

# TCHE News

news for the Tri-County Christian Home Educators



And all of thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children Isaiah 54:13

## Co op Classes

*By Sheri Klaas and Ruth Mattson*

If you haven't heard or read yet, Ruth Mattson and Donna Haag are running next years coop. For those of you who are wondering why, I offer you this explanation. Sue and I have run the Coop for over 5 years. Each year it has become more successful, and each year it requires more time and energy.

Our families have loved participating, and each of us have loved teaching and mentoring all the kids. Sue, Sharlavan, and I are also each on the TCHE Leadership Team which carries several responsibilities with it. Sue is the 4-H leader, and I am the Cloverbud leader. Have I mentioned that we also homeschool 9 children between us. The reason I feel a need to explain the change in coop leadership is that I know

there has been some wondering and grumbling out there. Please trust me when I say, that WE PRAYED, and PRAYED hard about guidance on who to ask to take our spots. We took each lady aside and asked them to fulfill certain spots and criteria. Each said, "yes", and I am thrilled.

Coop won't be the same, it can't. God gives us all special interests, and gifts. Coop will be as good as our TCHE Membership makes it. This is true not only now, but always has been. Let's support our new team of hard working women.

The website has a tentative schedule along with a full description of the classes, as well as a document summarizing this

information. Please note the following: if teachers do not come forward for the Careers Seminar, The Hiding Place class, and the Number the Stars class, these classes will be dropped. If you may be interested in teaching one of these classes, please contact Ruth Mattson at [rmattson@invtools.com](mailto:rmattson@invtools.com) to see what is required of you. In addition, another class may be added in the category of Basic Home Accounting, however, a description and syllabus of the class has not been decided on yet.

## Speaking of Ruth and Donna...

Donna Haag and I (Ruth) are busy behind the scenes trying to pull together the fall co-op. We have some great things lined up, but we still have some needs.

First of all, we need teachers. Without an adequate number of teachers, only a certain number of kids can participate. If the co-op is important to you, please consider teaching a class. Right now, we do not have enough teachers for afternoon classes, and we have received feedback that having lunch at co-op and having that afternoon class was considered a good social outlet for your children. FYI — one of the "perks" of teaching a class is you get to sign your kids up first before the general membership! For those of you who have tried to sign up for classes only to find that the classes are full — we can overcome this by adequate participation.

Also, some of our classes are being taught by hired individuals. The more students that participate in the theatre and video production classes, the lower the prices for the classes. So, it would be very helpful if you would e-mail me (Ruth) and let me know if you are planning on signing up for fall classes so that I have some numbers.

If you are willing to teach a class, we need to hear from you soon. Please contact Ruth Mattson at [rmattson@invtools.com](mailto:rmattson@invtools.com), or Donna Haag at [goingplaces2005@comcast.net](mailto:goingplaces2005@comcast.net) as soon as possible. We would like to have this finalized by July 10.

# TCHE Happenings

## Leadership Changes

TCHE is sad to announce the retirement of Pat Bowman and her husband Dwight from our Leadership Team. As you all know Pat is a highly qualified teacher, mother, mentor and leader. Her presence and input will be missed.

This announcement leads us into an introduction.

TCHE would like to announce that Peg Wright and her husband Mike have accepted the position on the Leadership Team. Peg will replace Pat, and be in charge of the Book Fair, Group Resources, and the Library among other things. Thanks to the Wright Family for stepping up.

## Volunteering makes the TCHE World go 'round

We are in need of several positions to be filled for this next year. Please be praying and looking at our needs to see where your talents lie. These are a few of the immediate needs. We will keep you posted.

- √ For sure we need a person or family willing to take over the newsletter. Pat and Diana Butler have done a fantastic job, and are ready to hand it over. They will still send it to everyone, but someone must receive the pictures and newsletter items and format them. We would love for a high school student to do this. It must be overseen by an adult. But if you are an adult who love to do this sort of thing-it's yours! Call the Butlers at (630)844-1259 if your are interested.
- √ We need someone to help Beth W. with the library for the support group meetings. Please call Beth at (630) 551-0951 if you will be able help.
- √ We need an adult who is willing to be in the gym with children. We have the gym for our meetings if we want it. Children will not be allowed down there if we do not have a commitment from some parents to be in charge. Please call Sheri if you are willing to commit to helping ensure we can continue this service.

# Odds and Ends

■ Parkview Christian Academy is offering Spanish lessons this year and homeschool students are welcome to join. Language leaders will be providing an in-curriculum Spanish program. Sessions are 10 weeks and classes begin the week of Sept. 11,2006. 3 sessions will be available per school year. There is an \$8.00 cost per lesson. Dates are: Monday: 10:00 - 10:45 5th-8th grade; Monday: 10:45 - 11:30 1st - 2nd grade; Thurs: 10:00 - 10:45 5th-8th grade; Thurs: 10:45 - 11:30 3rd-4th grade (5th - 8th grade will meet two days per week). Anyone interested should call Linda Dudley or Judy at 630-553-5158

■ Sharon Hamm has curriculum books for sale, if interested please give her a call at 553-9589.

■ Are you ready for a new school season? Well TCHE leadership is working hard preparing for a new year. We will hold a Meet 'n greet on AUGUST 24th, at Parkview Christian Academy. This is also the evening to come to sign up to be a member of TCHE, get all field trip information, schedules, and sign up for the fall coop. Please remember you must be a member of TCHE to attend our fieldtrips or coop. This evening is set aside to ask questions, fill out forms, talk, meet others, and of course, eat. We hope to see you all there. Please let anyone you know who might be considering homeschooling or joining our group about this evening. Our the TCHE Support Group Meetings will once again be on the first Thursday evening of each month. We begin at 7:00 at Parkview ChristianAcademy. The first official meeting of the 06/07 school year is Sept. 7th.

# 2nd Annual TCHE Picnic

Come one. Come All. to the TCHE Family Picnic. We will be having fun from 2-7 at La Salle Manor in Plano! Whether you are currently a member or just checking our group out. Please, come and Join us. TCHE will provide the meat. You need to bring a dish to pass, plenty of drinks, and your own table settings. There is swimming, volley ball, basketball, tennis, baseball fields, and canoeing. Please bring items to play with. If enough families bring mitts, we can have a good ol' fashioned softball game!

I need some families who know they will be attending to volunteer for help. We are looking for: 1) Volunteers - before and after, 2) Pool Watchers, 3) Canoe Watchers, and 4) Kitchen Clean up. Please contact Sheri Klaas to help at 630-553-0317.

Remember this picnic is for **fun only**. We will not be holding any program or activity sign ups.

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