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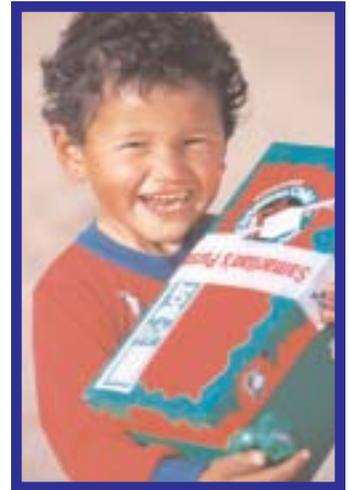
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Geneva will join with millions from the U.S. and eleven other countries to bring a gift of love to needy children worldwide, by taking part in **Operation Christmas Child**.



Children in Afghanistan and Central Asia were among the more than 5 million needy children worldwide who received shoe box gifts through Operation Christmas Child in 2001

How do you say "Merry Christmas" in a language you've never heard? By packing a gift-filled shoe box for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, you can share the glorious message of Christmas with a suffering child.



Operation Christmas Child in Tijuana, Mexico

Since 1993, this Samaritan's Purse project of "kids helping kids" has delivered Christmas gifts packed in shoe boxes to some 18 million underprivileged children in more than 100 countries. Each year, millions of kids, families, churches, schools, and other community groups pack shoe box gifts for what has become the world's largest children's Christmas project.

Nota Bene

- October 14:** GPA Meeting - 7 p.m. More Details on Back Cover
- October 17:** End of 1st Marking Period
- October 18, 21:** Fall Break
- October 25:** Report Cards Sent Home
- November 1:** All Saints' Day Event

Announcements

Moms in Touch.: Moms from both campuses meet every Monday at 8:30 AM for an hour to pray for The Geneva School - students, parents, teachers, staff and board. Come as you are and join us in the Library at the Grammar School campus.

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Below:
Operation
Christmas Child
In Armenia



Left: Operation
Christmas Child In
Honduras

Below: Operation
Christmas Child delivers
to nearly two dozen
African countries



Last December, Operation Christmas Child sent more than 100,000 shoe box gifts to war-torn Afghanistan.

In 2001, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest children's Christmas project, collected more than 5.4 million shoe box gifts.

2.8 million shoe box gifts collected from American kids and families

5.4 million shoe box gifts hand-delivered to needy children in nearly 100 countries

65,000 shoe box gifts airlifted from JFK airport in New York City to hurting kids in war-torn Afghanistan and Central Asia



As children gleefully opened their shoe box gifts in Indonesia, they were greeted with "Merry Christmas" in their native language - "Selamat Hari Natal." In Sudan, it was "Miet puou yan dhiedh Banyda tene Yin." And in the snowy stretches of Estonia, boys and girls heard "Ruumsaid juuluplhi."

Whether they spoke Latvian, Vietnamese, or Spanish, they understood the meaning of a gift. No matter their language, millions of children felt the love that was carefully packed in each box. Because people took the time to fill simple shoe boxes with little gifts, children from Albania to Zimbabwe, Australia's outback to the West Bank, and Cambodia to Uruguay had the opportunity to hear about Jesus Christ, the Greatest Gift ever given. Everywhere Operation Christmas Child goes, the reaction is the same - a happy chorus of thank-yous!

THIS YEAR, a projected 6 million shoe box gifts collected across the U.S. and eleven other countries will go to kids in faraway lands where terrorism, war, famine, and natural disaster are part of life.

Be a part of this great opportunity to share the love of Jesus with a child: pack a shoe box with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other small goodies and bring it to the School by October 31. Use the flyer included for ideas and directions on how to fill a box. If you don't have a shoe box then buy a plastic container the size of a shoe box and fill that. If you need more labels, you can print them directly from the Samaritan's Purse web site at www.samaritanspurse.org.

For further information please speak to Sarah Cloke: 407-673-4541 or SarahClove@mindspring.com

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization

THE GENEVA SCHOOL ROUNDTABLE

"The purpose of this student government shall be to voice the views of every student of the Geneva School to the Geneva School faculty and administration, and it shall be to provide an example to the student body of how one should act within the setting of a Classical Christian school. It shall also encourage students to participate in school activities, take pride in their school, edify and represent their school, and live a Christian life for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Roundtable Constitution, Art. II, the Purpose Statement

What is the Roundtable and what is its job?

The Roundtable is the official student government of The Geneva School. Father Michael G. Eatmon, then the Academic Dean of TGS, established the Roundtable in 1999. Mr. Eatmon wrote the following on The Geneva School web site to describe the Roundtable:

The Roundtable, the Student Council of The Geneva School, exists to provide Dialectic and Rhetoric students a substantial opportunity for, and a viable model of, virtuous leadership, both within the school and without, in four key areas:

1. Serve as goodwill ambassadors of the school's vision - its philosophies, goals and objectives,
2. Encourage within the entire student body virtuous scholarship, Godly culture and genuine community,
3. Explore, develop and assist in the implementation of co- and extra-curricular activities for students and their families, supportive of the school's philosophies, goals and objectives,
4. Provide open and constructive lines of communication both among students, classes, and grade levels, as well as between students and members of the administration and faculty.

What is the Roundtable Constitution?

The Roundtable Constitution is the foundation for the Roundtable. It is a document that describes the Roundtable's purpose, structure, requirements for membership, and jurisdiction. It includes twelve articles written by the members of the Third Roundtable under the leadership of then Regent James B. Skinner. The Roundtable Constitution was officially ratified on May 17th, 2002 after being worked on for nearly seven months. It is available for any student (or parent) to view,

and it is to be followed carefully by the Roundtable.

The Constitution establishes four positions that a student may hold. They are separated into two groups: the Executive Officers (Regent, Vice Regent, and Chancellor) and the Delegation (there are six delegates that represent each grade in the Dialectic and Rhetoric).

The **Regent** is the executive that presides over Roundtable meetings, signs Roundtable resolutions and Roundtable recommendations into Roundtable code, appoints committee chairpersons, controls the Roundtable's agenda, and acts as the sole representative of the Roundtable when necessary.

The **Vice Regent** presides over the Roundtable if the Regent is absent, becomes acting Regent if the Regent's position becomes vacant, breaks tie votes in the Roundtable Delegation, and assists the Regent in controlling the agenda of the Roundtable.

The **Chancellor** is the Recording Secretary and Treasurer who maintains the Roundtable Archives Binder, records the minutes of any meeting of the Roundtable, assists the Regent in creating a monthly budget, and keeps and records all funds that the Roundtable receives.

Delegates are members of the Roundtable Delegation, the body that proposes Roundtable resolutions, confirms the Regent's nominations to committee chairmanships, and brings to the table the concerns of their individual classes. Also, they are to report to their classes the Roundtable agenda every two weeks.

The Executive Officers are the Executive Branch, and the Delegation is the Legislative Branch that keeps the Executive Branch in check.

Who Are the Current Members of the Roundtable?

The current members of the Fourth Roundtable took their oath of office on Wednesday, September 11, at the morning chapel service. They are:

Regent - Jeb Beates was elected Regent this year unopposed. This is his tenth year at The Geneva School (he was a student at TGS at the very beginning!), and this is his third year on the Roundtable. Jeb served as the Delegate of the 9th Grade Class to Roundtable I, and he was re-elected the very next year to serve as 10th Grade Delegate to Roundtable II. He is also a member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society and the National Honor Society, and a very valuable player on both the soccer and basketball teams.

Vice Regent - Scott Wilson was elected unopposed as Vice Regent. He is new to the Roundtable, but has been at Geneva for the past three years. Scott is a member of the National Honor Society, and he has played a number of Geneva sports in the past.

Chancellor - Steve Minegar is entering his second term as Chancellor. He was elected in 2001 as Chancellor to Roundtable III and was re-elected unopposed in 2002. He is a member of Mu Alpha Theta and the National Honor Society.

12th Grade Delegate - Victor Boyer is the first member of the Roundtable to have served as an Executive Officer (Chancellor to Roundtable II) before serving in the Delegation. Back in November 2001, Victor ran in a special election for the 11th Grade Delegate seat, which had become vacant. He won, and is now in his second term after being re-elected unopposed again. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta.

11th Grade Delegate - Gingie Maynard is in her third term as Delegate for her class. She was

elected as 8th Grade Delegate to Roundtable I and re-elected as 9th Grade Delegate to Roundtable II the next year. She took a year off last year, but she decided to run for her old seat this year and won. She is a member of both the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She is also a very enthusiastic soccer player and a key member of the cheerleading squad.

10th Grade Delegate - Casey Vaughn was elected Delegate of the 10th Grade Class this year. This is her first year on the Roundtable, but it is her eighth year at The Geneva School. She had been a member of the cheerleading squad since 6th grade.

9th Grade Delegate - Christalyn Steers was elected 9th Grade Delegate unopposed this year. This is her second year at Geneva. Christalyn played volleyball last year and hopes to join the leading squad this year.

8th Grade Delegate - Scott Ritchie was elected 8th Grade Delegate by the Roundtable Delegation after a tie election with a fellow class mate. This is his sixth year at Geneva. Scott loves to play soccer and is a member of the varsity team.

7th Grade Delegate - Stevie Schenk was elected 7th Grade Delegate amidst a crowded field of candidates. This is his fourth year at Geneva.



Back Row: Victor Boyer; Steve Minegar; Jeb Beates; Scott Wilson
Front Row: Casey Vaughn; Gingie Maynard; Christalyn Steers; Scott Ritchie; Stevie Schenk

Moms In Touch

International

Written by Kim Anderson: Coordinator of Moms in Touch at TGS

Lamentations 2:19 says, "Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord, lift up your hands toward Him for the lives of your children."

Since the first day of the new school year moms have gathered together every Monday to pray for an hour. They have poured out their hearts to the Lord as they stand in the gap for their children and the School through prayer. One Geneva mother shares, "Something powerful happens when mothers gather together, taking God at His word, crying out to Him on behalf of our children and those who have great needs within our school family." Another mother agrees and adds, "We have some very needy and hurting families here at Geneva - what better way to share the burdens and cares for one another than to take those needs to our heavenly Father." "There is another benefit to praying together weekly," a third mother exclaims. "I have read books about praying, and have heard sermons on prayer, but I have never felt like I have developed the discipline of prayer. Moms in touch has helped me experience the power of prayer and has grown in me a passion to become a woman of prayer."

WHAT IS MOMS IN TOUCH INTERNATIONAL? It is an international ministry encouraging and supporting mothers to meet and pray for their children and their schools. It is two or more moms who meet together for an hour a week to release their children and school to God through prayer.

WHO CAN ATTEND? Any woman who has a child or grandchild at The Geneva School and believes that prayer makes a difference.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MOMS IN TOUCH AT GENEVA? To pray for our children and their walks with the Lord. To lift up the needs of our school families, staff, administration and board. To be an encouragement and support for our school. To humbly acknowledge His authority and rule over our school, as well as our individual lives, as we pray His will concerning specific needs.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE? It is a diverse group of women coming together from different backgrounds, gifting, appearance and struggles - yet each coming with one heart of belief in our Almighty God.

WHAT DO WE DO? WE PRAY! We start with a time of praise. As we praise Him, we are declaring, proclaiming, and confessing who God is and what He does. Following this time of praise we enter into a time of confession. Many times, through praise, God reveals areas of unconfessed sin in our lives, and we take the time to privately confess what God has shown us. Another important aspect of our time together is thanksgiving. This is always a special part of the time together as we thank God for the many ways He has answered our prayers. Lastly, we intercede for our children, teachers, administrators, board and school. It is where we pour out our hearts on behalf of the needs of others. Many of our teachers send in their own requests, and we count it a very great privilege to be able to pray specifically for their needs and concerns.



WHAT DON'T WE DO? We don't serve refreshments, we don't discuss the requests, and we don't care what we look like when we get there.....or better yet, what we look like when we finish!

WHAT DO WE HOPE? We hope that every mother will pray and ask God if He wants her to join us. This is His gathering, and we desire for each mother to share in this ministry of The Geneva School. There is a cost - your time and your heart. However, God promises in His word, "Where two or three come together in my name, there I am with them" (Matthew 18: 20). Come - the rewards are enormous!

Join us every Monday morning in the library at the Grammar School campus at 8:30 a.m. We end promptly at 9:30 a.m. If you cannot make it every Monday, please come whenever you are able.

Geneva Parents Association

TO ENRICH THE LIFE OF THE GENEVA SCHOOL THROUGH PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

by Gordon Cloke - GPA President

It was a great delight to see so many of you recently at our first GPA meeting of this academic year. The main attraction for the evening was a presentation by Carlene and Dale King in which they eloquently and entertainingly summarized the books and subjects covered in Geneva's Dialectic and Rhetoric English program. Between them, the Kings have over 70 years of teaching experience and no one could be left in any doubt that Geneva offers a remarkable and distinctive English curriculum taught by two remarkable and distinctive people. Indeed, the presentation was so compelling that one grammar school parent professed that he was ready to write the next ten years' tuition checks on the basis of what he had heard!

Also at the meeting, I explained the purpose of the Geneva Parents Association (see last month's article) and sought volunteers to serve as GPA grade representatives (see sidebar for the resulting list). The GPA grade representatives help to coordinate parental involvement in school-wide activities for their grade, and help to communicate important information to and from parents in their grade. Do not be surprised to hear soon from your GPA rep about an upcoming event such as the All Saints' Day event.

I also described the process currently underway to elect two parents to The Geneva School Board of Governors. The results of this election are expected to be available at the beginning of October, at which time John Maynard will step down after four years as parent-elected member of the Board. Many of you may not realize the extent of the hours of work and prayer that John has poured into the School during this time. All of us parents owe him an enormous vote of thanks.

Dan Pugh summarized recent news from the Board, including information about the Headmaster Search Committee that is currently being formed and an update on the search for property. He also explained that the Board was moving quickly to fill the unfilled administrator positions at both campuses.

Finally, during the Parent Forum, parents shared many great ideas about how to make the GPA more effective. One constant theme was the desire on the part of parents to learn more about the classical model and how it is being implemented at Geneva. This could take the shape of presentations by the faculty and the provision of articles and newsletters that

over time would provide parents with an appreciation of the full scope of the trivium. This will be a major area of emphasis for the GPA this year.

For next month, I hope you are as excited as I am to learn that we will hear a presentation from Dale Wayne, our much-loved and multi-talented art teacher. Mrs. Wayne teaches art to students from kindergarten through twelfth grade, coordinating her curriculum with the chronological history program (she also teaches French 1). Dale is adored by students and parents alike, and her presentation is not to be missed!

Other items planned for the agenda include another update from the Board and information about the upcoming All Saints' Day event. The meeting will take place on October 14th at 7 p.m. at the Grammar School campus. By the way, I am already working to schedule similar presentations for the rest of the school year - look for information in your email inbox and in a forthcoming edition of *The Courier*.

The monthly GPA meeting is a wonderful opportunity to find out about and get involved in the life of The Geneva School, and the more parents that attend, the more successful the GPA will be. I look forward to seeing you there.

Gordon Cloke

President, Geneva Parents Association, 2002-2003

Many thanks to the following parents, who have agreed to serve as GPA grade representatives this year:

Kindergarten - (Mrs. Reaves)	Sarah Cloke
Kindergarten - (Mrs. Candeto)	Lila Sarpu
First Grade - (Mrs. Phelan)	Angela Robinson
First Grade - (Mrs. Colson)	Cyndi Schieffelin and Dianne Green
Second Grade - (Miss Reeves)	Ginger Anderson
Second Grade - (Mrs. Sullivan)	Dan and Amy Polfer
Third Grade	Erin Stanley
Fourth Grade	Jana Bigham
Fifth Grade	Suzy Harris
Sixth Grade	Katie Kiester
Seventh Grade	Bob and Verbelee Swanson
Eighth Grade	Mary White
Ninth Grade	Randy and Sharon Myers
Tenth Grade	Ramona Roth
Eleventh Grade	Elise Maynard
Twelfth Grade	Mary Beates