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## President's Message

On Virginia PTA Day at the General Assembly in late January, Henrico County PTAs were well represented. The initial program conducted by the State PTA was very informative. Later that morning about 15 members of PTAs in Henrico County spoke directly with Senator Stoush on educational issues. All who attended gained an increased knowledge of some of the legislation that the State PTA is supporting and also learned a lot about the General Assembly legislative process.

At our February meeting, Mr. Fred Morton, Superintendent presented the proposed budget for Henrico County Schools for the next school year. We appreciated his insight into why the recommendations were made. School Board members were on hand afterwards to address any questions on the budget. **This is one meeting you will not want to miss next year!**

We want to thank all of those PTAs who have made a donation to the George H. Moody Scholarship Fund. We have one magisterial district (Tuckahoe) that has made the goal of 100% of the PTAs in that district making a donation. Congratulations! As you know, on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Walk, they are now entitled to throw a pie at Mr. Fred Morton, Superintendent of Henrico Schools.

The next HCCPTAs General Meeting is scheduled on April 5, 2006 at Hermitage High School. This will be a joint meeting with the Lay Advisory Committee. The topic will be "Healthy Lifestyles – At Home and At School". Beginning at 6:30 p.m. we will have a meet and greet time set aside for PTA leaders to network and share ideas. Then the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The slate of officers for the 2006-2007 year will be presented as well.

Thank you again for all you do for Henrico County Schools and our children.

**Anne Carson**  
**President, HCCPTA**

## Henrico County Council of PTAs Needs You!!

It's that time again and the HCCPTA is seeking qualified individuals for the 2006/07 executive board. The nominating committee for Henrico County Council was elected at the February 8th meeting at Wilder Middle School and consists of HCC board members: Sharon Dunkum and Mirinda Lawrence and from the five districts: Helena Lythgoe, Tammy Zimmer, Amy Baxter, Kim Jones and Amy Goodfellow.

The proposed slate of officers will be presented in the March Council Newsletter and will be voted on at the April 5, 2006 Henrico County Council meeting at Hermitage High School.

If you are a dedicated PTA member and are interested in serving at the county level please respond to committee chair, Mirinda Lawrence at [mirindalawrence@comcast.net](mailto:mirindalawrence@comcast.net). Please respond no later than February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Submitted by:  
2006/07 Nominating Committee

## PRESIDENT'S CHECKLIST

- Elect your Nominating Committee
- Ask your Executive Board to let your nominating committee know their intentions for the coming year.
- Remind your Treasurer that all dues collected since December 1 must be in the State Office by March 1.

### An update from the Fairfield Vice President...

I would like to encourage everyone to participate in making the 2005/2006 Moody Scholarship program a success! Local units are encouraged to make a donation; any size is welcome. If ALL Fairfield District schools make a donation, Fred Morton will take a pie in the face for Fairfield at the walkathon. Please also get a team or teams together and join us at the Walkathon at Regency Square Mall on March 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be through by 10:00 am. Information about the Walkathon and Banquet has been sent to the PTA Presidents. Please look for your information and if you have not received it please contact me. If I can assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to call me. Home 321-6838, work 496-4171, cell 647-9495. I look forward to seeing you at the Walk! ☺

Fairfield V.P. – Lula Lamb

### County Council Annual Banquet

This year's Henrico County Council PTA banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd at Hermitage High School. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. Registration forms are due by April 3rd. The packet was sent out to all PTA presidents on Monday, February 6th, 2006 via the pony. Please, check your PTA boxes for this information. The cost is \$16.00 per person. If you have any questions, please contact me at 264-0930 or [crystalsarvay@aol.com](mailto:crystalsarvay@aol.com).

Thank you,  
Crystal Sarvay, Banquet Chair

### Three Chopt District News

The 16 PTAs of the Three Chopt District continue to be a busy group. There is no such thing as the winter doldrums of inactivity for most of our boards, because now is the time to build for next year's officers and committee chairs. Nominating Committees are being formed (many to be elected in February) to begin their search for new and continuing board members for the 2006 – 2007 school year.

Additionally, many schools are working to support the Moody Scholarship Fund, through direct contributions from the PTA and/or participating in the Moody Walkathon at Regency Mall March 4. You may remember from last month's newsletter that Mr. Morton, our school superintendent, has promised he will "take a pie to the face" for any and all of the five Henrico County Districts who have 100% of the PTA's from their district's schools pledge money (in any amount) to the Moody Scholarship fund. At the publication deadline for this month's newsletter, at least one district has 100% participation, so that's at least one pie in the face! We at Three Chopt District are hoping to achieve this all-school participation goal as well. Also, many PTA's are organizing teams of folks to walk the mall at Regency and raise money this way.

PTA membership in the Three Chopt District continues to increase. The schools providing membership information report an average of 96% participation (comparing memberships to total number of students), with six schools over 100% participation! Please continue to encourage your families to join the PTA – parents can become PTA members at any time throughout the school year.

As mentioned back in the September HCCPTA Newsletter, one of the main goals this year is to improve on the three most important factors for every PTA: communication, communication, and communication. Our PTA's have shown significant progress in this area over the past few months. Several schools have written operating procedures documenting what, when, and how their PTA's are conducting themselves. Others have held events and created procedures for turning over materials, knowledge, and experience from one board member to the next.

Submitted by: David Johnson..Three Chopt District VP

### Let's keep in touch...

Please help HCCPTA stay in touch with you and your fellow board members. Send any contact information changes to Helena Lythgoe, *Communications Chair* at: [lythgoes4@comcast.net](mailto:lythgoes4@comcast.net)

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Show your  
Henrico County  
spirit and help  
organize a walk  
team and gather  
those pledges!  
The HCCPTA  
goal is \$20000

**The George H Moody Scholarship Walk is coming...  
Saturday March 4, 2006 Regency Square Mall**

**The fun starts at 8:00 am**

### A Few Quick Tips:

- Be sure to sign up your team
- Bring your pledge form with you on Saturday
- Prizes will be given to the youngest walker, oldest walker, team with most walkers and many other prizes to be awarded
- Dress to impress- Wear your school colors or spirit wear
- Get those pledges- Prizes will be awarded to the team with the most money raised

For more information contact Sharon Dunkum at 741-4489  
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