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A S **ervice:** **a:** the occupation or function of serving <in active *service*> **b:** employment as a servant **c:** the work performed by one that serves <good *service*> **d:** contribution to the welfare of others **e:** a helpful act <did him a *service*> **f:** useful labor that does not produce a tangible commodity (Webster's Dictionary)

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This issue of the Reporter is focused on service. Exploring such a broad area is a difficult task this issue has a variety of articles to help your Council. From project ideas, community service ideas, workshops, or information on participating in a variety of IASC activities, there is something for everyone here!

Student Council itself is labeled an activity at high schools across the state. However, what do we do for others?

Our schools have been supported by the community in a variety of ways from attending sporting events, viewing musicals and other theatrical events, and even funding the school.

It is Student Council's duty as much as any activity within the school to thank the com-

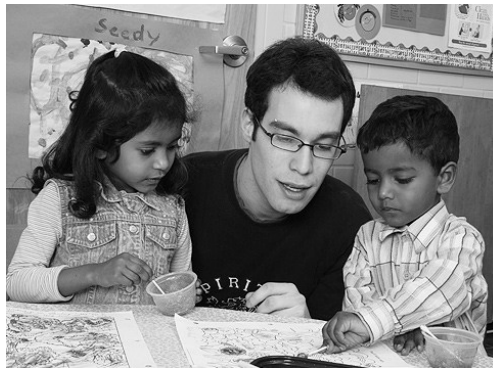
munity. Community service is a beautiful thing that everyone can and should participate.

Each council has there host of can food drives, clothing drives, and money collections, however there is much more that can be done! Investigate and find new and exciting ways to give back to your community!

It may seem difficult or the task is too great. However, the rewards are well worth the challenges you may face.

Look beyond the struggles and the barriers you may face. Few opportunities give us the incredible experience to help a fellow student or a member of the community. Do something extraordinary.

With something to think about
— David Pileski, Reporter Editor



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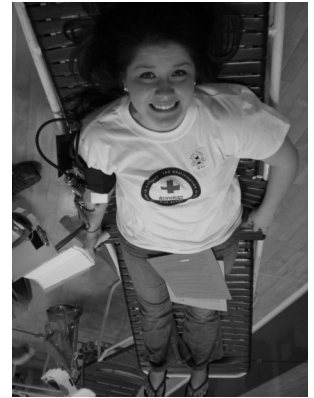
Service

How to save a life: Student Council Blood Drives

By: Adriana Garcia
Morton High School

If you like to have fun, enjoy heartwarming feelings, and want to give back to your community I have the perfect proposal for you and your council. A blood drive is a fun and easy community service project that can involve your entire school. With a motivated council and a call to the Red Cross, the work will be fun and every donation your council collects can save up to 3 lives. What better service can you do for your community then to give the gift of life? My school recently ran

a blood drive, and I even gave blood for the first time. One helpful pointer to any council who is planning a blood drive would be to remind your donors to eat a hearty breakfast. This makes the process of giving blood much easier on the body, and makes the donating experience that much better. With the help of the Red Cross, your school, and of course your student council you too can enjoy a wonderful community service project that saves lives!



Blood drives are not only fun but rewarding! Photo provided by Adriana Garcia

ATTENTION ADVISORS:

Have an opinion or idea on your mind? I know you do!

Well instead of keeping those brilliant ideas and thoughts bottled up inside, write for the

Reporter! Share your

experiences and wealth of knowledge with students and other advisors from across the state!

Please e-mail your ideas, articles, or questions to David Pileski at

d_pileski@yahoo.com.

I look forward to hearing from you very soon!

Blanket competition brings joy to ill

By: Cassie Grimm
KDASC Vice President

The Kickapoo District Association of Student Councils is proud to announce that it has created over 150 fleece tie-side blankets this year!

The idea began last year, when a service project was brought to our attention: Linus Blankets. Councils created these blankets last year so that they could be donated to the Linus organization to be distributed to needy children throughout the area.

Unfortunately, the organization was not accepting the type of blankets that we were donating at the time.

At this point, we had rooms full of blankets, but nothing to do with them. Our previous board president suggested that we

donate them elsewhere – so we did just that.

Through a family connection, one member proposed donating them to the newly built Mills Breast Cancer Institute. She called and asked and the Institute was glad to accept our donations.

We sent all of the blankets we had and the were hugely appreciative.

Earlier this year, we received a call from the Institute saying that they were running very low on blankets. These were blankets that patients were so grateful to receive that they often cried with thankfulness. We knew we could not let them run out. And so on Tuesday, December 7, at our district fall retreat, we banded together



*For more information log on to <http://www.projectlinus.org/> for more information about the Linus Blanket Project!
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er to create more blankets.

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State Service Project in final months

By: Chad Webster
IASC President



Leadership is risen to new heights at NASC

By: Mr. Gary Clark
IASC Executive Director

Since 1931 the goal of National Association of Student Councils has been to help all student councils become more effective organizations.

NASC represents middle level and high school councils nationwide. It seeks to provide a valuable partnership between students and their school. It creates the opportunity for students to become effective leaders, thus encouraging and influencing a positive school climate.

In 2009 Highlands Ranch High School is the proud host of the national conference. Conference Attendees will

spend four days in the beautiful state of Colorado while participating in keynote speakers, student-led workshops, environmental community service projects at CU Boulder, and have a part in the most spectacular candle lighting ceremony in conference history. Every conference attendee will leave the Centennial State with a new-found energy for student leadership.

The registration cost is \$415 however; you will also have transportation and hotel expenses. The estimated total cost of the conference is \$1,000 to \$1,200. If you

are interested in participating in this year's conference please contact the IASC Executive Director, Gary Clark, at 618 580 7667 or by email at gclark51@yahoo.com.



ADVANCE QUOTE

— Ashley Walker
Ramsey High School

Advance Workshop helps explore one's self

By: Michael Ovca
Tuscola High School

At the Advanced Leadership Workshop in Carlinville last month, a number of Student Council members from around the state gathered for a leadership seminar lead by Debbie Clough as well as a number of other advisors.

Mrs. Clough spoke to the group about numerous leadership styles and values. This was a great opportunity to get to meet other members and discuss specific examples of leadership and interactions in each school. With such a diverse group of students, it gave a unique opportunity to discuss the environments of schools and communities. Advanced also focused on intergroup relations. The greater group was split up into smaller discussion groups that went off to separate rooms. Here, advisors led groups that talked about everything from interacting with one another on council to including others in the community to accomplish tasks.

The small group environment allowed students to get to know others in their group closely and to learn more about

each other's personalities. The groups did this through a number of activities, including decorating bags with cutouts of each person's values from magazines.

The groups also learned how to be accepting of others and to include those who weren't the most "popular".

Mrs. Clough also had the group do a number of surveys that helped analyze where each individual student's values lie. The students had to consider who they really were and what they stood for. These were then discussed as a group. This gave everyone the opportunity to see the range of views and learn to accept others for who they are.

Advanced was a great experience that everyone should attend if they have the chance. It was an amazing opportunity to bond with other IASC schools and meet new friends.

You will also learn more about yourself over the weekend retreat, making it a worthwhile experience.

ADVANCE QUOTE

—Tyler McDowall
2006-2007 IASC Webmaster

ACADEMY QUOTE

— Jessica Rumbledt
2007-2008 IASC President

WANTED: Student Council Scholars

By: Krystal Rhodes
IASC 1st Vice President

The IASC is going on a state wide search for bright young leaders, like you, to join us for Leadership Academy and Officers Only.

"Leadership Academy, what's that?"

We're so glad you asked! Leadership Academy just so happens to be another marvelous workshop from the masterminds of the IASC that provides a hands on and in depth look at the importance of teambuilding in developing student leaders.

At Leadership Academy, you'll learn all the chemistry it takes to make up a great team, and an even better student council. Leadership Academy will be held on April 18th-19th starting

at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and ending at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday and to attend you must have previously attended Advanced Workshop.

"Ok, then what's Officers Only?" Officers Only is a workshop designed specifically for newly elected officers or those students planning to run for an office. At Officers Only you'll focus on parliamentary procedure, meeting skills, and officer responsibilities.

The Officers Only workshop will be held on April 18th and lasts from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. "Awesome, I want to go! What do I do next?" Log onto www.illinoisstuco.com and print out the appropriate registration form. The IASC hopes to see you there!

The duty of service and advisors

By: Ms. Deb Clow
2nd Year Advisor at Large

This issue of the Reporter is about service. The word brings to mind phrases like being a servant, providing something, and giving assistance. Student Council advisors are a group of people who continually do all of the above. An advisor touches many lives and gives students many opportunities to grow as leaders. Many hours are spent as a servant. In addition to normal student council activities, advisors are often called upon to do those other activities around the building that no one else wants to do.

It could be another dance, raising money for a charity, or organizing an event.

Student Council provides many things for the student body especially Homecoming activities and the dance. The advisor is there to give the leadership needed to accomplish those tasks. The dedication of the advisor gives a student an opportunity to expand his or her knowledge of leadership through participation at the district and state level. These opportunities provide students the skills needed to be productive citizens of our future.

Advisors are continually giving assistance to students. At

the local level, they guide students through meetings and organizing projects. As students continue to the district and state levels, many hours are spent preparing reports, traveling to meetings and workshops, and just providing a listening ear. Every student participating at the district or state level has an advisor that is continually guiding him or her to pursue all training available.

If you are an advisor, thank you for the hours of service you provide to your students and school. If you are a student, go immediately to your advisor and thank them for their dedication and service to you and your council.

Advisor make a world of difference in Council

By: Ms. Norma Walters
IASC 1st Vice President's Advisor

The IASC has been a part of my life for the last 19 years and has greatly enhanced my teaching career. As an advisor, working with students in Student Council has been a rewarding experience for me at the local level (Ramsey H.S), at the district level (Eastern), and at the state level (IASC). At each of these levels, I have had the privilege of working with bright, intelligent students and have been able to share in their enthusiasm for learning and life in general and have learned a great deal along the way myself. I have had the opportunity to travel to many places up and down the great state of Illinois as well as several rewarding trips out of state. Each of these experiences has enhanced my life more than words can express.

Many of you advisors reading this have experienced similar rewards. Some of the new advisors are just familiarizing themselves with the oppor-

tunities their students can participate in and are embracing what participation in the IASC can afford. I would like to encourage all the advisors, long timers and newcomers, to embrace all that the IASC has to offer and to be a part of the organization because **you are truly needed.**

Each advisor fills a unique position that makes the IASC run more efficiently. If you are missing, then one cog in the system is not functioning properly and the IASC does not function at its highest level of productivity. You, as an advisor, have first hand knowledge of the bright and intelligent students in your school and through your encouragement they can get involved and grow in ways that will benefit them for the rest of their life.

You, as an advisor, can participate with your students at so many levels that is each important in its own way. Not every advisor will have the opportunity to have a state officer or perhaps even a district officer, but every advisor can encourage students

to attend One Day Drive In's, Summer Leadership Workshop, Advanced Leadership Workshop, Leadership Academy, and the state convention. At each level your students interact with some of the brightest students across the state of Illinois and gain leadership skills that will follow them through out school and college and also be useful later in life.

So I would just like to encourage all advisors to keep up the good work of educating the best and brightest of Illinois and thank you for participating in the IASC and for all you do in making the IASC a stronger organization. Please know that **you are truly needed** and everyone of you deserve so much more than you will receive. Thank you for your service past and for your service to come. If you are not sure how to get involved please feel free contact any state board member, because with out you, out there doing your part, their job is much harder and the IASC want you to succeed so they can succeed.

SPOT LIGHT

Illinois Valley: Busy Year Full of Action

By: **Emily Clennon**
Kickapoo District State Liason

The Kickapoo District is busy again this year! We are working hard to form stronger bonds throughout the district, get more schools involved, and reach out to the community. We have had three outstanding events already this year, and members came out in record numbers to join in the activities.

At the Fall Picnic, hosted by Tuscola High School, everyone played games, made new friends, and met the District officers. Unity High School hosted the Halloween Dance, an evening filled with more fun games, dancing, and lots of creative costumes.

Lastly, St. Joseph-Ogden High School hosted the Fall Workshop, where members learned more about each other and the officers and devised hilarious skits to represent Student Council.

Our two main goals this year are getting more schools in our area active at the district

level and making fleece blankets for the patients of the Mills Breast Cancer Institute in Urbana.

We are contacting as many other schools as possible and inviting them to join us at our events, and the officers will soon be heading out to talk to councils one on one about all of the benefits to being part of the Kickapoo District. The blanket-making is also coming along very well.

At the Fall Workshop, attendees made twenty-six warm and fuzzy blankets. The blankets were immediately delivered to the Mills Breast Cancer Institute to be handed out to patients receiving chemotherapy. The workers there were overjoyed and cannot wait for the dozens more blankets that will be delivered throughout the year.

We would like to thank all of our amazing members who are making this year so much fun and so productive, and, of course, our advisors who make all of our activities possible.

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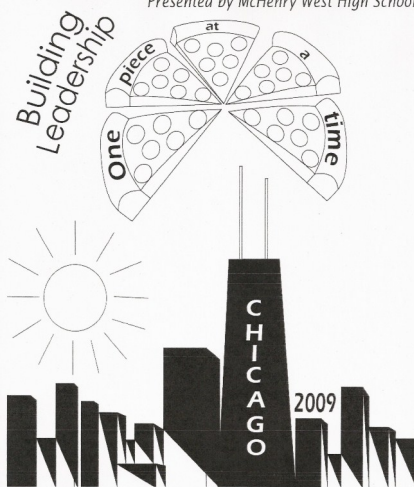
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IASC Convention Update:

By: **Tori Weinberg**
*IASC Convention
Secretary*

IASC STATE CONVENTION
Presented by McHenry West High School

Greetings from McHenry West Campus!



Just a friendly reminder that the IASC State Convention is coming up very soon. Be sure to get your registration forms in as soon as possible, the envelope must be postmarked by **April 1st**!

I promise you, the convention is everything it's cracked up to be. On Thursday night don't miss out on seeing Clifton Truman Daniel, the grandson of former President Harry Truman, as well as Ted Wiese on Friday.

In addition, we have a special guest, Connie Payton, the wife of the great Walter Payton speaking on Saturday morning.

The IASC State Convention is a great way for students to network and make new friends from across the state as well as learn new leadership skills. Attending the convention would benefit you and your school greatly.

If you have any questions about the IASC State Convention, or anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact me. I cannot wait to see all of you soon!

District blanket project reaches out: continued

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On this day, we created over 30 blankets and urged schools to keep making the blankets throughout the year – and they have responded.

This year, we have made over 150 blankets to donate again to the Mills Breast Cancer Institute.

This easy and fun service project brings joy to the faces of ill cancer patients, and it's something very touching to see first hand. We're very proud of our accomplishment as a district, and we hope that our idea – Mills Blankets – will spread to other councils.

What is happening in your Council?

Throughout the school year, look for ideas for local councils or district events! Please send updates with what is happening with your district, community service, fundraisers, or other unique projects at your Council to share with other schools around the state!

E-mail YOUR news to:

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2008-2009 Dates

OFFICER TRAINING:

April 18, 2009 in Bloomington, IL at the IHSA Headquarters

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY:

April 18-19 2009 in Bloomington, IL at the IHSA Headquarters

STATE CONVENTION:

May 7-9, 2009 at the Hilton Chicago

NATIONAL CONVENTION:

June 27-30, 2009 in Colorado

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