

# The LCF Connection

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## Dolly and Me Tea Party Fundraiser

by Gabrielle Stewart

The LCF Youth Group served at the Dolly and Me Tea Party organized by Mandy Hochstetler. The event took place at the United Methodist Church in London on Saturday, April 9th. The youth made \$1400 that will be used towards their mission trip.

Grandmothers, mothers, daughters, and dolls arrived in 50s attire and were seated at tables decorated with classic cars, records, and balloons. There was a craft station where the girls could make a poodle skirt for their doll and beauty stations where the girls could do their dolls' hair and their own nails. Doll food and unique dresses were available for purchase during the party, and guests were also able to purchase tickets to win prizes including: an American Girl Doll, a Vera Bradley bag, and other various prizes.

It was so fun to see all of the girls with their matching doll dresses and hair done like it was in the 1950s. The youth had a great time serving at this amazing event! A big thank you to Mandy for the great job she did in organizing all the details and for providing the opportunity for the LCF Youth Group to serve in this way to raise money for their future mission trip!



*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."  
1 Peter 4:10*



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## A Mother's Day Tribute

by Phyllis Swartz

My mother-in-law, who is ninety-two-years old, is a hard act to follow. I've been in her family for forty-one years, for example, but I've never once heard her complain. I've seen her go through hard, worrisome times, but when she tells us some bad news about someone in our family, I watch for her response—that I admire and seek to do myself. While she's telling about the pain of one of her children or grandchildren,



Phyllis's mother-in-law, Anna Mae, with her great-granddaughter, Anna.

her head is usually bowed a little and tears are in her eyes. I've learned to wait, to let her sit in silence a moment. Then she takes a breath and her face tilts up and peace drifts across her face. I can tell she's reached a source. I've tried it a few times myself—bowing my head and tilting my face up. But I can tell my mother-in-law still has a few things to teach me. I hope she's around long enough for



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# Congratulations Class of 2016!

LCF celebrates our graduates of 2016. We asked them a few questions about their schooling, what they enjoy the most about their chosen professional tracks, and where they see themselves in the future. It's exciting to see

how God has gifted each one of them with talents to serve others, and we hope you are inspired to serve, too, no matter whether you've just started a new career path or whether you're farther along the career path to which God called you.



## Kendra Scheffel

is graduating from Shekinah Christian School. She says, "I've attended there for eight years. I'm planning to attend college in the Fall to study Nursing.

My favorite verses this year are from Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight."



## Lance Miller

is graduating from Tolles Career and Technical Center. Jonathan Alder High School is the school district he is in and where he graduated from, but he went to Tolles Tech School and will graduate from there also. He will actually have two tassels, one for each school.

He says, "I studied construction technology at Tolles. I want to learn construction. My dad influenced me the most. I see myself working as either an electrician or garage door installer. I would like to have a family and support them with what I have learned from school. My favorite Bible verse is John 3:16."



## Bryce Swartz

is graduating from London High School and plans to attend Rosedale Bible College. He says, "I plan to attend Rosedale Bible College for one year to get a solid foundation in what I believe before I head off to a public school. After Rosedale, I plan to attend either the University of Cincinnati or Wright State University to pursue a general study in Business or possibly Accounting. I took Statistics this past year and I loved it! I enjoy working with numbers, and all of the formulas just clicked with my brain and made sense. I hope to use my degree to either start my own business, eventually, or just to manage the finances of another business. I would love to be a businessman who is honest, trustworthy, and someone who is always accountable (no pun intended).

James 1:3 (ESV) "...for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness" comes to mind when I think about my future, because yes, I would love to go to a private school for all of college and dive deep into my relationship with God, but I think it will be a good challenge for me to go to a public school as well, to learn how to be bold in my faith while knowing that I am in the minority. That is where testing my faith will develop the characteristic of perseverance.

In five to ten years from now, I could see myself running a large company's finances while trying to help them make the smartest decisions based on their budget. Who knows where I will be, except God."



## Drew Hoffman

is graduating from London High School. He says, "I have attended London Schools since Kindergarten. I studied college prep courses in order to prepare for higher education. I'm registered in the field of Nursing at Columbus State Community College. My mother is a nurse, and she explained to me that there are many opportunities in the job market once you get your degree. I enjoy helping people and learning about health.

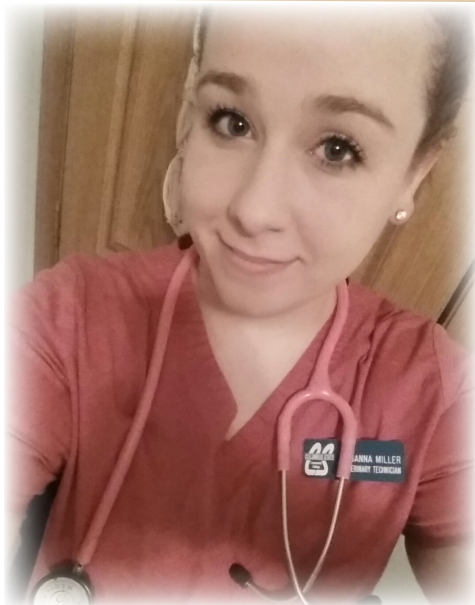
I envision myself furthering my education and finding the area of Nursing that I like. In the future, I would like to be a CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist). I can see myself working as a nurse in the Emergency Room or the Operating Room of a hospital in five to ten years. Psalm 91 is very meaningful to me."



## Alyssa Hoffman

will be graduating from London High School. She plans to attend Columbus State Community College this fall and will be studying Nursing.

She stays busy spending time with friends and waitressing at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Hilliard.



### Rosanna Miller

is graduating from Columbus State Community College, and she has attended the college for about three years. She says, "I studied Veterinary Technology (Animal Nursing), because I have always loved animals. I love everything about them. When I was younger I was really shy, and I guess I just kinda loved that animals were better than people sometimes. They made me happy. Yes, I know that it's weird! (We don't think it's weird at all, Rosanna!) My parents and teachers really supported me. I definitely wouldn't be where I am without my parents. A special thanks to them for putting up with me and my crazy schedule and stress-induced attitude.

I want to work at a small-animal practice that also sees exotic animals (snakes, birds, rats, etc.). But sometime in the future I think it would be awesome to be in a teaching position. I want to teach technical skills to students.

I definitely want to be a light to those around me, whether it be clients, co-workers, or anybody else. This job can be very stressful at times, so by keeping a positive attitude and showing God's love to everyone, I hope to make a difference.

Jeremiah 29:11 is my all-time favorite verse. This verse helped me stay focused when it felt like nothing was going right, and it helped me get back at it and not give up."



### Allison Delagrang

is graduating from OSU. She says, "I've attended OSU for three years. I was at Rosedale for two years before that. I studied English with a Spanish Minor, with a focus on Linguistics. I've always loved language and literature—it seemed like an obvious choice. The focus on Linguistics and Spanish developed as I went through classes in college and learned that I was interested in them. Vicki Sairs was my Composition professor at Rosedale, and I remember her excitement about literature and writing really inspired me. English is a necessity for many people right now; for immigrants coming to the US, as well as for people in other countries who need to know English for jobs, etc. But for more than just those pragmatic reasons, I am really excited about the opportunity to get to know people through tutoring and sharing my love for language, and my love for Jesus!

I am very good at worrying about things, and this verse has spoken to me a lot throughout the past few years. Matthew 10: 29-31: 'Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside of your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.' As to the future, who knows what it holds for me? I might be living in Spain, teaching English!"

### Benji Martin

is graduating from Rosedale Bible College, where he has studied for two years. He says, "I studied Bible Studies, because you can't go wrong with the Bible. I wanted to get a foundation under my feet before going on to study other things. My parents love the Lord deeply, and they were probably my biggest influences. I'd love to do many things in the future. I'm excited to continue following God's call in different ministry areas, pointing many people to Christ.

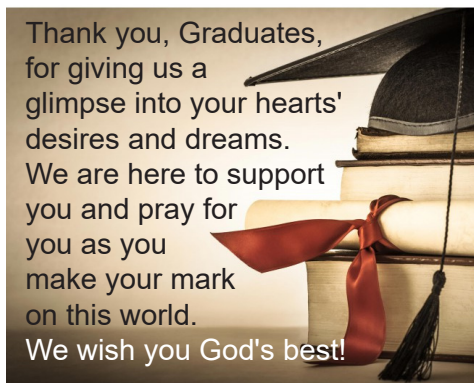
Psalm 42 has been a huge encouragement for me in the hard times. I don't know where I'll be ten years from now; maybe I'll be a worship leader, and maybe I'll be a Joe-Schmoe who lives on the side of the road and loves Jesus a lot!"

### Kevin Swartz

is graduating from Wright State University, and he has attended and run cross-country there for four years. He says, "I majored in Athletic Training. I've always been a people person, and I love how the human body works. I love sports, so Athletic Training combines those things. I was injured my senior year of high school, and I did a lot of work with our high school Athletic Trainer, Jessica Stanley, and that work kind of sparked my interest in the field and got me started. Jessica influenced me the most to become an Athletic Trainer. She actually took a job at Wright State at the end of my cross-country season, but she came back to tape my ankle for my last High School race. That made me realize that Athletic Trainers are important and really invest themselves in their athletes and make a difference. I followed her to Wright State and got in the training program my Freshman year.

With difficult hours and being around injured athletes, Athletic Training can be a dark profession. I feel that as a Christian I can make a positive impact on athletes' lives as well as my coworkers' lives if they see Jesus in what I do and how I act.

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## Baby Shower



On Saturday, April 9th, the girls and ladies of LCF joined with other friends and family of Harmony Devlin to shower her with a variety of adorable gifts for Baby Devlin.



*"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:35 (NLT)*

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Graduates (Kevin) continued...

I like Romans 12:9-13. This passage speaks to me a lot of different ways as a trainer. Athletic Training is a "serving profession", and this passage says to act in love, practice hospitality, and put others before yourself. I also like that it mentions to never lack in zeal and keep your spiritual fervor in all that you do. And especially verse 12, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." I work with many injured athletes who need someone telling them this and acting it out, and this whole passage is just a good reminder for me in how to conduct myself.

In five to ten years I see myself as kind of a "hometown Athletic Trainer"—someone who is invested in a school and its surrounding community, making a positive impact. I don't know where that will be, exactly, but I do know that God is in control, and I know to trust him."



Interviewed by Theresa Hennis

## Elders' Notes

By Vicki Sairs and Doris Swartz

We met on April 19 at the Swartz home. Our two hours together passed quickly as we discussed things that matter to the spiritual life of the church.

Our first agenda item was a happy one—the finance team asked us for general recommendations about how to use the budget surplus from recent years. We thought it would be good to divide it three ways: one third for debt reduction on the new building; one third for building and grounds projects (lights and parking lot); one third for ministry projects (wheelchair ramps, Operation Christmas Child).

Rob updated us on the search for an elder (still looking!); he also told us that Tasha Slaubaugh has agreed to be the new treasurer (yay!). Phil Hostetler, who has filled the office so admirably, will train Tasha, and the transition will take place over the next few months.

We focused on youth during the rest of the meeting. Reggie Cooper has served faithfully as youth group leader for the last three years and is ready to transfer leadership once we have someone in place.

This seems like a good time to discuss bigger questions than who our next leader will be. For example, what's going on in the world of youth groups? Some youth leaders in CMC have seen an increasing reluctance on the part of their youth groups to attend large youth events. What might be behind that? How do we respond? What do we want for our youth?

We talked about these and other issues and left the meeting with many questions. We hope to resume the discussion next month, after more prayer, reflection, and research. Please pray with us as we try to come up with a good plan for youth ministry at LCF.

## Looking Ahead...

May 8  
Mother's Day Continental Breakfast, 9:30 - 10 a.m.

July 3 - 10  
LCF Youth Mission Trip

July 13-15  
Xenos Summer Institute in Columbus

July 25 - 29  
LCF's Vacation Bible School

August 4-7  
CMC Conference in Greenwood, Delaware

August 26-28  
Annual LCF Camp-Out

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