



# The Andrews Academy Weekly

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**Elder Garry Sudds**, Director of Education for the Lake Union Conference, had the morning devotions this past week and spoke of “mission-driven students” He asked questions such as “Who are we?” Do we will have the heart of Jesus? What is our plan in life? Where are we headed? He went on to say that we should have as our primary goal, our objective to be ambassadors of Christ as is mentioned in 2 Corinthians 5:20. He defined an ambassador as a diplomat of the highest order. We need to be able to identify other secondary goals in our life and keep our focus on the end result. Every one of the 30 plus points that he mentioned during the week had a scripture text accompanying it.

Just to mention two of the points that were emphasized, he spoke of each person being a child of the King which is stated in John 16: 25-28 or a child of God as recorded in 1 John 3:1. Another very important concept that he mentioned was being disciplined by our Father. He stated that Christ learned obedience through adversity. **Elder Sudds** urged us to “trust and obey for there is no other way”. Read Proverbs 3:11-12. During the week he gave personal testimony of the faith journey of he and his wife and how they have had to go from a family of two salaries to only one salary. He felt that God is taking them through another adversity that will refine them for life in the here after.

On Tuesday **Garry** spoke about **Rachel**. He said that God has a plan and that plan may include how she may be in the hospital to grow spiritually or to help us to grow spiritually. It could also be that she is there to help the doctors, nursing staff or patients in their spiritual walk. Often times we do not recognize the manner in which we can glow and show God’s love to those in our environment. **Rachel** is learning lessons like that. He went on to say that to be a mission driven student, we need to be as gold tried in the fire. That student will love God and will also believe that God has a plan for his/her life. Each of the students and parents want to thank **Elder Sudds** for taking time out of his busy schedule to point us in the direction of spiritual growth.

There were two achievements for the Andrews Academy Alumni on Saturday evening, *March 28* when the girls walloped the academy by a score of 40 to 10. The academy fellows did not give up so easily and at many times during the game, they actually were ahead of the alumni. However at the conclusion of the second game of the evening, the alumni fellows squeaked by the academy by a score of 54 to 52. It was a fun evening for all and each observer and

participant enjoyed the opportunity of getting together for some friendly interchange and memories of days gone by.

There was the smallest representation of student candidates for leadership positions in the student association during recent memory. There were only six candidates that ran with 5 of the 6 unopposed. Because the office of secretary had no one running at all, it will be up to the student council to appoint someone to fill that position. The 2009-2010 SA officers at this time are **Michael Hernandez**, President; **Simone Weithers**, Social Vice-President; **Livvy Knott**, Religious Vice-President; **Jerilyn Jones**, Treasurer; and **Ray Ulrich**, Public Relations. The next meeting of the student council took place this *Wednesday, April 8* at which time someone should have been appointed to fill in the position of secretary. Future word will be coming regarding the person who was elected at that time to fill the position.

Beginning the very next day after the SA elections were the class of 2010 class officer nominations. The spring semester each year is set up so that preparation can be made for the leadership roles during the following year. That means that officers are elected for the following three organizations in the following order. First the future SA officers are elected. That is followed by the present Juniors who will be next years seniors. Finally the National Honor Society will elect officers for the new year.

It is exciting to see students rise into positions of leadership and learn the skills necessary to thrust them into the events of every day life. Many of the former academy students who have engaged in positions such as these have gone on to some very important positions in the church and in every day activities. Often times the organization needed and careful planning that takes place with any leadership position will help to change or alter the objectives of the individual. God has a plan for each of these students as they learn to cooperate with him and His design for their lives.

Some of you may know that just prior to leaving on Band tour, there was a county wide lock down drill that occurred about 10:15 on Thursday. The fire and police authorities along with various school officials attempted to simulate an outside threat. In that case, the entire facility is to be locked and those who are in the building are to go into hiding. There are a variety of techniques that are used to help prevent loss of life if such a threat were ever to occur. While we must prepare for such a situation, it is perhaps in our best interest

to make sure that our own lives are in readiness for the return of Christ. As we make our own preparation, that will assure us of eternal life even if we do not have the opportunity to live very long during this present earthly life.

The drill went very well with some suggestions which we At about 1:15 pm, the Concert Band left campus on *April 2* to do a concert at the LaPorte Door Prairie Adventist School to the students in grades K-8. Not all of the elementary students were there because of a pre-planned school trip. The band had fun interfacing with the students that wanted to know more about each of the instruments that they played. **Mr. Boward** did well at having the elementary students learn about the various instruments, and become more acquainted with them on a personal level.

From there we went to our weekend hotel in Oakbrook and then to a variety of activities identified in the previous AA Weekly and then returned home about 6:00 pm on Sunday evening. We had a wonderful time and had the opportunity to grow both mentally, and spiritually as well as hone our own individual skills and relationships with others. The weekend was filled with many educational opportunities including the very fine presentation that we witnessed at Wheaton College while listening to their Symphonic Band on Saturday night.

Each morning beginning at 8:55 am during the Student Week of Prayer, we have song service, a skit, and a talk by one of the students. The entire week has been planned and executed by the pastors of each of the classes, the National Honor Society and the Student Association. The students to be recognized include **Cooper Hodges, Livvy Knott, Zeth Caldwell, Ben Weakley, Mateja Plantak, and Richard Davisson, and Soo Jin Kang Pastor Alvin Glassford** is in charge of the programming and **Ms. Darchelle Worley** is supporting his efforts with signage, bulletin boards, and all of the wonderful decorations on stage for the week. Thank you to **Ms. Worley** and her crew for all of their work in making such wonderful preparation. The morning meetings begin at 8:55 daily and continue on until the program has been completed. The remainder of the morning classes are divided evenly so that all will have the same length of time prior to lunch.

For the first time in a number of years there are evening meetings during the Spring Week of Prayer. Those meetings are just one hour in length beginning at 7:00 and lasting until 8:00 pm. Each of the meetings focus on the spiritual and provide students opportunities to socialize with their peers in Christian fellowship. After a day of fasting on Friday for Rachel Brantley, the week will conclude with a vespers followed by a break fast, a light meal.

hope to implement during the next occasion. From the standpoint of the county officials, the county-wide drill objectives were also met.

Congratulations goes to **Sarah Gane** for her 1<sup>st</sup> place Michigan state finish in the Christopher Columbus Essay Contest of the Daughters of the American Revolution competition on the *31<sup>st</sup> of March*. Congratulations also goes to **Karen Ford** for taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Michigan for the essay she wrote for the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award.

- ☞ The academy students are involved in their preparation for Talent night on Sunday, the *26<sup>th</sup> of April* at 8:00 pm in the evening. In anticipation of the program, auditions are taking place right after school on Thursday, the *9<sup>th</sup> of April*. A schedule of those having a desire to perform is being carefully compiled by **Berkeley Comete**.
- ☞ Also scheduled to meet right after the school day on *Thursday, April 9* is the Spiritual Life Committee. This group will make any necessary changes to the programming for the Week of Prayer and also look at the events to occur as the year comes to an end.
- ☞ Because Easter falls on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April this year, there will be no school on *Monday, April 13*. The rationale for the day off is to provide students with a day when they can volunteer to help take down the large sets that have been constructed for use during the Passion Play. Doing this and verifying their participation provides the student with some volunteer labor which can be recorded to fulfill the requirements for a class or other organization.
- ☞ There has been a change to the calendar as published. On *Tuesday, April 14*, classes will meet as usual. There will not be adjusted times as published.
- ☞ The Academic Orientation Assembly is an annual event provided to assist the assist all of the students except for the seniors in preparation for continuing or completing the specific requirements for graduation. This program takes place at 10:10 on *Tuesday, April 14* and will conclude at 11:10.
- ☞ The Orchestra tour will leave for Indianapolis this year on the *16<sup>th</sup> of April* and will return on the 19<sup>th</sup>. They will visit a number of places including the

Children's Museum as well as perform at several locations. Please pray for the safety and the success of this tour.

☞ Every other year there is opportunity to become better acquainted with students from another culture. The Austrian students from Bogenhofen will be here for 10 nights from the *19<sup>th</sup> of April* until the *30<sup>th</sup>* of the month. The academy is still in search of housing for these students and you will be blessed as a result of participation in this activity. If you have a room available for this time frame and would be able to help out, please make contact with **Mr. Tom Baker**. Your help is greatly appreciated.

☞ The Leaders on Leadership Committee has planned a second in a series of workshops for the students of Andrews Academy. Last year, students were involved in a writing workshop and this year is to be Science. The event will take place on *Monday, April 20* and *Tuesday, April 21*. There will be four guest scientists from throughout the United States to present in their area of expertise. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in Hands on Science experiences held at the Andrews University science complex. All students and teachers are looking forward to this special event.