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A Quarterly Newsletter

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From Mayor John J. Sinde

This will be my last front page letter to the residents and businesses of our beautiful Westchester. From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank my wonderful wife and family for their endurance, patience and continuous support. Also, a big “thank you” to the wonderful people of Westchester for letting me serve some 24 years as your Mayor. It has always been my pleasure to meet and speak with so many of our residents. You will always be in my heart.



Mayor John Sinde

This is also an introduction to one of my last projects. The Balagio Restaurant at the Westbrook Corporate Tower 2 is scheduled to open in a week or two. Pictured below, (from left to right): Village Trustee Paul Gattuso, Mike Galderio, owner of Balagio Restaurant, your favorite Mayor and your



favorite Police Chief, Bob Smith. They’ve done a fantastic job of remodeling and the quality of food will bring you back!

Goodbye, to great people

I cannot say goodbye without mentioning some of my favorite projects that have developed from my office with the good help of many Trustees that have been with us throughout the years. I have always felt that the Westbrook Towers would be “Number One,” especially in appearance, followed by the Post Office and the Village Hall.

My special thanks to our wonderful Fire and Police Departments for their fine service each and every day. Also, a lot of improvements could not have been accomplished without the following departments: Public Works, Streets, Water, Building Department and Code Enforcement. I also want to thank the excellent staff in our front office: I have worked with our Village Manager John Crois for a number of years and could always count on his fine leadership. My sincere thanks go to the lady that has helped me so much as my “Girl Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday”—Carole Downs. I would be remiss if I did not mention Carrie Heileman and Elizabeth Pokorny, for their assistance throughout the years.

My final two projects coming out of the mill will be developments at Wolf and Cermak and Mannheim and I-290.

Once again, thank you and God bless you!

TO ALL WESTCHESTER RESIDENTS

“The rumor that is going around the Village relative to this writer’s getting a position with the Village after the election is totally false. My medical condition prevents my doing any work at all or taking any position in the Village. No offer has been made to me by any political candidate.”

—John J. Sinde

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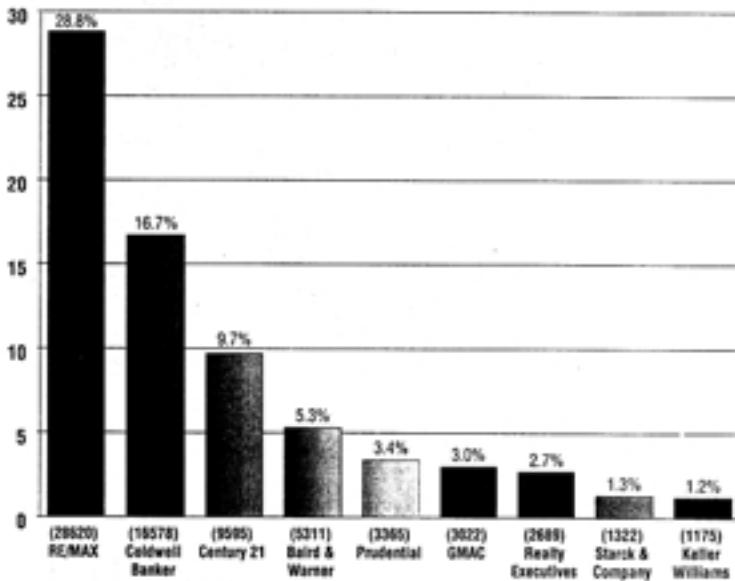
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Calling all gardeners!

The next Westchester Garden Walk will be held on Saturday, June 25 from 8 am to 1 pm. The Walk is looking for gardeners who are willing to open up their gardens to the Westchester public and share their love of gardening! Formal, cottage, container, front yard, vegetable, perennial, small, large—all types of gardens are welcome! Please contact Mo Meadows Ernst at 450-0965 or send an e-mail to moernst29@msn.com if you are interested. Help us turn Westchester into the "Garden Village!"

Youth volunteers needed

The Westchester Chamber of Commerce is looking for youth groups interested in helping beautify the community. The first project will be the clean-up of litter and debris at the northeast corner of Cermak and Mannheim Roads. For more information, contact Bill Ernst at 708-343-4300.

Proviso Township Town Hall Meeting

The Proviso Township Annual Town Hall Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12 at 6 pm in the Westchester Village Hall Community Room. The public is invited.

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Locals say "thank you" to Mayor Sinde at party

At a party held at Cafe 38 in Westchester on March 22nd, friends and local officials said thanks and best wishes to Mayor Sinde. Pictured at right, (left to right) Kathy Edwards of Brookfield, Cook County Commissioner Anthony Peraica, Mayor Sinde, Joyce Eaker, former Mayor of Bellwood, Township Supervisor Kathy Ryan, Mike Sheehan of LaGrange Park and Donna Contraveos of Melrose Park were among the over 100 who attended the party.



After 24 years as Village President,

John J. Sinde is saying "farewell"



The Westchester Village Board will be hosting an Open House in honor of Mayor John J. Sinde on Sunday, April 10, 2005 from 1 pm to 5 pm at Balagio's Restaurant, Westbrook Tower Two.

Please stop by to wish him well!

From Editor Mike Del Re

CHAMBER ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The 2005 Westchester Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing will be held at beautiful Glen Eagles Country Club on Wednesday, May 18th. Gleneagles, located in picturesque Lemont, enjoys a reputation for exquisite conditions in a mature golf setting. As host of the Chicago Open, a PGA Tour sponsored event, one can envision playing the same course that Nicklaus, Venturi, Snead, Player, Casper, and Palmer tried to conquer.

Tee off time for the shotgun start is 8:30 am. The event is open to all players. Bring a foursome and enjoy great golf, a buffet lunch, player and raffle prizes and the camaraderie of friends, neighbors and business community members! For more information on the event, call Golf Chairman Dr. Robert Oslak at 708-344-0724.

VISIT OUR STATE CAPITOL THIS SPRING

Join the Westchester Chamber of Commerce on its 8th annual bus tour to Springfield, Illinois on Wednesday, May 4, 2005. Departure is at 6:30 am from the

Mid-America Bank parking lot and the return time is estimated to be at about 9 pm. The cost of the trip is \$70 per person which includes motorcoach transportation (with restroom), snacks and refreshments on the bus, lunch in the Capitol building, dinner on the way home and a guided tour. In addition to the Capitol tour, participants will visit the Constitutional offices and have personal visits with elected officials.

The motorcoach will swing by the Governor's Mansion for our own personal tour as we depart Springfield. Bring your cameras and prepare yourself for a fun-filled, exciting and educational day. Contact Bill Ernst at 708-343-4300 for early reservations-space is limited.

IF YOUR WALLET IS STOLEN...

The Westchester Police Department reminds you to cancel your credit, department store and ATM cards immediately if your wallet is stolen. You should have photocopies of all your cards with account numbers and phone numbers to call for each card. Cancel the account on stolen checks! Monitor your credit reports regularly even after your file appears clean.



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IHM Alumnae asked for memories

Immaculate Heart of Mary High School student editors and faculty moderator of "The Heartbeat," the IHM student newspaper, have put a call out to IHM alums for memories for the final edition of the school paper. Alumnae are asked to send their fondest memory to Mr. Ron Koch by e-mail at rkoch@ihmhs.net or to Immaculate Heart of Mary High School, 10900 West Cermak Road, Westchester, IL 60154. The final edition is expected to be published at the end of the year.

From the Front Office



Village Hall Hours.

Just a reminder that effective January 2005, Village Hall business hours are 8:30 am until 5 pm Monday through Friday. For more information on Village-related matters, call 345-0020.

Recycling Bins.

Residents should imprint their address on their recycling bins to help prevent the "mysterious" disappearance of bins!

After-hours Payments.

Use the drop in the lobby of the Village Hall, located in the main lobby just to the left of the doorway into the Village offices after hours.

From the Building Department.

Village ordinance requires all properties being sold to be inspected by the Building Department prior to sale. Rental agents/owners must be registered with the Village; all single-family homes and apartments are to be inspected prior to rental; all common areas of apartment buildings are inspected once per year. For details, call the Westchester Village Hall at 345-0020.

Vehicle Stickers.

What you need to know.

If you are a new resident in Westchester or are in possession of a newly-acquired vehicle, you should know that vehicles must be licensed within 30 days of residency or the purchase of a new car. If the vehicle stickers are not properly displayed within 30 days, the owner is subject to a fine in addition to the cost of fees being doubled. Fees are as follows:

Auto:	\$25
	\$10 (Seniors age 65 or over)
Motorcycle:	\$22
Truck (B) Plates:	\$50
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More prizes in store for blood donors in April

Several generous blood donors will be the lucky winners of donated prizes at the next village-wide blood drive. On Saturday, April 23, two donors or volunteer workers will each win two vouchers good for lawn seats at a 2005 Kane County Cougars game. In addition, two others will each receive \$25 gift cards toward meals at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen Restaurant, on Route 83 in Westmont. The four winners' names will be drawn following the blood drive, which will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym at the Westchester Community Center, Bond and Westchester Boulevard.

Two young donors won dinners at Lettuce Entertain You restaurants following the January drive: Kelly Fister, 16 years old and donating blood to the Westchester group for the first time, and Manuel Rodriguez of Hillside. "It is truly heart-warming to see young people like Kelly and Manuel growing into responsible and generous citizens," said Program Chairman Carl Panek. At that drive, 151 donors participated and 132 units were donated to assist patients in hospitals across the Chicago area that are served by LifeSource Blood Services. The need for donors is increasing. Less than 5% of physically eligible donors in the Chicago area donate blood regularly. This is despite the fact that our hospitals need 1,500 units every day.

Last year, even though the Blood Program collected 500 units, that number was the lowest in 15 years, a far cry from the 640 units in 1999 or 730 in 1983. Nevertheless, the organization is proud of the fact that it has now collected 19,524 units since its founding in June 1974.

Giving blood is simple and safe, and it helps to lower the risk of heart attack and cancer—especially for men and post-menopausal women—by removing excess iron in the arterial system. "To become a donor (we call them miracle makers), one needs only be at least 17 years old (or 16 with parental consent), 110 pounds and in generally good health," Panek said. "If you are on a medication, drop by to ask whether that drug is permitted."

For information on the need for blood donations, contact Panek at (708) 865-1782.

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from the **Public Works Department**

FROM PUBLIC WORKS

**John Doolittle, Superintendent
and Mike Del Re, Director**

Village branch pick up starts again Monday, April 11, 2005. Yard waste pick up begins Monday, April 4, 2005. Please note the following:

All brush must be out no later than 7:30 a.m. on the designated pick up day. **All branches will continue to be picked up on the front parkway.** Branches must be in approximate 7-foot lengths and stacked with butt ends facing in the same direction. They must be stacked properly or a "re-stack" notice will be left. Once the truck has passed through a designated area it will not come back due to time scheduling. Public Works will complete a section per day, Monday through Thursday, weather permitting.

Thursday and Friday are Open Load days for pick up of any brush that will not fit through the chipper, such as logs, stumps, evergreens, fruit trees and limbs too large for the chipper chute.

The crews will evaluate all brush on your pick up date and they will decide what is an Open Load. Be sure to put out all your brush on your designated pick up day—there's no need to call!

PLEASE NOTE: We have no means of picking up large, oversized stumps or logs. These would be excluded from pick up unless cut for one man to lift.

**The 2005 schedule for
branch pick up:**

MONDAY. From Mannheim

Road west to Wolf Road and from Canterbury south to Windsor, including both sides of Windsor Drive. Also, Waterford, Waverly, Camelot and Concord.

TUESDAY. Roosevelt Road south to Cermak; from Gardner Road west to Mannheim Road.

WEDNESDAY. From Roosevelt north to the Expressway and from Gardner Road west to Mannheim; Roosevelt south to Canterbury from Haase west to Heidorn.

THURSDAY. From Bellevue west to Wolf Road, Martindale Drive to 31st Street.

We offer eight months of continuous weekly pick up. NO OTHER VILLAGE has this type of program. Due to the increasing cost of dump fees, our Village crews are prevented from picking up brush, branches and limbs that are left by private landscaping contractors. Landscaping contractors are responsible for their own brush/limb pickup and disposal. We ask your cooperation so we can continue to give you this service.

We are in the process of repairing any parkways damaged by Village crews' excavations and snow plow damage.

Hurry! This is your last chance to register for the yearly 50/50 shared-cost sidewalk replacement program for this year. Call now! Contact Public Works at 708-345-0041 to sign up.

New Parkway Tree Program. We are currently filled up for this year. Call 708-345-0041 to register for our 2006 program.



STREET DEPARTMENT

**Dale Bogda
Superintendent**

Winter seemed to be about average this year. We used about 1,800 tons of salt, which is about average and we clocked 750 man-hours plowing and salting our streets when necessary.

As always, we would like to thank those who sent notes or cards to say that we were doing a good job. We love to hear from you! Also, a big thank you to residents for moving your cars off the street during the snow. It really helps us do a more efficient job of removal.

Now with warmer weather upon us, spring repairs have started. Parkways that were damaged by crews will be repaired soon. We will start grading alleys as soon as they dry up a little, so please be patient.

Street sweeping will begin soon, too, and each street is swept once a month until December. Driveways and streets torn up from water leaks will also be repaired as weather permits.

Let's hope winter is behind us so we can all enjoy Spring!

from the **Water Department**

WATER DEPARTMENT

From John Fecarotta, Superintendent

As always, if residents see an unusual or extreme amount of water in the streets or parkways (indication of a possible main break), please call the Water Department at 708-345-0041 or 708-345-0060 (police non-emergency number) to report it because it may require our immediate attention.

Remember to contact the Water Department at 708-345-0041 before signing a contract with a plumber to rod the sanitary line. Our department will check to make sure the problem is not in our sanitary lines.

Furthermore, all plumbers working in the Village of Westchester need a contractor's license from the Building Department plus a certificate of insurance. A permit is required to assure codes are met and an inspection from our Water Department is necessary.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

From Dennis DiPasquale, Building Commissioner

A few tips on using contractors when it comes to starting projects at your home:

First and foremost, do not let a contractor tell you that you do not need a permit for a job! The Building Department requires that EVERY contractor have liability insurance and a performance bond. Without these, they cannot work in Westchester.

Any work done must be stated and fully explained in a written proposal, dated and signed by both parties, with a 72-hour cancellation clause. Do not pay a contractor an excessive down payment. A contractor is entitled to some monetary assurance that you are serious and to order materials to start the job, but no more than one-third of the total contract. You should also receive a Contractors Sworn Statement of all subcontractors doing work on your project.

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WESTCHESTER HEADLINES

St. Joseph "ChargerFest" to feature musical favorite "The Legends"

A nostalgic, memorable and fun-filled evening awaits those who attend the 4th annual St. Joseph High School ChargerFest gala on Saturday, April 23 from 6:30 pm to midnight at the high school in Westchester. Tickets are \$50 each and include an all-you-can-eat buffet, open bar, entertainment by local musical favorite "The Legends," instant raffles, trivia and more. Raffles will also take place, featuring tickets to sporting events, vacations, auto-graphed memorabilia and other items. Seating is limited. Order tickets early.

In conjunction with ChargerFest, St. Joseph is currently selling Super Raffle tickets at \$100 each. The grand prize is \$10,000, 2nd prize is \$5,000, 3rd prize is \$2,500 and 4th prize is \$1,000 and ten prizes of \$500 each and a trip to just about anywhere in the world. Winning tickets will be drawn at the conclusion of ChargerFest on April 23rd.

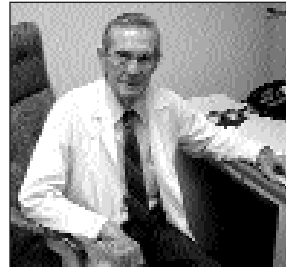
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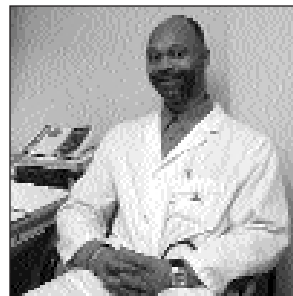
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FamilyPractice

A new medical office staffed with two Family Practice physicians opened recently in



Westchester. Staffed by Dr. John Tekla and Dr. Forrest Robinson, both specializing in Family Practice, the Resurrection Health Care medical office is located at 9855



Roosevelt Road. Previously located in Broadview, Dr. Tekla's office moved to the Westchester site to provide expanded hours with the addition of another

physician and more on-site lab services to better meet the health care needs of the entire community. A member of the medical staff at Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park for more than 40 years, Dr. Tekla has extensive medical experience and has served the health care needs of the community for all of those four decades. Dr. Robinson has more than 12 years experience as a skilled clinician. Both are open to seeing new patients. Dr. Robinson also is available to see children and young adults. If you are interested in making an appointment with either physician, call the Westchester medical office at 708-345-3076.

D'Andria nominated for Who's Who

IHM English teacher Claudia D'Andria has been nominated again to be honored in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." An IHM alumna and Westchester resident, she has been selected because she "made a difference" in the life of a former student.

Police Safety Tips

HELP US HELP YOU

From Police Chief Robert Smith

When To Call The Police.

No police department can function effectively without the concerned assistance of responsible citizens. They are depending on you to call and tell them whenever you observe suspicious persons or actions. Some people fail to call the police simply because they are not aware of what seemingly innocent activities might be suspicious.

Others may notice suspicious activity and be hesitant to call for fear of seeming a "nosy neighbor" or a "crank." Still others take it for granted that someone else has already called.

Call the police immediately about all suspicious activity—and do it yourself. Don't worry about "bothering" them because this is what the police are hired to do. Don't worry about being embarrassed if your suspicions prove unfounded. Think instead about what could happen if you don't act.

Information Most Often Needed By Police.

What happened? When? Where? Anyone Injured?

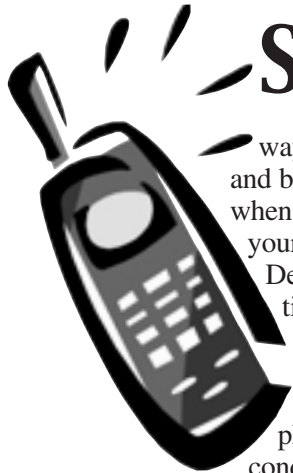
Vehicle license number and vehicle description. Direction of travel. Description of persons (including clothing). When describing suspects, notice age, race, sex, height and weight. Compare your own weight and height with the suspect's. Pick out some unique characteristic (scars, noses, jewelry, etc.) that will help identify the subject.

What Is Suspicious?

Basically, anything that seems even slightly out of place or that is occurring at an unusual time of day could be criminal activity. Some things to watch for and report are: A stranger entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied may be a burglar. A scream heard anywhere may mean robbery or assault. Offers of merchandise at ridiculously low prices could mean stolen property. Anyone removing accessories, license plates or gasoline from a car should be reported. Anyone peering into parked cars. Not every stranger in the neighborhood is a criminal. But anyone forcing entrance to or tampering with a residence, vehicle or business is suspicious anytime, anywhere!



STREET SENSE



It's important to stay alert. Wherever you are—in a parking lot, on a sidewalk, in a public hallway, **STAY ALERT** to what's going on around you. Teaching yourself to carry possessions safely and becoming aware of your surroundings can cut down your risks of being a victim. Show confidence when walking and send the message that you are calm, confident and know where you are going. Trust your instincts if something makes you feel nervous and suspicious, leave the area and call the Police Department. Know the area. Check out where stores and restaurants are open at night. Find the location of public phones, Police and Fire Departments. It can be a life saver.

IF YOU ARE WALKING: Don't carry large amounts of money. Avoid short cuts. Stay on well-lit streets. Have your house/car keys ready. If you are exiting your vehicle, check your surroundings first. If you notice anyone suspicious, lock the doors, beep your horn and use a cell phone to dial *999 and ask for police! **IF YOU ARE DRIVING:** Keep your car in good running condition. Keep windows rolled up and doors locked. Check inside the vehicle before getting in. Consider getting a cellular phone. Park in higher traffic areas. Have your keys in your hand before you get to your car. Lock your door as soon as you get in the car. Avoid driving alone and never leave your home address and name on a key chain. **IF YOU HAVE CAR TROUBLE:** Raise the car hood and then stay in the vehicle. Use emergency flashers, tie a cloth to your antenna. When someone offers assistance, roll down the window a small amount and ask them to call the police for you! Never get into a stranger's car.

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Nazareth first semester "A" honor roll

From Westchester: Roseanne Aguilar, Mary Jo Bobak, Anthony Gattuso, Larry Gorski Jr., Kelsey Hopkins, Timothy Kennedy, Patrick McGinnis, Kathryn Smith, Sara Brown, Amanda Carvelli, Cory Griffith, Erica Holmes, Tanya Jech, Colette Jordan, Matthew Maline, Ellen Stewart, Daniel Weber, David Wisinski, Theresa Battaglia, Mary Elizabeth Calabrese, Karen Cynkar, Rachel Grogan.

St. Joseph "A" Honor Roll

St. Joseph Co-Ed High School, the premier laptop learning school, where all students have laptops and over 95% of students are accepted into the college of their first choice is proud to announce the first semester honor roll for 2004-2005. From Westchester: Martin Chlapecka, Kurt Dawid, John LaPaglia, Anthony Longano, James Moldenhauer, Joe Murray, Phillip Rieck, Peter Waller and Jeffrey Woss.

Westchester Public Schools marks 75th Anniversary

The Westchester Public Schools are celebrating their 75th anniversary with a number of special events. Whether you have long-standing community ties or if you are brand new to the community, please join the District in marking a tradition of excellence in education.

Adults are invited to attend a dinner dance sponsored by the 75th Anniversary Committee on Saturday, April 16 at the Sheet Metal Workers Union Building, 4550 Roosevelt in Hillside.

An Open House is set for Sunday, April 17th. Each building will be open for tours, presentations, student performances and refreshments from 1 pm to 4 pm. The Jazz Band will perform at WMS at 1:15 pm; the Cadet Band will perform at WIS at 2:15 pm. A choral presentation by the 2nd grade class at WPS begins at 3:15 pm. Historic photos and artifacts will be on display. A "park and ride" bus transportation will be offered between schools. Individuals and families are invited to attend! Memory books, with a compilation of historic photos and other materials, will be available.

IHM Dad's Club initiates Award

IHM's Dad's Club has initiated a new annual award based on "volunteerism" and what it means to donate time for the benefit of others. The 2004 IHM Dad's Club Officers, President Vic Favia, Vice President Greg Allen and Secretary Ron Cromly of Westchester and Treasurer Walter Woods congratulate the 2004 IHM volunteerism winners, which included Deanna Allen and Kelly Scott of Westchester.

Westchester Public Schools Rank High at Speech & Drama Festival

Students from the Westchester Intermediate and Middle Schools competed in the annual West 40 Speech & Drama Festival in February. In the Readers Theatre category, the following 5th grade students, as a team, received a 1st Place Trophy: Uchenna Agwuncha, Kenny Bernhard, Samantha Cruea, Katie Gundry, Omar Leon, Carolina Nauert, Chelsea Nwankpa, Joe Ranieri, Rachel Slager and Katie Vondrak. The team was coached by Mrs. Laura Czajka.

The following individual/group presentations finished with either a 1st or 2nd Place rating: Dino Good, Danae Schueing, Mike Somone, Justina Pitts, Brian Ellis, Mary Fischer, Olivia Stanger and Gabby Dumasius, Jessica Robbins and Deanna Williams, Andra Grija, Esther Owalabi and Hallie Soulides; they were coached by Mrs. Lesley Trumpach.

Overall, the Westchester Public Schools received a 3rd Place Trophy for their superb performances.

Seniors win OBACCI awards

Immaculate Heart of Mary has been invited for the fifth year to participate in the Oak Brook Area Association of Commerce and Industry Academy.

Ten students were chosen based on academic records and written essays, including Westchester residents Deanna Allen and Lisa Songco, both winning \$500 from OBACCI.

OUR FUTURE

Intermediate Second Quarter High Honors

Seventy four students in Grades 4 and 5 were named to the high honor roll (4.0 - 3.5) at Westchester Intermediate School.

Grade 4: James Adams, Lucero Arreola, Brittany Behrendt, Ramiro Brigueda, Jenna Calles, Sam Citro, Natalie DiStefano, Faye Domokos, Amanee Elkhatib, Nicholas Fontana, Lily Galloway, Victor Galvan, Sherina Ganjanaget, Joshua Grayson, Jennifer Guervara, Ryan Hegarty, Shakyira Jackson, Traci Jennings, Alanna Kerstein, Samuel Kaufman, Ashley Kottke, Ronald Lewis, Alyssa Malon, Trevor Maniscalco, Anthony Marino, Carly Michelotti, Karis Middleton, Erin Murray, Michael Noesen, Thomas Noesen, Anita Nwankpa, Jennifer O'Hagan, Ethan O'Hare, Meleeza Pidu, Jaclyn Ragucci, James Rubino, Mitchell Rubino, Paul Ruiz, Daniel Salinas, Clarisa Sandoval, Anthony Santangelo, Taylor VanDaff, Abrianna Vesconte, Jeffrey Vitek, Sara Watts, Zachary Watts, Michael West, Clinton Wilhight, Nicole Zaverdas.

Grade 5: Uchenna Agwuncha, Jalen Brown, Brea Davis, Kathryn Doody, Danielle Ferraro, Milos Giljen, Clayton Gonzalez, Katherine Grilli, Kathleen Gundry, Nicholas Haraus, Kelleigh Harmon Mcintosh, Brittny Harris, Hassan Issa, Brett Kerstein, Jessica Kok, Derek Kwok, Breanna Meath, Caitlin Medina, Ryan Neff, Chelsea Nwankpa, Stephanie Peters, Joseph Ranieri, Rachel Slager, Holly Stanger, Lauren Van Daff.

Award-winning technology innovations

In March, the Executive Director of West 40 Intermediate Center and Superintendent of Westchester Public Schools presented awards at the Illinois Computing Educators Conference, recognizing individuals, schools and districts that demonstrate effective and innovative uses of technology to support teaching and learning. Exemplary winners are Westchester Middle School teachers Andrea Grimm, Megan Zumpano, Randy Paradise, Julie Leahy, Cindy Shouse, Steve Blindauer and Kathy Casey; Middle teachers Tabitha Icenogle, Theony Demakis and Tracy Simon. Other teachers were Honorable Mention Award and Certificate of Merit winners.

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Divine Infant Accelerated Readers

The Accelerated Reader Program is a special reading opportunity for children of Divine Infant School; it encourages the reading of classical children's literature and checks comprehension of reading through computer tests. During the second quarter of this school year, 780 books were read and tests taken. The following students have been named the top ten readers for the first quarter: Mary Beth Xenakis, grade 6; Alyse Gowgiel, grade 5; Jillian Green, grade 8; Alyssa Fuller, grade 5; Joseph Genova, grade 2; Joseph Lopez, grade 2; Benjamin Wojtynek, grade 2; Robert Tworek, grade 3; Colleen Weber, grade 4; Justin Chenski, grade 4.

Math Olympiad Winners

Twelve students from Westchester Intermediate and Middle Schools participated in West 40's Junior Math Olympiad in February. There were three events to the competition: Mental Arithmetic, Individual Event and Team Event. Joe Reda (grade 3), Nick Haraus and Brett Kerstein (grade 5), Joe Parenti and Steve Drent (grade 7) and Jeff Stanislaw (grade 8) finished in the "Top Ten" for their grade level. The 7th and 8th grade team finished 5th out of 14 teams. Students were coached by Tonia Jonak, Anna Klamik and Cindy Shouse.

IHM "First Honors" Honor Roll

For the 2004-2005 Semester 1 Honor Roll, from Westchester: Deanna Allen, Colleen Blase, Angelica Castillo, Gintare Cepukaite, Laura Chlapecka, Suzanne Chlapecka, Heather Cormier, Vita Di Pasca, Kathryn Favia, Rachelle Fisher, Susan Gabel, Sarah Grogan, Tasha Hacholski, Melissa Jacklin, Jessica Limperis, Anne Liotine, Janelle Macabulos, Luann Maslana, Megan McCarthy, Miranda Meyer, Margaret Meza, Peggy Mueller, Molly Mueller, Jessica Ortiz, Nancy Paniagua, Kristen Petkevich, Gianna Pollastrini, Dawn Rapciak, Jasmyn Reynolds, Catherine Roberts, Brittany Scannicchio, Lisanne Scannicchio, Kelly Scott, Lisa Songco and Megan Wasz.

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"Outstanding" Science Experiments

Ten eighth grade students won the "Outstanding" award at the Westchester Middle School Science Fair in January: Rachel Anderson, Kelly Brady, Allison Hawkins, Anthony Isherwood, Nusra Ismail, Kyle Nauert, Philip Maniscalco, Matthew Pater, Monica Pidu and Kelsey Sundwall. They will participate in the Regional Fair in Spring 2005.

IHM readies for last "Quest"

Quest, a program which leads to an honors diploma at IHM, has announced participants for 2004-2005. Westchester residents include Colleen Blase, Jessica Ortiz, Catherine Roberts and Lisa Marie Songco will present their projects to the IHM Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, mentors and invited guests.

Students perform Solos

Westchester band students in Grades 5-8 participated in the annual Solo and Ensemble Contest held in February at Westchester Intermediate School. Fifteen students received a "1st Superior" rating for their outstanding performance and memorization of solos. In 5th grade: Brittny Harris, Jessica Kok, Katie Vondrak, Katie Grilly, Derek Kwok, John Thoms, Hassan Issa, Lauren VanDaff and Nick Haraus. In 6th grade: Nathan Anderson and Justin Dzik. In 7th grade: Joe Parenti and Olivia Stanger. In 8th grade: Patti Skalak and Flor del Rio.

Participants at "Model UN"

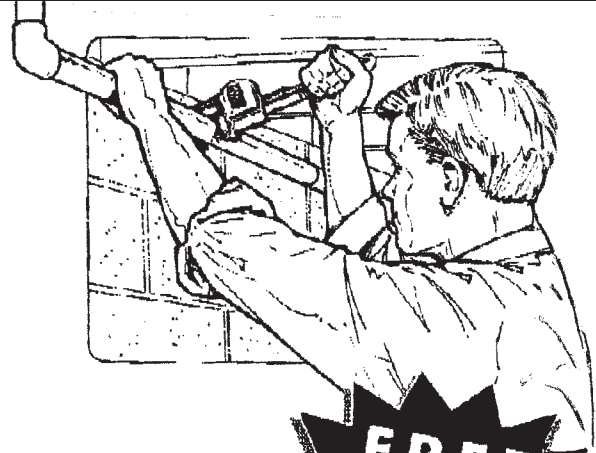
IHM Model UN attended the University of Chicago conference in February. Westchester participants included Maggie Meza, Jessica Ortiz, Nancy Paniagua, Catherine Roberts and Angelica Vasquez.

IHM notes...

Dana Lewandowski and Miranda Meyer of Westchester had roles in the spring musical "Grease"; resident Karlie Vitello of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) participated in a conference against tobacco use.



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