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“Not to defeat each other, but to pace one another on the road to excellence.”

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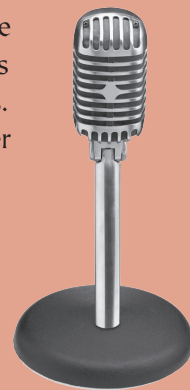
Dr. Jill Prushiek New Advisor to Speech

WHSFA is happy to welcome back to the Board of Control Dr. Jill Prushiek as the Advisor in Speech. Jill was formerly the Advisor to Middle Level. Jill spent many years as a Speech Coach in both WHSF and WFCA and is looking forward to working with the Speech Advisory.

WHSFA would like to thank Dr. Greg Olson for his years of service and wish him good luck on his retirement.

Malone Presents at National Conference

Indianapolis was the site of the 2012 Conference of Speech, Debate and Theatre Directors sponsored National Federation of High Schools. Malone spoke on Working with Your Other Statewide Speech Associations.



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Schools May Enter Six Groups in Speech Festival.

Beginning this year each school may enter up to six groups between Group Interpretation and Play Acting, not to exceed four groups in either category. Schools choosing to enter six groups will have to select a Saturday Time Slot at The State Speech Festival in exchange for having the additional entries. The total number of entries for a school is still 25.



Outstanding Crew Award Added to State Theatre Festival

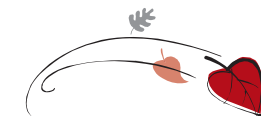
With the changes in the time for One Act Play Festival, WHSFA has been able to add another award for students. In the past, there was no way to recognize the crews that do an amazing job of setting up and striking the set. Now with the school

having 45 minutes of time to be used in any way the school deems necessary, the judges will be in the room to watch set up and strike and be able to recommend the school for an Outstanding Crew Award.

Middle Level to Test New Rubrics

The Middle Level Advisory recommended to the Board of Control that some of the Level I and Level II Festivals experiment with new rubrics this year. The Advisory felt that the old rubrics were often difficult

for the judge and the student to interpret. Nancy Herbison offered to try out some new rubrics at Level I and Level II and report back to the Middle Level Advisory on the rubrics effectiveness.



BOARD OF CONTROL

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New Debate Program for WHSFA Schools.

WHSFA will join with the 21st Century Debate League to present Public Forum Debate to member schools. Public Forum Debate has been practiced for the last several years with great success by the 21st Century Debate League, and they have opened their ranks to member schools of WHSFA. A training for coaches and students was held at Waupaca High School on Saturday, September 15th. If you were unable to attend, it is not too late. A calendar of opportunities is on our website or you may contact Neil Young, Waupaca High School at nyoung@wsd.waupaca.k12.wi.us or 715-258-4131 x1125; Kari Streb, Merrill High School at kari.streb@maps.k12.wi.us or 715-536-4594 x3241; or Kristi Compton at Hortonville High School at kristinecompton@hasd.org or 920-779-7933 x 13204.

You can also read more about it at <http://21stcenturydebatewis.blogspot.com>

In Memoriam: Lynda Luce 1952-2012

Lynda Luce passed away after a courageous battle with breast cancer on Friday, August 31, 2012. Lynda was a member of the WHSFA Speech Advisory for the past four years and a long time WHSFA Speech Coach. She was also very involved with State One Act Festival for many years. Lynda will be greatly missed by everyone who had opportunity to know and work with her.

Procedure for District and/or Sectional Conflicts for One Act

One Act Directors, if you have a conflict with the date of your District Theatre Festival or your Sectional Theatre Festival, the procedure is to contact your District Chair/Sectional Chair and tell them where you would like to go instead of the one to which you are assigned. Your Chair will then contact the Chair at that site and make arrangements if possible.



Announcement of Advancement from District and Sectional Theatre Festival

The Wisconsin High School Forensic Association Board of Control at their Fall Meeting decided that the names of the advancing schools from District and Sectional Theatre Festivals will be announced at the end of the morning, afternoon or evening session. The Board wanted to build the excitement by encouraging schools to stay and be an audience for the other schools performing.



2012-2013 Speech Topics

Moments in History: 1901-1913 Turn of the Century to the Eve of the Great War

Public Address:

- **Sports Related Head Injuries:** What, if anything, can/should be done to reduce concussions and brain injuries caused by sports/athletic participation?
- **Political Partisanship:** What, if anything, should be done to reduce the level of partisanship in state and national government?
- **Great Lakes:** To what extent, if any, should the Great Lakes Commission consider the sale or sharing of water with other parts of the continent?
- **The Draft:** To what extent, if any, should a military draft be re-instituted by the U.S. government?

Storytelling

- A story from Greek or Roman mythology.
- A story involving a ghost.
- A war or military story.
- A story involving trikey or deceit.



Special Occasion:

- You are to present a book talk on at least two books for younger students to the local book club or local library board for a summer reading program.
- You, as maid of honor or best man, are to speak at your siblings wedding.
- You are to present a speech at a local organization about your recent experience as a foreign exchange student.
- You are to address your local school board concerning a school policy students want to change.

Book a Slot for State

Last year WHSFA found that having "Book a Slot for State" was a success. This year the on-line registration will open on November 1, 2012. After a session is full (i.e. 5:30 Friday) the system will ask the school to select a different time slot.

Middle Level Readers Theatre and Play Acting to Have Time Limit Change

Beginning the 2013-2014 school year, the time limit in Readers Theatre and Play Acting will be changed to 12 minutes instead of the present 15 minutes. It was the feeling of the Middle Level Advisory that it would make it easier for schools to set up a schedule and more closely mirror Senior Level Speech. Remember: it does not begin until next year.

Janis Williams New District 8 Chair

Janis Williams joined the Wisconsin High School Forensic Association Board of Control this fall replacing Mark Kohl. Janis has been involved in both forensics and one act play contest for a number of years. She is a teacher at DeForest High School.

Renewal Notices Sent for Adjudicator Recertification

In August all adjudicators whose certification was due for renewal were sent emails to both their personal email addresses and their school email addresses that we have on file in the State Office. If you did not receive one, and know your certification expired, please send an email request for the new test to Linda@whsfa.org.

