PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back after our busy holiday season. The Bicentennial is history now and we look forward to a good 1977. But I wonder if all of you are having as much trouble as I am in getting back to the grind.

January 25 is the day for the public hearing on TV violence. Even if you won't testify, go if you can and show your concern. It's a very important subject and one in which the National PTA is quite interested. But we hope you don't get so involved that you forget our Gasteyer PTA meeting that same night. Try to attend it because we have a good program on school financing with Dr. McGugan as guest speaker.

It's not too late to make a resolution to become an interested parent and attend the rest of our meetings and functions. Hoping to see you there ................

Marilyn Kasman
President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 19 - PTA Board Meeting- 9:00 A.M.
24 - Day of school; Sward Skating Party
24 - School Board Meeting 8:00 P.M. Administration Center
25 - TV Violence Public Hearing-Chicago Sheraton; East Room 9 A.M., Bus leaves Green Oaks 9:00 A.M.-Returns 2:00 P.M. for your convenience
25 - Gasteyer PTA Meeting 8:00 P.M.
Feb. 10 - Cub Scout Skating Party

CONGRATULATIONS

Our best wishes go to Mr. & Mrs. Rudy VanDerLaan who were recently married. Mrs. VanDerLaan is the former Ruth Brown, one of our Second Grade teachers. May they share a long and happy life together.

ATTENTION

Anyone and everyone that wants to have a "Super", "Fabulous" time!!!!
Come to the
CUB SCOUT PACK #3618 ROLLERSKATING PARTY
FEBRUARY 10th, 7-10 PM
OAK LAWN ROLLER RINK

Get your ticket in advance from any Cub Scout or call 423-6699.
Tickets also available at the door.

Renee Stengel
TREASURER'S REPORT

For period ending December 31, 1976

BALANCE ON HAND AT LAST REPORT $1133.62

Receipts (money received) $ 819.95
Santas Shop Proceeds

Total Receipts $819.95

Plus Last Balance

Disbursements (money paid out) $519.40
Santas Shop 98.46
Christmas presents 98.63
Gasteyer Hats-Ways & Means 172.31
Council dues 40.00
Council Scholarship Fund 110.00

Total Disbursements $519.40

BALANCE ON HAND AT THIS REPORT $1434.17

Rita Griffin
Treasurer

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"FOOD FOR THOUGHT"

There are clocks to tell the time of day--
And scales to tell the weight of hay:
But what rule, sir, would you employ--
To tell the worth of a girl or boy?

Measures there are for silver and gold--
By carats the worth of diamonds are told.
But there is no measure in all the earth--
To tell what a boy or girl is worth.

(From the Illinois FTA Bulletin-Author Unknown)

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KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

A big thanks for all the Campbell scrap & bean labels that are coming in.

And a Super Big Thanks if you take the time to cut off the front panel of each and just send it.

ELEPHANT STEW

1 medium size elephant
2 rabbits (optional)
Salt & pepper

Cut the elephant into small bite-size pieces. Add enough brown gravy to cover. Cook over kerosene fire about 4 weeks at 465°. Will serve 3,800 people. If more are expected, add 2 rabbits but do this only in emergency. Most people don't like hare in their stew.

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SWARD SKATING PARTY

A perfect outlet for pent-up winter energy! Will be held at the Oak Lawn Roller Rink Jan. 24th, 1:00-4:00 P.M., an early release day. Tickets are 75¢ if purchased in advance- $1.00 at the door. Will be available for purchase at Gasteyer office on Jan. 21st, Fri. 12:30-1:00 and Jan. 24th, Mon. from 8:30-9:00 a.m.
The Christmas Program

Our Christmas Program this year, under the direction of Mrs. Kuzmak, again went well. I am certain that those who attended were pleased and proud of the boys and girls who performed. The instrumental music children, under the direction of Mr. Sagen and Mr. Zachow, were also very enjoyable. Attendance this year was good—approximately 350 people attended both performances. The attractive Christmas decorations added to the program. They were made by the students under the supervision of Mrs. Olsen, our Art teacher.

Thanks to PTA Board & PTA Room Mothers

I would like to thank all the PTA mothers who helped in the classrooms during the lunch hour when the Gasteyer staff holds its own luncheon. It's no easy task but they did it well. Our thanks also to the PTA Board members for the delicious homemade bread they gave to each staff member. We are fortunate to have such considerate and supportive PTA Board members.

Mailing Our Newsletter

Beginning with this issue the Gasteyer Gazette will be mailed to your home. This will insure that all the parents of our students and other interested community members will receive a monthly copy. The Gazette is a very important method of communication since it helps keep parents informed about current and future events in our district, our community, and our school and also helps them become more knowledgeable about our current educational program and any changes that may occur.

On School Education

The following article appeared in the December issue of the Brandt School Newsletter. It was written by Pat Stanek, President of the Brandt PTA.

"In the midst of this joyous season of Christmas, I can't help but think of some things very much on the minds of Dr. McGugan and the District 123 School Board right now.

At this time they are facing the planning of next year's programs. And the money to maintain District 123's very high standard of education is just not there.

On the evening of Dec. 20th at Gaddis School, which is their next normal meeting date, when we all have hundreds of dollars worth of toys and gifts stashed in closets, these School Board members (volunteers by the way) will be trying to decide how best to handle next years problems... dropping programs...larger classroom sizes...consolidation...etc.

We turned down a $15 to $25 a year rate referendum. Maybe we should re-evaluate our priorities."

A New Year

On behalf of the Board of Education, the Administration, and the Gasteyer faculty, I would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year. May it prove to be a happy, healthful, and prosperous one for all.

Lee Stanton
Principal

*A good teacher is someone who can understand those not very good at explaining and explain it to those not very good at understanding---------
JUST A LITTLE REMINDER— for those of you who have not yet joined the Gasteyer PTA. It's not too late!!

If you can't remember if you joined or not— just check and see if you have a membership card. If not, then we are still looking for you.

None of our rooms have yet attained 100% membership. We certainly hope one of our rooms can get the ice cream treat. Your child gets credit if either or both parents join. We feel our PTA is well worth the $1.00 membership dues. Our children receive the benefit from every penny.

Below you will find another form. Please fill out and forward to the school so you too can be counted as a member.

Thank you

Donna Wesselhoff and Dolores Kohler

Gasteyer School PTA
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453

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Mrs. D. Trimble
9805 54th Ave.
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453

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Student's name(s) ____________________________

Room No. (s) _________________________________

Teacher _________________________________

Parent's Name ________________________________
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 8 - School Assembly
11 - PTA Board Meeting - 9:00 A.M.
14 - Valentines Day Parties
15 - VOTE YES! Polls open from 12:00-8:00 School Visitation 12:30-3:15
Open House 6:00-7:30
Mar. 7 - Institute Day - No School

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm sure that most parents are well aware of the need for a school tax increase. If this rate referendum fails, our children will be forced to receive a second-rate education.

I feel that it is every parent's responsibility to give what we can to our children. Our children did not ask to be brought into this world; nor did they ask to live in this fine community. Those decisions were ours. But now it is our duty as parents to give them the best we can.

If we can put our priorities into perspective we'll all realize that our children's education of today is much more important than cigarettes, coffee, beer, or a new dress. A good education will last a lifetime! Is $30-$35 a year--or 10% a day--too much to ask for the future of our children? This tax increase stays right here for the children's benefit.

For the survival of our excellent educational system in Oak Lawn, vote YES on February 15th.

The polls will be open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 P.M. Gasteyer will have school visitation from 12:30 to 3:15 when you may sit in while class is in session, and open house from 6:00 to 7:30 when you may see your child's work and talk with the teachers. So don't forget these things; it'll mean an awful lot to your kids!

Marilyn Kasman
President

A WINTER HELPER

As you know, this year we broke a cold weather record. The Gasteyer PTA is selling hats to help keep that cold weather out. Green and white with GASTEYER printed on the front and a pom pom on the top, they will be on sale at the Open House on February 15th for $2.75 each.

Donna DiMiele
Pat Schwartz
Ways and Means Chairmen

DID YOU KNOW that Mr. and Mrs. Oppenheim are basking in the sun in Sri Lanka while we are shivering in Oak Lawn? Your homework for the day - where is Sri Lanka?

D. Chiado

GASTEYER STARS MOVING ON

Thursday, January 6th was the day of a volleyball game. The game was between the Sixth Grade Boys and the Sixth Grade Girls. The girls won the match. You played real good, girls.

The Sixth Grade Boys
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TREASURER'S REPORT

For period ending January 1977

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Rita Griffin, Treasurer

STAY HEALTHY

There have been no cases of measles at Gasteiner so far, according to Mrs. Seigert, our School Nurse. There have been cases in the South Suburbs though, so if your child needs a measles shot you can call the Chicago Ridge Board of Health for information about where they are being given. The number is 423-7500.

Remember if your children are running a fever and are not feeling well please do not send them to school. Also, make sure they dress properly for this cold weather with mittens and hats especially, to avoid frostbite.

It has been pointed out that many parents are dropping off the children in the teacher's parking lot on 54th Av. Please do not pull in that lot as you are endangering the other children, particularly the Kindergardeners, and holding up the teachers as well.

Judy Wolf
Health and Safety Chairman

DID YOU KNOW.....what is a metric cookie? A gram cracker! Seriously, our District 123 schools are ready to 'join the march to metrics.' The Illinois State Office of Education has mandated all schools to teach metrics, so we hope soon your child will be saying, "Oh, let me help you with that! We're learning about it in school." Please glance at our metrics display during Open House.

Mrs. Boucher

LIFE BEGINS/FAMILY LIVING PROGRAM

Parents who are interested in seeing the sex education program which is presented to the upper grade children can call the Robert Crown Center for Health Education and make a reservation. Admission fee for an individual is $1.00 and reservations must be made beforehand.

Robert Crown Center
21 Salt Creek Lane
Hinsdale, Illinois 60521
325-1900

EDUCATION IS EXPENSIVE BUT IGNORANCE COSTS MORE
Open House—February 15, 1977

Gasteyer School will have its Open House on Tuesday, February 15, 1977. Everyone is invited to visit the children's classrooms, our library, the Music room and Art room (upstairs), the Learning Centers (rooms 5 and 14), the Gyms (Primary and Intermediate), our Corrective Reading room (room 11), the Speech room (room 3), and our Early Childhood classrooms (rooms 21 & 25).

Your children's classwork, art and other schoolwork will be on display. A special Metric Materials Display will be set up in the display case outside of the office. The staff, as always, welcomes visitors to our school. The Open House will be from 12:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon and from 6:00 to 7:30 in the evening. Please try to attend either in the afternoon or evening.

The Melikin Puppets

On Tuesday, February 8th, the Melikin Puppets (under the direction of Nel Biske, and assisted by his son, Neal) will present an all-new production of Aesop's Fables in our gym. The puppets used are the original creations of Nel Biske. They are life-size Hand & Rod puppets. There will be two performances:

10:15-11:15 A.M. Kdg, 1,2,6th Gr & Early Childhood.
12:40-1:40 P.M. Kdg, 3,4 &5th Gr & Early Childhood.

Once again our PTA has shown its support for our school by paying for this assembly.

Some Thoughts On Children

On Saturday, February 12th, we will remember a great man in American History—Abraham Lincoln. In spite of little formal schooling himself, he believed very strongly that the future of our democratic society depended upon the education we provided for our children. As President, he said this about our children:

"A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they are carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states, and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations. All of your books are going to be judged, praised, or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands."

I would like you to reread the above quote because this coming Tuesday, February 15th, is the time for everyone to show their concern for our children by supporting our school district's rate referendum. The parents and community have been supportive in the past and their full support is needed now. If we truly care for children, we must provide them with the best education possible. Please take time to vote on Tuesday's referendum. We can best insure our own future by helping today's children.

It was nice to see many of our parents attend our last PTA meeting. Dr. McGugan, our Superintendent, and Mr. Busch, one of our School Board Members, provided information and answered questions about our upcoming referendum. The next event at school is our Open House. We are looking forward to meeting all of our parents and other members of our community.

Lee Stanton
Principal
ROLLER SKATING PARTY

Gasteyer's Skating Party will be held on Tues., March 22nd from 1-4:00 P.M. Everyone can have a good time -- mark your calendars so you don't forget.

Tickets will be sold through all board members starting the last week in February. They will cost $2.50. Skates can be rented at the rink for 50% a pair. There will be further information in next month's Gazette.

Mary Ann Tomozak (425-8576)
Recreation Chairman

LID YOU KNOW THAT...most of the material printed in newspapers is between the third and sixth grade reading levels?

Lillian Atkinson

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

IF a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn.
IF a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.
IF a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.
IF a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty.
IF a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient.
IF a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.
IF a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.
IF a child lives with fairness, He learns justice.
IF a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself.
IF a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.
IF a child lives with acceptance and friendship, He learns to find love in the world.

-Dorothy Law Borlet-
Spiritual & Character Chairman

WELCOME TO GASTEURY

Since September, quite a few new students have joined us here at Gasteyer - we'd like to welcome you all: Michele Munarin, Stacy and Susan Altes, Thomas Laquenta, and Brian Kolb (all in our Early Childhood Program); Lisa Pietranduono (gr. 5); Paul Lewanski (Kdg.); David Bemis (gr. 5); Laura (gr. 1) and Eileen (gr. 6) Lewalski; Dan (gr. 6) and Beth (kdg.) Rizzini; Lynn (gr. 4) and Karen (gr. 2) Walsh; Michelle Gagner (gr. 4); Patrick Freeman (gr. 3).

We wish you a very happy and productive school year.
On Tuesday, February 15, 1977, from 12:00 noon until 8:00 P.M., our School District will be holding a rate referendum. This is the sixth request for a tax rate increase in the past seven years. Until now we have been able to continue our school programs by increasing our debt; but we have reached our limit. The projected deficit for next year is $1,440,000.00 and $1,880,000.00 for the 1978-79 school year.

If a tax rate increase fails, there will be a reduction of 41 staff members. This reduction would result in the following:
1. Increasing class size to 35 before splitting, resulting in cuts of 30 classroom teachers
2. Phasing out the French Program
4. Elimination of the Interscholastic-Athletic Program
   (Basketball & Volleyball)

If this tax rate is approved, only a portion of the above program cuts will be restored as follows:
1. Restoration of 9.5 classroom teachers. Classroom teachers will still be reduced by 20.5, but by restoring 9.5 classroom teachers, class size can be kept at a manageable level.
2. Restoration of the Interscholastic-Athletic Sports Program
3. Restoration of a Speech teacher and Band Instructor

It is important to understand that approval of a tax rate increase will not eliminate the debt of the district but will simply reduce the debt to a manageable level.

The increase in taxes would average out to only $30 per household. The educational tax rate has not changed since 1956 (over 20 years!) Therefore, it is very important that every parent vote on Tuesday, February 15th, and support the rate referendum in order to provide a good educational program for the children.

Marilyn Kasman—President Gasteyer PTA
Lee Stanton—Principal Gasteyer School
ONE PARENT'S FLEA FOR UNITY

I know if the cause is great and the need is there;
Oak lawn will rally to do her share.
This is one cause that is right here;
that faces our children of whom we all care.
A rate referendum hasn't been passed in twenty years.
Can you imagine that?
Working with money from so long ago, Wow! would my budget have far to go.
As you and I know the price of everything goes higher.
No wonder the school's budget just got tired.
If we all chip in a mere 8 cents a day, we can keep our schools
in almost the same way.
Property values can only increase, if we have schools that are
hard to beat!
If one public school happens to close, private schools would have
to take the load.
Too much of the burden would then be placed on all schools-
Who could keep pace?
People of all ages certainly benefit from our children's learning faces,
Happy, content in their daily lives, children busy and learning
really strive.
Let's all think about what we just read and hope it sinks into our heads.
For more information that just wouldn't rhyme, contact the school board-
They'll find the time.
To explain in more detail just what I mean, and why we can no longer
defeat this thing.

Dolores Kohler ( a parent )
The weather is windy and cold
And snow is on the ground,
But please go out to vote -
Don't let the yes's be drowned.

So do your part to support,
Become informed and note
That the 15th is the day to go
Out to the school and VOTE

VOTE YES!               SOUN D SCHOOLS = STABLE COMMUNITY

What ye sow-ye shall reap!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 16 - PTA Board Meeting 9:00 AM Room 2
22 - ½ Day School
Skating Party 1:00 to 4:00 PM
PTA General Meeting 6:00 PM
April 1 - Progress Reports Due
8 - Good Friday No School
11 - Spring Vacation
12 - Spring Vacation

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We did it! We passed the rate referendum and thanks go out to so many people who worked hard for us, Joan Connelly's enthusiasm was something else and she was indispensable as the co-ordinator of it all. Our district has a great educational system and we want to see it stay that way. Thanks to all for being concerned enough to vote.

I would like to thank the teachers for putting up such a good display of work at open house, not only in the rooms but the hallways too. The school was just beautiful and we look forward to seeing it again and again.

Spring is almost here (we hope) but along with it sometimes comes windy, nasty weather. Many children get picked up when it's bad outside. The school patrols are not allowed to go into the street to stop traffic, so please be considerate when picking up your children.

Our March meeting is the 22nd and we have a good program planned. Our special education teachers and the district psychologist will be speakers. Also that evening we will have election of officers. Second and third grade room mothers will be hostesses. We hope to see you there.

Marilyn Kasman
President

ROLLER SKATING PARTY

As previously announced, our skating party will be held on Tues., March 22nd from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. This is a half day of school.

Tickets are available from all board members and will also be sold at school on Monday afternoon, March 21st and Tuesday morning, March 22nd. Tickets are 75¢ and skates can be rented at the Oak Lawn Roller Rink for 50¢ a pair. Tickets can also be purchased at the door, however, they will cost $1.00.

Please don't forget the date! It will be a fun day for all. I'm sure all children (young and old) can have a good and safe time.

Please call me at 425-8576 or any board member for your tickets prior to March 21st.

Looking forward to seeing all of you—parents too—on March 22nd.

Mary Ann Tomzek
Recreation Chairman

LAST CALL FOR POST BOX TOPS

Help our school get physical fitness equipment. Please bring your Post box tops by March 25th.
TREASURER'S REPORT

For period ending February 28, 1977

BALANCE ON HAND AT LAST REPORT $1384.17

Receipts
- Membership $ 4.00
- Ways and Means 127.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS $131.75
PLUS LAST BALANCE $1515.92

Disbursements
- Melican Puppet Show $ 95.00
- Ill. Congress of Parents and Teachers 19.25
- Oak Lawn Office Supply 4.48
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS $118.73

BALANCE ON HAND AT THIS REPORT $1397.19

Rita Griffin
Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS

Jennifer and Billy Stanton welcomed a new sister to their home on Feb. 27th. Her name is Elizabeth Ann. Our best wishes to them and to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stanton.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Oak Lawn Baseball is having a Spring Registration on Sat. and Sun. March 12 and 13 and March 19 and 20 at the Field at 99th and Central from 12 noon to 5:00 PM.

All new applicants should bring their birth certificates and must be 7 years old by August 1, 1977. Registration is open to all children from 7 to 18 years old.

Practice will begin in April and the games start on the first Sunday in May. For further information contact Don Anderson, 636-2363.

PARENTS, STAFF, TAKE A BOW!

When I first became involved in the attempt to pass a referendum, I was disturbed at the poor turnouts we had on previous attempts to do so. I began to wonder why more parents would not rally to the needs of the district schools their children attended. My only conclusion was that the parents were not getting the message. I just could not admit that parents didn't really care. Well, you know the results of the referendum and I stand corrected and convinced, YOU DO CARE, and you proved it. When our children were being directly affected, you answered the call and supported our schools. Take a bow!

I would like to thank our wonderful staff at Gasteyer for the role they played in passing the referendum. You were very involved and concerned and it was a nice feeling to be part of such a united effort. You wrote letters which were very effective, you made phone calls, you worked hard on our open house and class visitation. You did your homework very well. Please, staff, take your bow!

To Mr. Stanton, who never doubted we could do it and offered all the encouragement and hard work to make sure we did it, I thank you.

Joan Conelly
A Parent
Thank you!

On behalf of the Board of Education, our Superintendent, Dr. McGugan, and the entire staff of School District 123, I want to thank you for your support and cooperation in passing our rate referendum. We are convinced that without your cooperation, the success we had could not have been achieved.

As a result of the rate referendum passing, we will be able to minimize any serious effects in our program and we will continue to provide for your children the best educational program possible.

Once again, thank you for your continued support—for in the final analysis the children and community are the winners.

Open House—A Big Success

Our Open House was very successful! Almost 80% of our parents visited our school and many were able to see our classes in progress in the afternoon and visit with our teachers in the evening. Many former parents and students, along with other interested community members, were also in attendance.

The teachers and students worked very hard in getting the building ready and many compliments were made on how the school looks. I might add that the staff was pleased at being able to display your children's schoolwork in our halls and they will continue to do this.

Congratulations to the Gasteyer families and community for their continued interest in their children and in their school.

Kindergarten Registration

Once again the PTA provided our school with assistance by helping us on Tuesday, March 1st in signing up children for the 1977-78 kindergarten. I would like to thank Mrs. Almer, Mrs. Durkin, Mrs. Connelly, Mrs. Grabowski, Mrs. Kasman, and Mrs. Ryjewski. They all did an excellent job and helped both the new parents and our school enormously.

Special Education Art Show

The Early Childhood children were involved in an Art Show held at Hannum School on Feb. 17th for the Special Education children in our district and many other surrounding districts. All of our early childhood children participated and many won awards. Our congratulations to them and to Mrs. Malina and Mrs. Pelg for working with the Art Show Planning Committee.

Dropping Off Children At School

Just a reminder about dropping off children at school. Would you please drop children off either in front of the building on 99th Street or on the west side of the building on 54th Avenue (not on school side). We would also appreciate it if you would not drive into our parking lots to drop off children since the children might be hit if a car is backing out or pulling in. Our Safety Patrol also has a difficult time getting the children across the streets when cars stop in the middle of the crosswalk to drop off children. Your cooperation in this matter will certainly be appreciated. Thank you.

Lee Stanton
Principal

A SERIOUS OMISSION

We hope you'll accept our apologies—Steve (K), Michael (5th), and John Armstrong (6th grade) for omitting you in last month's Gazette. Welcome to Gasteyer!
Parental Stress Services was organized in Chicago in 1974 and is designed to help parents who are overwhelmed, frustrated, or angry and who, as a result, cannot interact constructively with their children.

Available is a 24 hour, 7 days a week hotline (463-0390). Frustrated parents can talk to a concerned and understanding volunteer trained to help others handle stressful situations.

Parents Anonymous meetings, held weekly, guarantee complete anonymity and confidentiality. A Parents Anonymous group meets in Oak Lawn at Christ Hospital on Thursday evenings. For more information, please contact the Hot Line number (463-0390).

LIBRARY NOTES

Thank you, parents! Miss Faklis says that the Campbell Soup labels will enable her to purchase at least two cassettes valued at $50.00 each. Cassettes are valuable audio-visual tool for both teachers and children.

At Open House, February 15th, more than 200 parents and children visited the library. Ten brave parents climbed into the "bubble" that was made by Miss Faklis. For those curious about the bubble, she explained that it is used for creativity, imagination, to stimulate conversation, and even project films on it. It can be used for a special project, such as a space ship. It can be used for explaining the function of the human lung. It is also a "quiet" place. The uses for this bubble are indeed, many.

Dorothy Wolf
Reading and Library Chairman

INFANT-PARENT CENTER

If you have any concerns about a child from birth to 3 years of age whose development is not progressing as you expect it should (i.e., slow to roll over, slow to sit, slow to walk or talk, non-responsive to sounds or people, etc.) or if you know of a child who has already been diagnosed as having any type of handicap (i.e., Down's Syndrome, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, brain damage, blindness, deafness, etc.), please contact the I.P.C. Their staff will be happy to consult with you on appropriate programming for a child. For further information, contact: Joyce Bolbus, Blue Cap Infant-Parent Center, 2155 Broadway, Blue Island, Illinois, 60406. Phone 789-6578

BONES

THE WISHBONES—those members who always wish someone else would do the job.

THE JAMBORES—those members who talk a lot and do a lot of criticizing.

THE KNUCKLEBONES—those members who are knocking the efforts of others.

THE BACKBONES—those members who are never too busy to undertake a job and complete it, and are ready to serve their families, organization, and community.

PLEASE RETURN CLOTHING

Mrs. D'Amico has asked parents to return clothing which was loaned to the children during the bad weather. With the rain & mud season ahead, other children may have a need for dry clothing.
Gasteyer School PTA
Oak Lawn, Illinois  60453

Mrs. D. Trimble
9805  54th Ave.
Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453

GASTEYER SKATING PARTY

MARCH 22 20
1-4 P.M.

GET TICKETS NOW

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the school year and my term as PTA President comes to an end, I'd like to say thanks to everyone who helped not only me but all the PTA and school. For so many years the Gasteyer PTA Board has been excellent - a group of friendly, hard-working and co-operative women. Our room representatives have always come through and helped whenever needed. Our staff is tops and our new principal has shown us that he's very capable of handling our children and their school. And our very dear and helpful Mrs. D'Amico - all of us depend on her for so much. My thanks to all of these people and to the rest of you who gave your time and helped to make this a good year.

The years to come will be no exception, especially next year! You as PTA members have elected five very good women to serve in the executive positions on the board. And I have no doubt that Corrine Ryjewski will be one of the best presidents we've ever had. I wish them all the best and congratulate them on their recent installation.

We look forward to next year and we hope you do too!

Marilyn Kasman
1976-77 President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May
- 16 - Cubs Baseball Game-6th Grade Workers
- 25 - PTA Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
- 30 - Memorial Day-No School
June
- 6 - Field Day
- 9 - No School
- 10 - Last Day of School!!

CAREER COUNSELING

How lucky for me my husband and children really agree It's essential I feel free to develop my potential (Although belatedly creatively.
I can run for Congress or open a boutique, become a brain surgeon, anything (they assure me), no matter how unique, anything (just name it) challenging my talents, my energy, my drive - Anything, mind you, as long as I'm home by five.
Feel free, they tell me.
I can become a travel agent if I remember not to travel. Should meteorology and geology stir me, and being an astronaut lure me, I have their good wishes, their kisses, love and support. Assuming that by five every evening I orbit back to our carport.
If I want to study music professionally, they would be exceptionally delighted, excited, cheering me on.
Of course, my concerts would be right her in town - wouldn't they?
Feel free, they tell me, always loud and clear.
But what they don't say is what I also hear:
A mother is one whom, when you are one, nothing else should take precedence. Over being conveniently, usefully and perpetually in residence.
Balance on Hand at Last Report

Receipts: None

Disbursements:
- Gasteyer Gazette Postage $5.04
- Spring Luncheon 9.00
- Scholarship Dinner 4.50
- Bobbie Noonan-FTA Speaker 20.00
- Richard J. Cahill Memorial Mass 5.00
- Mail Florist-Installation Corsages 10.00
- Bank Charge for New Checks 3.07

Total Disbursements: $56.61

Balance on Hand at This Report

Rita Griffin
Treasurer

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

On April 20th, the FTA Council Selection Committee for District 123 met and selected our 1977 Higher Education Award Recipients. The winners are Tami Ito from Oak Lawn High School and Pamela Chopelas from Richards High School.

Tami, who lives at 5266 West 91st Street, attended Brandt and Covington schools. She plans to attend either Illinois Wesleyan Univ. or St. Mary's College of Winona and prepare for a career in environmental or behavioral biology.

Famela Chopelas, who lives at 9332 S. Cock, attended AWARD School. She plans to attend Loyola University and prepare for a career in pharmacy. Both winners will receive their award at our scholarship dinner and spring school of information at Gasteyer School on Tues., May 31st at 6:30 P.M.

The committee selected Rosanne Baker, 8901 S. Beck Place, Hometown as 1st alternate. Rosanne is from Oak Lawn High School and Hometown Grade School and plans to attend Purdue University and become a veterinarian.

The second alternate selected is Gregory Tamm, 10116 S. Kenton. Greg is from Richards and McDonald schools and plans to attend University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and major in civil engineering.

THANKS

Many thanks to all mothers who baked goodies and made our FTA meetings a success. A special thanks to the Room Mothers for helping to clean up. Hope to see you again next year.

Narge Durkin
Social Chairman

LOST

A new Samsonite Bronzetone card table was loaned to the carnival and never found. There is a table left so apparently there was a mix-up.

Please call Marilyn Kasman (425-7092)

ATTENTION

Richards High School will have a Basketball School this summer. Boys going into 4th thru 8th grades who reside in District 218 are eligible. Forms should be available soon through the gym teachers or by contacting Larrie LaFoy (422-3138) - Richards Head Coach.
NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

SIXTH GRADERS’ TRIP TO WRIGLEY FIELD

On Monday, May 16th, our 6th graders will be going on a field trip to Wrigley Field to watch the Chicago Cubs play San Diego. The Gasteyer PTA finances, and our staff supervises, with the help from 6th grade parents, this reward trip for 6th graders who have satisfactorily completed a year's service to the school. This trip is an annual event and the 6th graders are looking forward to it.

VISIT TO SWARD

On Friday, May 20th, our 6th graders will visit Sward School for orientation with the Sward 6th grade classes in planning for next year's 7th grade schoolwork and activities.

HOT DOG DAY

On Friday, April 29th, we held a hot dog day for the children. It was very successful and I would like to thank all those teachers, parents, and 6th graders who helped to make it a success. Since it is our 6th graders last year at Gasteyer School, the entire profits from this day will be used by them and the teachers to purchase an educational gift for our school.

PTA BOARD VS. FACULTY BASEBALL GAME

On Friday, April 29th, the PTA Board was the victor in a hard fought baseball game with the Gasteyer faculty. Everyone had an enjoyable time and the final score was 14-9. The teachers are looking forward to next years game.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY ON VALUES—MAY 9TH—"THE TRUCK"

On April 1st, we held a school assembly to discuss values. The purpose of that assembly was to discuss some basic values with our students and re-emphasize their importance. This month, on May 9th we had another value assembly called "Why Don't You Grow Up" - performed for the students by "The Truck", a repertory touring company. The program was a musical revue for children with a hidden educational purpose. During the course of the performance, students are asked to suggest topics related to "growing up", namely (1) what they would like to do as adults and (2) what they will have to do as adults. The actors improvise short scenes based on these ideas. Thus, members of the audience have a chance to see their own ideas and feelings transported to the stage and dealt with in a way that provides an enlightening perspective. The program was climax by a musical comedy which suggests, by dramatic means, that "growing up" and welcoming responsibility has its rewards.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM SCREENING VOLUNTEERS

During the first week of April, School District 123 screened children for our Early Childhood Program. I would like to thank Mrs. Grabowski and Mrs. Griffin for helping us with this screening. Once again, the PTA has demonstrated its support for our school. Thank you.

BAND CONCERT

On May 20th, a band concert will be performed by the District 123 School Band under the direction of our Band instructors, Mr. Tom Sagen and Mr. John Zachow. (continued on page 4)
BAND CONCERT - Continued

Since some of our own Gasteyer students will play in the Band, I'm sure our students will enjoy it even more.

THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR

The school year will soon be ending and on behalf of the entire staff I would like to thank all the parents and members of the community who helped to make it a very successful one. For myself, as a first year principal, I would like to thank the PTA and parents for all the support they have given the school throughout the year. It is a rewarding experience to work with parents who are involved in their school and concerned about its future. Have a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Lee Stanton
Principal

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for 1977-78

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636-0258

PTA BOARD MEMBERS

call Corrine Ryjewski
424-7849

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