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A Big Crowd A Gala Night

Over 200 people crowded into Junior's Last Laugh on State St. in Erie for the second annual Corporate Spelling Bee sponsored jointly by Books for Kids and WQLN education.

With **Scott Wludyga** again at the microphone as M.C., **Hard Core, Hard Bop** warming up the crowd, judges **Mary Jane Keonig** and **Stephanie Domitrovich** giving the thumbs up or thumbs down, and 16 teams competing vigorously for top prize, the evening was a great success.

In addition to the Bee, there were silent and "Chinese" auctions for goody baskets put together by board member **Donna Gloekler**.

Altogether it was a wonderful evening, with Debbie Richardson of **Junior's Last Laugh** playing the perfect hostess and providing tasty hor d'oeuvres, **Doug's Punchline Bar** serving up the drinks, and Junior's kitchen serving meals and snacks to the hungry multitudes.

Special thanks go to the Bee organizing committee members **Traci Teudhope, Dean Baldwin, Ron Simonetti, Donna Glockler,** and **Mary Jane Koenig.**

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And the Winners Were

First Prize: **CASA/Greentree Press**
Tied for Second: **PNC Bank** and **Erie Business Center**
Spirit Award: **Evelyn's Hallmark**
Best Costumes: **Little Caesar's Pizza**

Thanks again to all of our generous sponsors, and hearty congratulations to the winners!

To get some flavor of the evening's fun and competition, see the photos on the next page.

Apologies to Erie Business Center. The Photo was blurry.

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CASA/Green Tree Press Celebrates
Tony Pasquale, Floyd Lawrence, Mary Weckesser



Runners Up PNC Bank
Michelle Barlow, Julie Mead, Joe Currier
(No photo available for Erie Business Center)



Costume Winners Little Caesar's Pizza



Mary Jane Koenig and Judge Domitrovich



M. C. Scott Wuldyga



Jenny Kaleta, Michelle Eidenmuller, Marueen Deegan
and Traci Tuedhope of WQLN, and Donna Cloekler of
Books for Kids

Baldwin Speaks to Kiwanis
President Bean Baldwin addressed the breakfast meeting of the Millcreek Kiwanis Club on April 9.

As always, he explained the history and mission of Books for Kids, stressed the need for needy children in Erie to receive our free books, and displayed samples of the books we give away.

Thanks to Kiwanis' President Marie Hanes for the warm welcome and support.

If your club, business, service organization, church, or group would like to hear about Books for Kids, contact Bean Baldwin at 898-6214 or at dxb11@psu.edu.

Clean Up Day at Headquarters

Like teenagers who haven't cleaned their rooms in weeks, Books for Kids board members gathered Saturday, April 12 to organize our book stocks, take inventory, and generally clean up our store room at Bethany Outreach Center on East 10th St.

Thanks to board member **Jane Levin**, her son **Charlie**, and Charlie's friend **Michael Sundberg**, plus board members **Dean Baldwin**, **Juan Fernandez**, and **Florence Smith** for their hard work.

Our store room and distribution center is now presentable to our guests and more organized for ourselves.

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We try to send out renewal notices periodically to let members know when their memberships lapse, but you can save us printing and postage costs by noting the date on your mailing label.

The date above your name is the date your membership expires, so please take a moment to note the expiry date, and if your membership has expired, please renew as soon as possible.

Matching Gifts

Many employers will match their employees' charitable contributions. Locally, both PNC Bank and General Electric

follow this practice, but we believe many other employers do as well.

Check at work to determine whether your employer will match your contribution to Books for Kids.

Every dollar helps promote literacy and life-long learning among the children and youth of Erie County.

Want to Help?

Like other non-profits, we are always looking for folks willing to lend a hand.

At the moment, we are without a board member able to take care of public relations and publicity. As a result, we miss some opportunities to publicize our work and communicate our message to those who haven't yet heard of us.

If any of our readers is able and willing to join our board and help with public relations, we would be more than happy to consider candidates.

Anyone interested may learn more and volunteer by calling Dean Baldwin at 898-6214 or any board member.

We Change Lives

Giving a child a book may seem a simple act, but those who receive our books tell us that they make a real difference.

Literacy is a life-long gift, and all who support Books for Kids can feel good about the fact that our books do change lives.

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