev. Nick Beversluis, Sidney Bangma, Sidney Van Til, Cornelius Bontekoe, Milo Okkema, Wilbur De Vries"

Alumni News

Michigan Regional Alumni Dinner – Looking for Former Teachers

All EC alumni living in the Midwest are cordially invited to attend this dinner on Oct 4, 2003. (See separate article) We would also love to invite former EC teachers. Many former teachers are "lost" to us because years ago EC did not keep their addresses after they moved away. If you know any former teachers living in the Midwest, please drop us a note or e-mail the Development Office with the teacher's name and address. We will be sure to add them to our invitation list.

Former Staff

Janet M. Braun passed away on 12/7/02. She taught English and Journalism at the High School from 1969 to 1984, and she was faculty sponsor for the Envoy publication. Our sympathy is extended to **Elsa (Braun) Stewart** ('75), **Helen (Braun) Van Goor** ('78) and all other family members.

CLASS OF 1953

Class Rep: Phyllis (De Ruiter) Schuurman

54 Park Ave, Garfield, NJ 07026-1431, E-Mail: rschuur435@cs.com

Reunion Rep: Dr. George Kroeze

E-Mail: gkroeze1@aol.com, Phone: 616-532-3770

A 50th Class Reunion is planned for Thursday, **September 18, 2003** at the Brownstone Restaurant. There will also be a coffee time the following Friday morning. Direct any questions to Phyllis or George.

Fran (Velzen) and **George Kroeze** have spent January and February 2003 volunteering in Dehra Dun, India. Fran taught elementary grades at a Christian school and teaching young women marketable skills in tailoring, cooking and sewing at the Dorcas Women's Training Center. George taught at the Presbyterian Seminary.

CLASS OF 1960

Class Rep: Alice (Van Haste) Struck

66 Sturr St, North Haledon, NJ 07508-2845

Alice (Van Haste) Struck is wondering if any classmates would like to take on the Class Rep position. Contact the Development Office if you are interested.

CLASS OF 1965

Class Rep Needed

Bob Kuiken and his family are living in the Philippines. According to his mother Muriel Kuiken, "Bob is teaching at the Faith Academy and loves it!" Faith Academy is a Christian school where missionaries' children attend, and it is affiliated with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Bob and his wife Carol have two children, Melody and Tim.



Bob Kuiken (Cl. of '65) and family



The EC Alumni E-mail Directory is now available via a link from www.easternchristian.org to a new web site, www.theclassList.com.

For all who requested a password, this is the site to visit to make your request a reality! If you haven't received your password, e-mail us at ecdev@juno.com.



CLASS OF 1968

NEW Class Rep: Pat (Borduin) Steiginga
11 East Prospect St, Hawthorne, NJ 07506
E-Mail: meamama71@aol.com

Thanks to **Pat (Borduin) Steiginga** for agreeing to be the new Class Rep. Classmates can contact Pat with news and updates to be included in future Herald issues. Pat adds, "We mark our 35th anniversary of our graduation this year. Anyone up for a dinner please notify me or the EC Development Office. I regret to inform the class that **Susan (Clark) Hansen** passed away suddenly last fall."

CLASS OF 1969

Class Rep: Jacalyn (Borduin) Faber
47 Roe St, Haledon, NJ 07508-1536

Linda (Breur) Langford has been living in Waxhaw, NC since 1991. According to her note, her family enjoys living near the Wycliffe JAARS Center, and she has volunteered with the JAARS Youth Group for 7? years. She and her husband Ron are also having a great time as the grandparents of five! Lynn is the Administrative Assistant for the Development Office at Charlotte Christian School in Charlotte, NC. She shared, "I am using the skills that I learned in my 2 years in business classes with Mr. Rosendale....I have many fond memories of my years at ECS - I still keep in touch with several of my friends even though we are states away. Thank you for all the years of Biblical teaching I received at ECS...May God bless you in your continuing ministry to the future generation!"

CLASS OF 1972

Class Rep: Lois (Mierop) Belle
102 Royal Oak Ct, Greer, SC 29650-3747
E-Mail: LoisJBelle@aol.com

Lois Belle would like to step down as Class Rep. If anyone else is interested in volunteering for this position, please contact the Development Office. [Ed. Note: A Class Rep receives a class list and ideas for keeping in touch, but the amount of time you devote to this volunteer task is up to you!]

CLASS OF 1975

Class Rep: Carol (Meetsma) Elices
Constitution Quarters, 42 8th St - Suite 5213,
Charlestown, MA 02129-4207
E-Mail: carmarel@earthlink.net

Jan (Broadhurst) Lindsey recently became the Account Executive for Apria Healthcare in the Ocala, FL area. Apria is a national company that was named Best Respiratory Provider for 2002.

CLASS OF 1977

Class Rep: Kevin Hoogerhyde
384 Atwood Pl, Wyckoff, NJ 07481-2322
E-Mail: hoogfam@bellatlantic.net

A 25-year Class Reunion was held at the Brownstone Inn on December 28, 2002. **Kevin Hoogerhyde** reports, "We had a successful 25 year reunion on 12/28 and had lots of fun. Classmates from just about all four corners (Maine, Florida and Washington) of the US attended. The evening was filled with lots of laughs, reminiscing and listening to 'old' music (Who is that Springsteen guy?). It was a great time of catching up and the evening was over all too soon." (See photo in this issue.)

CLASS OF 1980

Class Rep: Bill Vander Meulen
11 Hillock Ave, Hawthorne, NJ 07506-3441
Curt Doss has been in the USAF since August 1980. He is living in Tucson, AZ with his wife Angelita. He has two children in college and one granddaughter!

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Regional Dinner UPDATE

You Are Invited to the
EC Family Get-together!

When? Saturday, October 4
Where? Calvin College Commons
Cost? You are EC's guest!

Registration Deadline: July 15

To register: Contact EC's Development Office
Mail: 50 Oakwood Ave., North Haledon, NJ 07508
Fax: 973-427-9775
Attn: Development Office
E-Mail: ecdev@juno.com
Subject Line: Michigan Dinner
Include: Number of Persons attending
Names of attendees (for Nametags)
Your Mailing Address
Your Phone Number
Your E-mail Address

*We are inviting all alumni, former staff & supporters who live within 150 miles of Calvin College: western MI, eastern WI, northern IL and northern IN.

CLASS OF 1982

Class Rep: Patricia (Elzinga) Moschella
3 Mountain Ave, Byram, NJ 07874-3237
Officer **Bernie Vandenberg** has become Midland Park Police department's newest sergeant. As reported in *The Villadom Times*, Bernie has been on the force for 17 years and is a traffic accident reconstruction specialist. He works with citizens regarding traffic safety education and is also involved with educating students about DWI and local laws. He is a member of the Traffic Officers Association and has helped spearhead the start of the Junior Police Academy.

CLASS OF 1983

Class Rep: John Martin
8 Henion Place, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403
E-Mail: Jmartinclass83@aol.com
Scott Harris sent a note to John, mentioning he is an ordained minister in the RCA. He

Alumni Birth Announcements

Congratulations to these EC alumni who have recently welcomed a new member to their family!

CLASS OF 1985 – Tom and Luann (Van Der Plaats '89) Abma, a daughter, Cassidy Sage on 1/6/03. Cassidy joins brother Corey (age 6) and sister Morgan (age 3).

CLASS OF 1986 – Ken and Laura (Veenstra '89) Steenstra, a daughter, Kelly Danielle on 10/28/02. Kelly joins sister Cheryl & brother Scott.

CLASS OF 1988 – Gregg and Krystyn (Kooima '90) Boonstra, a daughter, Molly Lynae on 9/10/02. Molly joins brothers Benjamin (age 4) and Cole (age 2).

CLASS OF 1990 – Christine (Pontier) Collins and husband Ed, a son, Ethan on 10/27/02. Ethan joins brother Sean (age 2).

CLASS OF 1990 – Sue (Van Heemst) Schulster and husband Don, a son, Aidan Henry on 9/1/02.

CLASS OF 1991 – Rick and Liesl (Schuurman '93) Botbyl, a daughter Elizabeth Grace on 12/4/02. She joins sister Greta (age 2).

CLASS OF 1994 – Julie (Bowers) Tilson and husband Greg, a boy, Peyton Christopher on 11/14/02.

is now serving in the Reformed Church of Middletown, NJ.

CLASS OF 1986

Class Rep: Karen (Junta) Van Grouw
4 Anna Rosa Ct, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403
Cindy Schwend became engaged to Anthony Tedesco on December 25, 2002. A September 2003 wedding is planned. Cindy works for SymphonySuites in Morristown, NJ. They will be living in Netcong, NJ.

CLASS OF 1987

Class Rep: Laura (Faber-Struyk) Terrizzi
40 Sicomac Rd, Hawthorne, NJ 07506-3032
Cynthia (De Ritter) Dykstra married Mark Dykstra on 11/9/02. "We actually met 19 years ago and lost touch for about 13 years. By God's plan alone, our paths crossed last year and we are now married!" The Dykstra's reside in Zeeland, MI.

CLASS OF 1988

Class Rep Needed
Congratulations to **Marc De Block** and **Rachel Livingston** who were married on 11/23/02 at Hawthorne Gospel Church.

Marc is teaching science at Eisenhower Middle School in Wyckoff, NJ.

David Steensma e-mailed the Development Office with a question about the EC Alumni Directory on the www.the-classlist.com/ecsa website. He also shared that he is working as a visiting scholar in hematology at the Institute of Molecular Medicine at the Univ. of Oxford in England. He has been given a Mayo Foundation scholarship to do research into the molecular biology of a rare bone marrow condition related to leukemia. He hopes to return to his home in Minnesota late next year.

CLASS OF 1989

Class Rep: Laura (Braunius) Stokes
506 Hollywood Ave, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423
Steve Abma and **Rebecca Lewis** were married September 27, 2002. Congratulations!

CLASS OF 1990

Class Rep: Julie (Frens) Stinton
2634 Almont Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507-3908
E-mail: Stintmj726@aol.com
Sue (Van Heemst) Schulster and her husband Don have moved to Hilltown, PA



Class of 1977 – 25-Year Reunion: Row 1 (Kneeling) (L to R): David Troast, Mark Wisse, Barbara (Groenewal) King, Greg Holwerda, Kevin Hoogerhyde, Roy Drukker, Henry Vogel, Alex Ekstein. **Row 2 (Standing):** John Borst, Karen (Kuiken) Troast, Grace (Armijos) Wisse, Lynn (Ten Kate) Roukema, Beth (Zuidema) Hagedoom, Peter Hagedoom, Randall Bouwense, Sharon (Kuijpers) Vogel, Cindy (Van Althuis) Prol, Jayne (Hagedoom) Sitema, Karen (Dykstra) Kuperus, Beth (Kuiken) Zisa, Linda (Borst) Madsen, Marian (Stavinga) Trossman. **Row 3 (Standing):** Donald Aupperlee, Richard Vriesema, Ron Gorter, Roger De Jong, Brenda (Vogel) De Jong, Susan (Baker) Alesandrelli, Patricia (Martin) Torbet, Bernard Tolsma, Jeffery Vroom, Edward Pruim, Ronald Sietsma, George Hoogenhuis, James Van Schepen, Deborah (De Waal Malefyt) Van Schepen, Arthur Vooys, Geraldine (Smit) Vooys, Phillip Keegstra, Brian Hanse

where Don is the Rector of Good Shepherd Church. Sue is a tour guide in the Fonhill Museum, a 44-room concrete castle, which is something she has always wanted to do.

CLASS OF 1994

Class Rep: Julie (Bowers) Stinton

403 W Richwoods Blvd, Peoria, IL 61604-1550
E-mail: gjtilson@aol.com

Class Rep Julie (Bowers) Stinton is thinking about the fact that "the time for a ten-year reunion for the Class of 1994 is quickly coming upon us." If anyone is interesting in helping to plan the reunion, please contact Julie via e-mail, if possible.

CLASS OF 1998

Class Rep: Sandi King

25 Ballentine Dr, North Haledon, NJ 07508
E-Mail: alustri@aol.com

Congratulations to Alicia (Jeltema) Galino and husband Jeff, who were married at Covenant CRC in North Haledon, NJ on December 31, 2002.

CLASS OF 1999

Class Rep: Jennifer Van Der Heide

1857 Kalamazoo Ave, Grand Rapids, MI 49507-2843
E-Mail: Jteach19@aol.com

Jen Van Der Heide reports: Kelly McGovern was recently engaged to James Vaughn. A June 2003 wedding at Grace Church in Ridgewood, NJ is planned. Kelly will graduate from Westchester University (BSN in Nursing) in May 2003.

CLASS OF 2002

Sharing Class Rep duties for this class are: Josh Castano (jcastano@oberlin.edu) and Pete Russo (Pete779@hotmail.com).

Pete reported that Steve Ruit and Tricia McNamara (Cl. of 2001) are engaged. Congratulations!

EC ALUMNI WHO ARE CODED "LOST" ON OUR DATABASE

Contact the Development Office if you have address information for any person listed.

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
1924	Jacomina Bekker	1954	Marcia Kouwe	1968	Robert Nienhouse	1978	Adria Johnson
1924	William Zeedyk	1954	Rena Meima	1969	Ruth Rhoda Clark	1978	Damaris Martin
1926	Jack Van Dyk	1954	Anna May Van Breda	1969	Karen Green	1978	Kenneth Vander Sluys
1926	George Younge	1954	Daniel Vander Kooy	1970	Thomas Avogardo	1978	Debbie Vieldhouse
1927	Carrie Bakker	1954	Janet Wendelaar	1970	Betty Dykstra	1979	Margie Bivins Saunders
1928	Catherine Mathewson	1955	Penelope Hastings Kay	1970	Stacey Gerhard	1979	Daniel Murray
1928	Alvin Vander Byl	1955	Nella Traas Shorey	1970	Cynthia Haven Page	1980	Elizabeth Cedano
1929	Wilhelmina Amos	1957	Sybridge Smilde De Haas	1970	Sueann Schotanus Posthumus	1980	Linnea Johnson
1929	Margaret Vermeulen Herron	1957	Helen George	1970	Bruce Pruiksmas	1980	Sharon Voorman
1929	Sadie Hettema	1957	John Hornstra	1970	Luis Santa Cruz	1981	Timothy Brown
1929	Mitcheal Orbeck	1959	Marion Harvey Yascyniak	1970	We San Yip	1981	John Kuperus
1929	Jeanette Vander Groef	1960	David Schuil	1972	Debra Bush	1981	David Lintvedt
1929	Tunis Verblaaauw	1960	Philip Wang Yee-Lap	1972	Michael Bush	1981	Thomas Van Wyk
1931	Alberdina Bos	1961	John De Vries	1972	Cynthia Butts	1982	Joyce Gillis Allen
1931	Mildred Holmberg Muller	1961	Eric Mak	1972	Evi Fry	1982	Doris Arnett-Gary
1932	Walter Bokma	1962	Frederick Eckhardt	1972	Timothy Hengeveld	1982	Aimee Cooper
1932	Edna Vander Weit Thoder	1962	Mary Hunter	1972	Roger Van Den Berg	1982	Bill Sampson
1932	Pearl Tilstra	1962	Nelly Sytsma Kaat	1972	Mark Young	1983	Darren Greene
1932	Henry Van Dyke	1963	Lois Vermeulen Boonstra	1972	Paul Young	1983	William Reinolda
1933	Grace Rozema Shideler	1963	Marshall Kunerth	1973	Stanley Kluczek	1983	Karen Heerema Walker
1933	Lambertus Smith	1963	Andrea Leong	1973	Brian Martin	1984	Faith Williams
1934	Greta Vander Valk	1964	Clare Garver	1973	Gilbert Meyer	1985	Penny Copeland Brown
1936	Cornelia Vanden Bosch Jantz	1964	Nancy Graham	1973	John Meyer	1985	Edelys Rosales
1937	Adrian Bakker	1964	Floyd Josten	1973	Judith Greydanus Miller	1986	Michael Cochran
1937	Klazina Kuiken Cartland	1964	Alan Post	1974	Peter Decker	1986	Lois Faber Teja
1937	Robert Meima	1964	Richard Schaaafsma	1974	Sandra Young Martone	1986	Nancy Pulhamus
1937	James Van Dyke	1964	Robert Schaddelee	1974	Susanne Taylor	1987	Mark Beamon
1938	Emma Kuiken Puderbaugh	1964	Valerie Schuler	1975	Lawrence Bandstra	1987	Scott Van Boerum
1938	Russell Williamson	1964	William Teitsma	1975	Wayne Berliner	1988	Kenneth Stuhr
1940	Eileen Jurgensen Angelillo	1965	Virginia Benefield	1975	Kevin Brown	1989	Rene Garcia
1940	Betty Bruining	1965	Carolyn Feenstra	1975	Herman Herrera	1989	Jennifer Tackema Muller
1941	William Farrar	1965	George Gros	1975	Terry Li	1990	Alexandria Edwards Galuski
1941	Christoffel Van Buren	1965	Karen Krause	1975	Jill Martin	1990	Brian Gilchrist
1946	Marie Huizer Witte	1965	Bruce Van Haveren	1975	Debra Prather	1990	Keith Gilchrist
1947	William Rankin	1965	Paul Van Ness	1975	Bernardo Tedesco	1990	Kevin Hames
1947	Barry Youmans	1965	Shirley Veenema	1976	Vincent Bivins	1990	Oslyn Holder Reavis
1948	Barbara Allman Van Kersen	1966	Carol Schuurman Brain	1976	Gregg Fisher	1993	Crystal Feggins
1950	Bruce Miller	1966	Daniel Englishman	1976	Cynthia Taylor Ahmad	1993	Ivy Joo
1951	Marius Broekhuizen	1966	Paul Ferraro	1977	Esther Dobutovic Harding	1995	Ernest Pastor
1953	Lucille De Marco	1966	Walter Madern	1977	Ruth De Boer Harrell	1995	Jason Wallerius
1953	John De Wilde	1966	John Quock	1977	David Kunis	1997	Carlos Alejo
1953	Gerhard Korteling	1968	Keith Bell	1977	Christine Monk	1998	Julie Mahan
1954	Gertrude Boer	1968	Stephen Cebra	1978	Tina Fairfax		

Designated Gifts

OCTOBER 19, 2002 – FEBRUARY 15, 2003

Gifts received after February 15, 2003 will be acknowledged in the next issue of The Herald. During this time period, 348 gifts were received in honor/memory of a loved one or friend. The total amount received was \$175,920.00. Thank you to all who made these donations to support Christian Education at EC!

~ In Memory Of ~

Norman Baker

Dorothy Hagedorn

Otto Beauchamp

Jacoba Beauchamp
M. Van Osten

Bruce Bevershuis

James & Anne Etterbeek

Ann Doorn Bosma

John & Eleanor Kooreman
Cathy & Wayne Hommes
Jeanette De Jong
Helen & Abram Van Dyke
Peter & Judy Van Grouw
Edna Mae Devine
George & Nancy Fenness
John & Pauline Van Beekum
Dave & Bea Hemkes
Roger & Brenda De Jong & Family
Elsie & John Golden
George & Carol Bosma
Bob & Geri Westra
Andy & Rachel Scheff
Jackie & Bob Pepper
Kathy & Bob Frisco
Steve & Rosann Rogalski
Joan Holmes
Bern & Linda Vandenberg
John & Gert Van Lenten
John & Jodie Wouderberg
Diane & Henry Ingrassia
Anthony & Linda Laino
Midland Park CRC
Bill & Wilma Vander Plaat
Ronald & Kristine Pepper
Paul & Jeanne Smith

Janet M. Braun

Nancy & Joseph Paulter
Richard & Kathy Vriesema
Carol & Bill Douma
Robert Van Goor
Gladys Van Goor

Elaine Stonebrink Cox

Clarence & Ruth Knyfd

Barbara De Jong

William B. & Radia Elder

Bert De Leeuw

John & Jean Miller
Bernard & Helen Joustra
Ralph Lavella
Frieda & Gordon Bartlam
Harold Dyer
Mark & Sharon Vander Weit
William & Marcia Heerema
Heerema Company
Robert & Gertrude Troast
Melvin & Marilyn Veenema
Pete & Marion Borduin
Mae & Elsie Vander Weit

Herman de Waal Malefyt

Jane De Waal Malefyt

George E. Di Paola

Bill & Janice Englishmen

Nellie Dyk

Alice Borduin
Bernard & Ann De Block
Marilyn & Leonard De Block
Bern & Helen Van Heemst
Dina M. Breen
Tom & Heather Dyk
Gertrude & John Borst
Marion Paterson
Coil Hose Pneumatics Employees
Hubert & Madeline Dyk
Ernest & June Nienhouse
Gary & Barbara Link
John & Doris Dyk
Helen Borduin
Huberta Kruithof
Hubert & Jean Borduin
Richard & Ruth Kuiken

Gerard Fridsma

Bernard & Helen Van Heemst

Nicholas & Bertha Fridsma

Bernard & Helen Van Heemst

Nicholas B. Fridsma

Bernard & Helen Van Heemst

Barney G. Fylstra

Henrietta Fylstra

Robert C. Guis

Lois Guis

John William Hagedorn

Albert & Helen Anema
John & Eleanor Kooreman
Carrie Schaaf
Edna Smith
Edna Mae Devine
Grace R. Busch
James & Eleanor Ten Kate
Marge De Nooy
Herb & Jean Soodsma
Jewel Snyder
John & Pauline Van Beekum
Harry & Barbara Vriesema
Jennie Kuiken
Evelyn & Bob Crawford
Hen & Dot Hagedorn
Janice Hazen
Helen & Abram Van Dyke
Stanley Blom
Henrietta & Larry Brandes
Thomas Kearns
Alice & Clarence Baker
Bernard Houseward
Midland Park CRC Sr. Crusaders
Al & Trina Ackerman
Henry & Cornelia Hagedorn
Midland Park CRC
Marge Van Hook
Ben & Alice Spoelstra
Ron & Marilyn Stonehouse
Jane De Waal Malefyt
Carol Byma

Albertus Hartog

Carolina Hartog

Carrie Jeltjes Hazen

John & Eleanor Kooreman
Florence Popjes
Jewel Snyder
Doris & Martin De Jong
Dorothy Roughgarden
Johanna A. Roefs
Cornelia Hagedorn
Betty Blom
Raeanna & Garret Dykhous
Huberta Smith
Stanley Blom
Edna Laska
Julia Pontier

Andrew & Aalte Jeltjes
James & Ethel Moore
Thomas Kearns
Alice & Clarence Baker
Corene De Graaf
Henry & Carolyn Joustra
Nicholas & Lynn Veenstra
Henry & Lois Amos
Mr. & Mrs. Peter D. Borduin
John & Henrietta Lawless
Florence & Andrew Kooistra
Mr. & Mrs. James Veenstra
Gertrude Cellier
Clara & George Hoogenhuis
Evelyn & Robert Crawford
Midland Park CRC Sr. Crusaders
Wilma Dykhous
James & Eleanor Ten Kate
Janice Hazen
Angela Oya
Marge Van Hook
Wyckoff Community Engine Co. #2
Elmer & Janet Jeltjes
Russell & Kathleen Voorman
Jane De Waal Malefyt
Ralph & Eleanor Jeltjes

George E. Kmetz

Marjorie Kmetz Krupacs

Richard Kuiphoff

Conrad Sweerus

John Langerlaan

Bernard Houseward
Midland Park CRC Sr. Crusaders

Edward Lewis

Jim & Gloria Tenewitz
David & Cynthia Visbeen
The Bill Vander Eems Family
Kevin & Donna Hoogerhyde
Richard & Doreen Van Yperen
Carol Byma

Elizabeth Luyendyk

Margretta & John Van Dyk

Anna Milkamp

Corene De Graaf
Betty & Jim Youngsman

Hollis Moores

Mr. & Mrs. J. Arthur Larson
David & Cynthia Visbeen
Peter & Beverly Ten Kate
Gilbert & Deborah Kitchen
ECSA Office Staff

Horst Nowak

Dianne Nowak

Donald Pontier

Skip & Joyce Bruining

Edward Postma

Elinor Postma

Edward J. Postma, Sr.

Elinor Postma

Anna May Prins

Peter & Judy Van Grouw
Fogeline Veenema
Claire King
Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Van Grouw
Ruth J. Miller
Hubertha Pulis
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Maas
Mr. & Mrs. J. Arthur Larson
Cornelia Hagedorn
John & Jeanette Lont
Frieda & Gordon Bartlam
Muriel R. Prins
Skip & Joyce Bruining
Arthur Steensma
Mr. & Mrs. Peter E. Smith

Robert & Gertrude Troast
Gertrude Cooper
Margaret Cooper Hoekman
Dr. Raymond Cooper
Robert P. Cooper
Judith A. Cooper
Janice & Chris Cundey
Antoinette & Richard De Renzo
Jim & Ellen Prins
Trudy Lier
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Rose
Carol Byma & Family
Gilbert & Deborah Kitchen
Bernard & Helen Joustra
Ada Pontier
Richard & Nancy Troast

Hester Reynierse

Bernard Houseward

Ralph W. Siegers

Dan & Bea Minkema
Donald & Joan De Bruin
Len Slizewski & Sons
Mr. & Mrs. William Siegers
Hummy Klopman
Ron & Marilyn Stonehouse
Steven & Ann Eichhorn
James & Eleanor Ten Kate
Marie-Louise Brauch
Alice & Clarence Baker
William & Marcia Vander Eems
Marilyn & Donald Sporn

Arthur & Eleanor Kruihof
Robert & Marjorie Besemer
Valley Hospital Laboratory
Janice & Hugh Murray
Sarene Osenga
Edna Mae Devine
Rev. & Mrs. Edward Jay Sinclair
Peter M. Connors
Dale & Al Swisher

Herman Steenstra

Toni Steenstra
Kenneth & Laura Steenstra
Patti & Kevin McDonell
Daniel & Kim Steenstra
Beverly & Bradley Bylsma
Kenneth & Susan Miller

Harry Steiginga

Bill & Lisa Soodsma

Elmer & Agnes Stonehouse

Ron & Marilyn Stonehouse

Carol Van Der Wall

Carolina Hartog

Andrew Van Dyk

Roger & Carolyn Veenstra

Edward & Ida Van Heemst

Bernard & Helen Van Heemst

Jeremy B. Van Heemst

Bernard & Helen Van Heemst

Gertrude M. van Melle
Peter & Patricia van Melle

Trudy Van Prooyen

Emma Schuil

Clarence Wiegiers

Robert & Jane Wiegiers

Julia & Andrew Wisse

Bernard & Helen Van Heemst

Lambert Yskamp

Richard & Carol Kuiken
Jeanette Roukema
Marcia Roukema
John & Anita De Korte
Hilda Van Beveren
Beatrice & Peter Spalt

~ In Honor Of ~

Anne Aupperlee

(80th Birthday)
Robert & Elizabeth Aupperlee

Nicolas & Anita Beverly

(60th Wedding Anniversary)
Jessie Brandes

Cornelius Bushoven

(70th Birthday)
Public Service Enterprise Group Inc.

Robert & Leslie De Jong

(25th Wedding Anniversary)
Corene De Graaf

ECSA Endowment Fund – Holding Steady in a Changing Market

BY J. ARTHUR LARSON | ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

These have been discouraging times for Endowment Funds that colleges depend on to supplement their operating income. Even more so is the decline in value of the funds that the various states use to fund their retirement plans. Recent newspaper articles have highlighted these difficulties. According to The New York Times on 1/21/03:

“College endowments last year turned in their worst performance since 1974, according to a survey of 600 institutions by the National Association of College and University Business Officers. The average college endowment shrank 6% in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2002 and 3.6% in 2001, the first back-to-back declines since the group began its survey in 1971.”

It is natural to ask then, “**How has our Endowment Fund fared?**” Throughout the turmoil of recent years, the Fund has held up very well!

- The payout rate of colleges’ funds has dropped to as little as 5.00%, but ours has remained steady at better than 8.00%.
- The market value of colleges’ funds has dropped as much as 8%; the states’ has dropped as much as 6%. Our Endowment Fund has risen **8%** between September 2001 and September 2002, while its market value has remained a mere 2% below book value.
- Income earned by the Fund and paid to the School has risen from \$367,000 in 2001 to **\$383,000 in 2002**. The current year’s contribution is expected to be about the same.

The gifts that have been given to the Endowment Fund over the years have kept on giving in spite of ups and downs in the nation’s economy. A gift to the Endowment Fund of ECSA today will help us provide a superior Christian education for our current students and those in future generations.

Bert De Leeuw
(95th Birthday)
John & Jean Miller
Bernard & Helen Joustra
Paul & Alberta De Blaey

Hilda De Roo
(80th Birthday)
Jim & Bertha Jacobs

Hester De Vries
(93rd Birthday)
John & Kay Drukker

Harold Dyer
(75th Birthday)
Kathy & Ed Gorter
Bernard & Helen Joustra
Paul & Alberta De Blaey

Frank & Lenore Dykstra
(45th Wedding Anniversary)
Henry & Carolyn Joustra
Corene De Graaf
Helen & Richard Van Harken
Bernard & Helen Joustra
Roger & Carolyn Veenstra
Sue & Andy Woudenberg

Gertrude Hagedoorn
(90th Birthday)
Nick & Norma Hagedoorn

Katherine Hall
(102nd Birthday)
Gretta Meyer
Marion Walter

Richard Jeffer, Sr.
(90th Birthday)
Helen & Abram Van Dyke

Alice Jellema
(85th Birthday)
Corene De Graaf

Henry & Evelyn Kuiken
(40th Wedding Anniversary)
Muriel & Bernard Tolsma

Harold C. Kuipers
(60th Birthday)
Jacob & Betty Tolsma
Nancy & Ron Van Harken
Harold & Barbra Kuipers

Elsie "Peter" Palmer
(80th Birthday)
Marie Wispelwey
Elsie Wispelwey

Eivind & Vivian Ramberg
(Marriage)
Sipp & Eileen Hutton

Herbert Soodsma
(80th Birthday)
Bill & Lisa Soodsma

John & Pauline Van Beekum
(60th Wedding Anniversary)
Marge De Nooy
Carrie Schaaf

Hilda Van Beveren
(Birthday)
Wilma Oliphant

Gladys Van Goor
(80th Birthday)
Nicholas H. Kuiken
Harold & Joan Van Goor
Carol & Bill Douma
Jean Broek

Nancy & Joseph Paulter
Kathy & Richard Vriesema
Todd & Brenda De Jong
John & Laurie Tanis
William & Donna Van Hoff
Michael & Susan Van Lenten

Al & Janet Visbeen
Glenn & Yvonne Visbeen

Florence Wiegers
Robert & Jane Wiegers

Anna Wondergem
(70th Birthday)
Nick & Norma Hagedoorn
John & Kay Drukker

Marinus & Dorothy Woudenberg
(55th Wedding Anniversary)
Dorothy Lodema

DIRECT GIFTS

John Aquadro
Peter & Mary Boonstra
Cedar Hill CRC
Estate of Marinus Ten Hoeve
Estate of Alice De Vries
Class of 1952

ANNUAL FUND

~ In Memory Of ~

Ann Doorn Bosma
Stanley Sakowych
Nellie Dyk
Doug & Marianne Bushoven
Scott & Bethanne Tanis

Leonard R. Haan
Grace Haan

Clarence Wiegers
Florence Wiegers

Loved Ones
Agnis Graham

~ In Honor Of ~

Charles & Hilda Borduin
Dr. & Mrs. Charles M. Borduin

Marinus & Dorothy Woudenberg
(55th Wedding Anniversary)
James & Ruth Woudenberg

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

~ In Memory Of ~

Andrew & Alida Aupperlee
Susan & Kenneth Dyer

Bert De Leeuw
Albert & Janet Visbeen

Anthony Van Grouw, Sr.
Albert & Janet Visbeen

~ In Honor Of ~

Harold Dyer
(75th Birthday)
Susan & Kenneth Dyer

Wilhelmina Roukema
(83rd Birthday)
Cornelius & Ann Bushoven
Donald & Ethel Wisse
Marvin & Harriet Abma
Albert & Janet Visbeen

RESTRICTED FUND

~ In Memory Of ~

Henriette D. Houseward
Bernice Houseward & Stephen
Pastoor

Kathryn Miller Houseward
Bernice Houseward & Stephen
Pastoor

Adriana Watz
Catherine and Lloyd Wolters

~ In Honor Of ~

Sidney "Mr. B." Bangma
(90th Birthday)
Harry & Dorothy Westra
Eleanor Fylstra
Bert & Pat Boer
Debra Wilkes
Robert & Ruth Bush
Paul & Dottie Stam
Catherine & Lloyd Wolters

Bernard Houseward
Bernice Houseward & Stephen
Pastoor

Henry & Evelyn Kuiken
(40th Wedding Anniversary)
James & Donna Putt

Helen Smith
(80th Birthday)
Audrey Wispelwey
Jacob & Betty Tolsma
Corene De Graaf
Alice Koster
Peter De Vries, Sr.

Robert & Flora Knorr
Michele & Fred Kurash
Howard & Debbie Lagerveld
Madeline & Joe Hergenhan
Marion Clark
Alice Bell
Marge Greydanus
Anne & George Aupperlee
Helen Zielke
Nicholas & Anita Beverly

KENNY BRAND SCHOLARSHIP FUND

~ In Memory Of ~

Antje (Ann) Brand
Ann Smith-Newborn
Fenna & John Reitsma
Michael & Marguerita McKeon

Bert De Leeuw
Kathy & Ed Gorter
Richard & Phyllis Schuurman

Pearl Vander Weit
Estate of Pearl Vander Weit
Paul & Alberta De Blaey
Mark & Sharon Vander Weit
John & Edna Christensen
Rodney & Pamela Kuiper
Elsie Smith
Charlotte & Andy Elzinga
Ann Smith-Newborn
Henry & Marilyn Vander Weit
Palm Grove Reformed Church
Mission Sewing Group
Marian B. Clifford
Mr. & Mrs. Lyman McLauth
Ellen Hoekstra
Cecelia Kline
Helen Mark
Marjorie Hoffman
Marie Melko
June Melton
Grace Baron
Hilda Kolk
Elizabeth Spraguer
Michael & Marguerita McKeon
Pearl & Tim Heemstra

~ Direct Gifts ~

Mark & Linda Everett

NOTE: Please mail all endowment, memorial and honor gifts to the attention of the Development Office. Each gift (not the amount) is acknowledged to the appropriate family or individual. The donor also receives an acknowledgment letter. Gifts to the Fund are eligible for matching gifts from companies with a matching gift program.



Midland Park Chr. School 1949 – 8th Grade Class: Row 1: Peter Steen, Gilbert Nyhof, Grant Taylor, Robert Meenen, Herman Malefyt, Franklin Steen; Row 2: Stanley Vanden Berg, Irene Hogan, Ruth Schermer, Joyce Vander Weert, Janet Oosting, Betty Van Dyk, Raymond Talsma, Mae Marie Baker, Mr. De Blae; Row 3: Mae Baker, Stephanie Rooks, Carol Douma, Jane Hoekstra, Trina Hagedorn, Elaine Leentjes, Kathleen Vriezema, Alberta Hagedorn. Thank you to Ray Talsma for identifying these students!