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Many people look forward to a new year for a new start on old habits.

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A New Year's Resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

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Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.

Oprah Winfrey

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account.

Oscar Wilde

One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things.

John Burroughs

I think in terms of the days resolutions, not the years.

Henry Moore

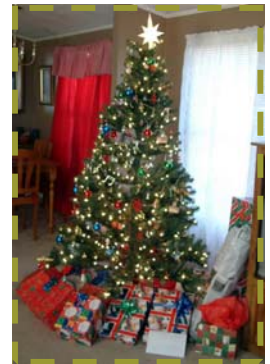
Happy New Year!

From the State Officers

State Officer Community Service Project

During the course of our State Executive Council Meetings a situation was addressed by one of our state officers and their school, about a family that had lost their home and many of their family members to a fire that caused the home to burn down earlier this year in Chickasha. This house fire claimed the most lives at one time ever recorded in the state's history. The grandmother and Christopher, age 5, were only left with memories of their home and their loved ones. So as generous Business Professionals of America State Officers and loyal Oklahomans, we decided we would help

by spreading some Christmas cheer. All the officers donated gifts for the grandmother and Christopher. On December 7, 2006, four of the state officers met with students and teachers from Canadian Valley Technology Center in Chickasha to help deliver the gifts and setup up a beautiful Christmas tree. The grandmother was elated by the generosity of Business Professionals of America members and the people of Canadian Valley Technology Center, Chickasha. We would like to wish the family a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and the best for years to come.



By Dustin Devers

FLC Community Service Project

Before and during this year's Fall Leadership Conference, schools and BPA member across the state started collecting and raising funds to help people who were victims of wild-land fires in Oklahoma. The State Executive

Council is proud to announce we raised \$4,474.45. Also, congratulations to Bing High School who is this year's winner of the traveling trophy. The State Officer Team would like to thank everyone who contributed and sup-

ported this cause. It is dedication like this that makes Oklahoma Association Business Professionals of America great.

By Dustin Devers

chapter



The student organizations at **Indian Capital Technology Center (ICTC)** in Sallisaw joined forces to host the 5th annual ICTC Fall Festival for families and children. The festival is a community service project.

Community participation of donations for the festival and the Joyce Cason and the Harley and Carlye Buzzard family along with the spirit of teamwork among ICTC students and staff contributed to a successful event.

Joyce Cason was diagnosed with colon cancer and Harley and Carlye Buzzard were prematurely born twins. The donations will be used to help with medical expenses for each of the families.

Attractions such as fishing, football throw, basketball throw, balloon-dart game, putt-putt golf, beanbag toss, cake walk, face painting, ring toss, pin-the-nose-on-the-pumpkin, plinko, BMAD, finger printing, jail and pie-in-the-face. All games and prizes were free. Donations were accepted at the door, a concession stand was provided, and a silent auction was held with all proceeds going to the Cason and Buzzard families.

The student organizations are Business Professionals of America, Health Occupations Students of America, and SkillsUSA. Community involvement is high priority for the student organizations.



Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path, and leave a trail.

Harold R. McAlindon



Perry BPA Chapter Attends Leadership Workshop

Recently, on Friday November 10th, 50 Perry BPA members and other students at the High School attended a workshop put on by the Path To Greatness Workshop from Minnesota by James Anderson and Terry Uy-Lennon to learn how to be a good leader and a good public speaker. The students started with a warm-up game of ultimate tick tack toe, where they were suppose to win as many times as possible. After the time was up for the game, the instructors told the students that the moral of the game was to let each other win, because it's a good thing to help each other succeed. That's a first step in learning how to be a good leader.

After that, the students were split into two different groups, each with an instructor, where they were taught the five main keys to good public speaking. They keys were presence, projection, passion, enthusiasm and conviction. They

were also taught that to be good a good speaker you must be able to do three important things: Play hard, stay focused and have fun! They did many different exercises with these three key ideas. Then the students were told to get up in front of the rest of the students and give a one minute speech about what they thought the best key in being a good public speaker was. If they ran out of ideas, they had to stay up there and just continue speaking until their time was up. This exercise was to show the students how to be convincing when speaking in front of groups.

Throughout the day the students had various games and warm-ups to get them loose and comfortable around their classmates, such as making up their own commercials, introducing someone, and the Encouragement Tunnel, where one student would run through a tunnel of other students screaming, jumping around, and just being goofy to become comfortable with each other. All of these things were to help the students become more comfortable speaking in front of others and to get them ready for

their final task, a two minute speech on anything they felt strongly about and wanted to share with the class.

The two minutes speeches at the end of the day ended up causing a lot of emotions to run through the room. Many students made speeches about their personal struggles through high school and what truly was important to them, such as family and friends. Some students felt so strongly about their topics that they teared up while speaking, causing lots of the other students to start crying as well. The students became closer during those speeches, learning that every student has some personal struggle going on inside, and that we all should be aware that no one always has a good day.

The workshop was outstanding, and was very beneficial. Public speaking is the number one fear in the world, and now, because of the workshop, there are some people a little less afraid to speak in front of groups. Thanks again to the workshop instructors!!

By Kelsey Stoops, Perry BPA Reporter