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Mr. DeFrisco Returns From Africa

By Brian O'Hara

I recently had another opportunity to interview Mr. DeFrisco. We talked about the trip to Nsukka, Nigeria that he went on in March.

While on his trip, Mr. DeFrisco experienced some hot and humid weather. He traveled with a group of eighteen people, and fortunately all eighteen people returned safely.

Everyone in Nigeria treated Mr. DeFrisco very well. He commented, "They [Nigerians] are very kind people."

He also said that his favorite part of the trip was talking to a group of people that he met on last year's trip and seeing how grateful they were to see that he and his group had returned.

The only regret Mr. DeFrisco had was that he didn't pack enough casual clothes. Mr. DeFrisco enjoyed the sweet



Mr. De Frisco and a new friend in Nsukka, Nigeria

potatoes while in Africa. I asked Mr. DeFrisco if he saw any ideas that he thought could improve St. Hubert. He responded, "Yes. There was some music that I would like to teach our students. I think everyone would enjoy this music." Mr. De Frisco said that the children in Nigeria are very similar to the children here. "I could probably count more similarities than differences. One difference was that the children in Nigeria play outside more.

They don't have as many luxuries, such as electronics, that children here have."

When asked if he feels Africa made him a better person, Mr. DeFrisco stated, "Yes. It gave me an opportunity to learn about the Nigerian culture and their education system. I also had a chance to make new friends."

The last question I asked him was if he felt that he made Nsukka a better place. Mr. DeFrisco responded, "I do. I think we provided a different point of view in education. We also gave them hope; hope for their future."

Over all, Mr. DeFrisco felt that this trip was successful and did reach its main goal. He plans on making this trip again next year.

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Quilts of Hope

By Roel Mendoza

As you know, earthquakes and tsunamis of great magnitudes assaulted Japan. St. Hubert students in seventh grade made quilts for the earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan. Mrs. Grant's class was asked to do this by someone who is a friend of student Grace Saban's mother. The quilts are supposed to give faith and hope to the Japanese people. Each student was given a quilt

square to draw on over the course of two days. Several people drew peace symbols; others drew rainbows and other happy things like smiley faces. Other students drew things that have to do with Japan.

The squares were then sent to Mrs. Saban and her friend for sewing. The quilts are now in Japan, and the class has pictures of the finished quilt for their viewing pleasure. This also helps the

seventh grade students to keep the Japanese victims in their prayers.



One of the quilts made by students to show their support for the people of Japan.

The Snowflakes have Melted, but the Memories Haven't!

By Hugh Tully

Just after spring break, junior high was on an all school day retreat called Snowflake. Not only was it spiritually educational, but it was tons of fun!

The junior high students first gathered in the gym where everyone played people bingo. Students had to find someone who was true to a statement written in a box. However, a person could only sign each person's sheet once, adding to the difficulty. This was supposed to help students learn more about the people that they might know of, but don't personally know.

Next, came the warm fuzzies. A few eighth graders acted out a hilarious play with a story about warm fuzzies. Then everyone was given a warm fuzzy. A warm fuzzy

consisted of two different colors of string made into a necklace with small pieces of strings that were easily removed. Students were to try and tell someone something good about that person. They then traded little strings and attached them to their necklaces.

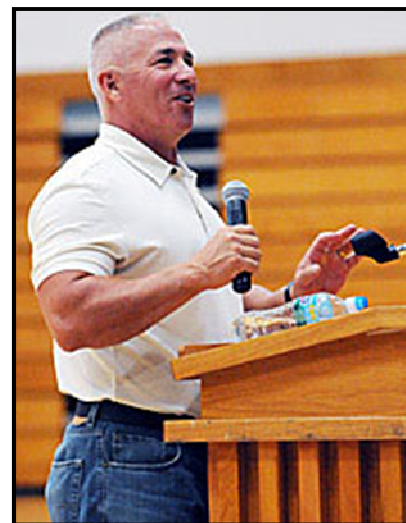
The next event was the one that was probably everyone's favorite part of the day. STEVE!!!! Steve told us about all of the struggles in his life and how he always put them behind him. He refused to give up. I'm still not sure how he was so inspirational and yet so stinking funny!

Finally, everyone went into rotations and talked about the ways that life can be difficult.

In the process, I learned a little more about people, and I think this is great.

All in all, it was a fun day!

Check Steve out at:
<http://www.teenreachinc.org/>



Steve Troglio, founder and director of "Teen Reach"

Hungry? Come and Visit Al!

By Nathan Jones

If you like thick and rich milkshakes made the old-fashioned way with a secret recipe and burgers that are always delicious, Al's Cafe is the place to go.

This Elgin restaurant was established in 1982 by Al Berg. When he started the restaurant, he had three basic shake flavors: chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry. Al had purchased the secret recipe for the famous Burn's Malt from the Burn's Pharmacy, a popular drugstore and malt shop. Al also started with three cold sandwiches. The now famous "Tuna Dill" sandwich is still being served today!

Al started the business with his business partner, Jeff. They worked together for ten years or so. When Al passed away in 1992, his family kept the business alive. Thirteen years ago, the cafe was under new management when Al's family sold it to Julia Pedersen. She then sold the cafe to Tony and Patricia Jamin who have run it for seven years, and still own it today. Tony does all the cooking and is a trained chef. He trained in Holland, Germany, and France and adds his special twist to all the recipes. His food is delicious! Al's cafe has an old-fashioned feel with lots of antiques. The upstairs dining area looks out over downtown Elgin. The patio seating has

gone from around 20 seats to 100 in the summer.

The menu has changed a lot since the day the restaurant opened. The menu has gone from just three shakes to hundreds of custom-made shakes, and the food menu has also increased. They serve all kinds of sandwiches and salads and have monthly specials.

The shakes are especially delicious and there are so many to choose from! You'll have a hard time tasting them all. The shakes can have candy and one of your favorite toppings added too. But if you like a shake without anything added, you don't have to worry because the topping is optional. The food is also excellent. I have eaten here many times and never tried something I didn't like.

One sandwich they are known for is the Tuna Dill. It is creamy and so tasty that you forget you are eating tuna!

The menu also includes other sandwiches, hamburgers, homemade soups, salads, and many other choices. The featured menu is always changing so you will rarely see something you don't like. In fact, they have dinner specials every month.

Patricia, the hostess and owner, will greet you at the door with a smile every time. She is always so friendly and will seat you right away. Your server will come right

over with water, and he/she will give you plenty of time to review the menu before your order.

As soon as your food is ready, your server will bring it to your table hot and ready to eat. Don't forget to order your milk shake for dessert!

Make your plans to head to Al's for lunch or dinner soon. You can call ahead because many nights are busy and they do take reservations. You can also visit alscafe.com to check out the lunch specials and monthly dinner specials.

After your dinner, you can enjoy a walk through Downtown Elgin and look at the shops.

Get to Al's for great food and ice cream as soon as possible! Tell Mrs. Jamin you read this review because she was so helpful in giving me the history of Al's Cafe.

**43 Dupage Court
Elgin, IL 60120
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alscafe.com**



Scouting for Life

By James Becker

On March 4th, Boy Scout Troop 399 went on an extraordinary trip up to Wisconsin to enjoy a wonderful weekend. It started with the boys loading a trailer on a Friday night. We had our church service before leaving where we prayed that we would be safe on the slippery roads. A three hour long drive was added to the equation; we were off to a pretty boring start!

Everyone's spirits rose as we pulled into the driveway, but there was still a lot to do before anyone could relax in their cabins. Chores included unloading the trailer, helping with the personal gear, and getting scouts escorted to their cabins.

At the campsite, the new scouts (also known as raccoons) learned how to tie

ropes, whip and fuse ropes, and sharpen knives and axes. They were also taught how to cook food for themselves. They thought it was fun trying to do something new. All of the training was conducted by the older scouts who have been through this before. After the training in the morning, the older scouts went to the wood shop to build something of wood using buzz saws, drills and hammers. The ending project turned out to be a basketball hoop laundry bin which I thought was very interesting.

When we were done with the project, everyone ate lunch and had some free time until dinner. Each patrol was assigned to make a soup for a contest. All of the soups were exceptional for any campout (even though the raccoons put in a little too much salt, but

it was their first time). The "Lightning Patrol" snagged first place.

Overall, the campout was a great time for all of the scouts.

If this sounds like fun to you, consider joining the Boy Scouts. Scouting begins for boys in first grade who become Cub Scouts. They begin as a Tiger and rise through the ranks. Scouting continues through high school. So, if you want to have the greatest time in your life, join the Boy Scouts!!!



The Poetry Corner

Books

By Alan Zapinski

Most books are fun to read,
But there is one warning you must heed.
Some books you can't put down,
Those are the ones that deserve a crown.
Books can take you to a different land,
Some are bad, but some are grand.
Books can take you back in time,
You can go back to see the invention of the dime!
Action, biography, whatever you choose;
When reading a book you can never lose!



Computers

By Alan Zapinski

Perfect for the games
Some are fast and some are slow
Lots of endless fun



A Sonic Boom in the Suburbs!

By Brian O'Hara

A new food chain arrived in Streamwood this winter. Sonic Burger opened up in Streamwood. Many people may be familiar with the Sonic commercials but have never had the opportunity to taste its food.

The Sonic menu offers a wide variety of food including Chicago Dogs, Grilled Cheese, Crispy or Grilled Chicen Bacon sandwiches, Sonic Burgers, Sonic Cheeseburgers, and Bacon Cheeseburger Toaster Sandwiches. It will leave customers wanting to come back and try the whole menu.

Sonic is not only known for their food, but also for their world famous collection of fountain drinks, slushees, and milk shakes. Happy hour is every day from 2-5 p.m. During Happy Hour drinks are half price.

Sonic also has a wide variety of soft drinks on the menu.

Sonic Slushees come in many flavors including cherry, grape, watermelon, cranberry, orange, blue coconut, and Powerade Mountain Blast.

Sonic's menu doesn't end here. They have a dessert menu as well! Ice cream lovers must try a real ice cream shake. Take your pick from vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, pineapple, Banana, or caramel. Desserts on the menu include single topping sundaes, banana splits, their legendary floats and Cream Slush treats.

Sonic is also famous for its atmosphere. Customers drive up next to an ordering machine where they can take as much time as they need to decide what to order. A menu is on display above the ordering machine.

When customers have made their final selections, they click on a button and hear a happy voice that is ready to take their order. The food is brought directly to the customer's car within five to ten minutes. It's well worth the short wait because the food is great!

**Sonic is located at
1121 West Stearns Road
Bartlett, IL 60103
630-289-1860**

You can also visit their website at:

Sonicdrivein.com



Spring Band Contest

By James Becker

This spring the St. Hubert Bands played at St. Mary's School and blew everyone away! Although all of the bands did a phenomenal job, the Senior Band received the highest score out of the three St. Hubert Bands.

The Senior Band played "March for a Festive Occasion", "Caturbuery Walk", and "Phoenix Overture". The Intermediate Band played "March del Mar",

"Medieval Legend", and "Simple Gifts". Finally, the Junior Band played "The Crusaders", "One, Two, Three", and "O The March". All of these pieces were amazing and would sound great at any occasion. When the songs were over, the crowd cheered for the bands as they left the performance area.

The students waited for their score in the school cafeteria. Each of the St. Hubert Bands were awarded a "gold" level score (the highest

award possible). The band members accepted the trophies and brought them back to St. Hubert when school resumed on Monday. Many students expressed their gratitude to their director, Mr. Case. They credit him with giving the students the courage to compete in front of the judges and a large audience.

Congratulations band members, and thank you Mr. Case!

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Play Ball!

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