

# CLCN CHRONICLES

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### DEAR FRIENDS,

Dear Friends, Thursday morning our friend and fellow homeschooler, Nancy, went home to be with her Lord. Even during the past few years while she was battling cancer she was a continuous testimony to the Lord's faithfulness.

Nancy was also very active in her service to homeschoolers. Nancy has been a board member serving CLCN members for several years. She had been a co-op leader and the inspiration and organization behind our fall classes. Many of us have benefited from her encouragement. Now we have an opportunity to be an encouragement to those she loved dearest - her family.

At this time Nancy's church, New Life Wesleyan in Chesterton, is providing meals. In the near future we will be able to help with meals.

Perhaps you have other ideas to encourage the family. Please let the Lord lead you in this. If you have ideas that you would need help please let me know.

It has also been suggested that CLCN collect any funds that we are able to donate to help the Wilmsens at this time and with their educational needs in the future. If you would like to donate any sum to the family please make your check to CLCN and put the family name in the memo section.

Plans have been made to continue the homeschooling of their six children. A prayer would be for Carl as he seeks wisdom to continue homeschooling the children in the years to come. Their desire is to see each of their children graduate from home school. We know that the Lord can provide.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR (SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION)

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| January | 5  | Auditions for Talent Show/Benefit<br>Home Depot Make-it-and-Take-it |
|         | 8  | Viewing/Funeral for Nancy   |
|         | 11 | Fun Friday  |
|         | 18 | Roller Skating Party  |
|         | 25 | Fun Friday  |

February            7 Spring Co-op begins  
                          9 Homeschool Talent Presentation and Benefit

Coming Events    May 10 - 2008 CLCN Homeschool Graduation

## FIELD TRIPS/SOCIAL EVENTS

**Rollerskating** - January 18th from 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm at Faith Evangelical Bible Church gym. This is to raise money for a missions trip. We are suggesting \$1 per skater. There will be a variety of snacks and drinks available. All proceeds will go directly to the missions trip. Please enter through the doors at the back of the building. You need to bring your own rollerskates or rollerblades. Please make sure your skate wheels are clean and not too rough.

## TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS ARE SATURDAY!

It's not too late for your child to audition for the HERO Talent Presentation and Benefit, which will benefit *Feed My Starving Children*, an organization seeking to end world hunger.

This encore event will be held Saturday, February 9th, 2008, at Faith Evangelical Bible Church in Valparaiso, and will feature well-known comedian and homeschool dad Don Tersigni as emcee.

**Auditions are this Saturday, January 5th**, at 1 pm at Faith Bible Church in Valparaiso. Any type of talent and ability will be considered. Even parent-child acts are acceptable!

This will be an evening to laugh, share homeschool humor, and watch some great talent presentations from area homeschoolers. A video presentation for *Feed My Starving Children* will also be shown. Your generous donations that night will help starving children worldwide.

Please consider allowing God to use your child's abilities and talent for this worthy cause!

## SPRING CO-OP SET TO BEGIN

"**Amazing Animals in the News**," will run for six consecutive Thursdays, February 7 to March 13, from 9:15 am - 12:15 pm. Kindergarten through 6th graders will explore different ecosystems and the amazing animals that live in them. In conjunction with that, the teens will learn the newspaper process, from planning, reporting, photography, writing and editing, to layout and publishing. They will also edit and publish a co-op newsletter to give each family on the final day. Submissions for the newsletter will come from stories and art submitted by the younger students, as well as contributions from the teens. The pre-school class will explore an animal alphabet. An amazing live-animal show will conclude the co-op sessions.

## **DR. JAY WILE TO SPEAK AT GRADUATION**

Dr. Jay Wile, Apologia Ministries founder and author of the popular Apologia science textbooks, will present the commencement address during the 2008 CLCN Homeschool Graduation ceremony. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event will be held Saturday, May 10th, at 2 pm, at Liberty Bible Church in Chesterton.

The graduation ceremony is open to any area homeschooler. Details and costs can be obtained by contacting Donna.

In addition to the commencement address, the ceremony will also include traditional caps, gowns and honors/activities cords and pins; a slide and video presentation on each senior; a homeschool choir and/or orchestra, official diplomas presented by the parents; individual memory tables, and a light reception afterwards. Last year's event was attended by approximately 100 people and many area homeschoolers contributed their time, energy and food items to make it really special.

If you would like to participate in this year's commencement ceremony, or would like more information about it, please feel free to contact me in the near future. If you know of a Northwest Indiana homeschooling family that has a senior, please forward this information to them.

If you or your children would like to help with this year's ceremony, please watch the newsletter in the coming months for opportunities to do so. We will need orchestra and choir participants, helpers before and after the ceremony, as well as food donations for the reception. This is a great way to support the senior families.

## **BOX TOPS ARE DUE!**

The due date for sending in Box Tops for Education coupons is coming up. A collection box will also be available at the spring co-op at Liberty Bible Church. All coupons turned in by February 21st. The coupons can have ragged edges, as long as the expiration date is readable. Thank you for taking the time to collect and save these coupons. The money we earned will be used by the CLCN board to expand our lending library. If you have any requests of how this money should be spent, please feel free to talk to Tricia or any of the CLCN board members.

## **IUPUI ANNOUNCES 2008 POETRY CONTEST**

IUPUI received a good number of entries last year from high school aged homeschooling students, so they want to make sure that we are informed of this year's contest. It's free to enter, and there are cash prizes for the winners. All of the information is available online at: <http://www.opd.iupui.edu/poetry> Deadline for entry is Monday, Feb. 4, 2008. Awards will be given March 29, 2008. You can contact Professor Richard Turner at 317.278.4697 or by e-mail at [rturner@iupui.edu](mailto:rturner@iupui.edu).

## FREE FIELDTRIP IDEAS . . .

**Brookfield Zoo** Free general admission is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays in January and February. Additionally, Saturdays and Sundays are free in January and February.

**Chicago History Museum** Free on Mondays

**Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum** Free days are Thursdays; suggested donation of \$7/adult

**Jane Addams Hull House Museum** Free every day

**Chicago Cultural Center** Free every day

## DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

--Home Depot hosts a FREE kid's workshop the first Saturday of every month where kids can make (or take home to make) a fun wooden kit? Kits have included a race car, butterfly house, plastic bag storage box, and a roller coaster car. Each month is a different kit. A work area is set up in the back of the store where kids and their parents can complete their project. Each child receives a Home Depot work apron the first time and can use it to keep the pins they will receive after completing each new project. The workshop runs from 9 to noon on the first Saturday of each month.

--Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative has a free lending library with materials for math, science, history, etc. in a searchable database? You can order and check out ten items for 30 days. They even mail the items to you for free and send a prepaid envelope with your order to return it all! They send the order within a day or two, so it generally gets to you the same week you order. To take part in the Freshwater Fred Lending Library, visit [www.hepn.com/library/content/splash.asp](http://www.hepn.com/library/content/splash.asp).

--You can find/give away free items through the Freecycle network? This web-based group is located by zip code all around the country and provides a place to recycle items and ask for something you need. A free Yahoo account is necessary to join, but is simple and quick to set up. Go to [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) for more information. This is a great way to share God's blessings in our lives!

## LENDING LIBRARY

CLCN offers a Lending Library to its members. There are books available that appeal to parents and kids. We also have a Geo Safari and microscope available. All items are available to check for a 2-week period. Please contact Dawn for specific instructions.

## **YAHOOGROUPS.COM**

To get in on our e-mail loop, go to [www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com) and search for CLCN and join. This is an easy way to get information to and from homeschoolers in NW Indiana.

## **HOMESCHOOLING RESOURCES**

The Indiana Association of Home Educators (IAHE) sends out the *Informer*, a bimonthly magazine to provide information, inspiration, and support to homeschooling families. It is free upon request (317-859-1202 or [iahe@inhomeeducators.org](mailto:iahe@inhomeeducators.org) or write IAHE at 8106 Madison Ave, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227.

Some other helpful websites include: [www.ifhsonline.org](http://www.ifhsonline.org) Indiana Foundation for Home Schooling, and [www.hslda.org](http://www.hslda.org) Home School Legal Defense Association.