

# The Owl



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## Hudson Robotics Competition

By Ahsraful Shamrat

Hudson High School's official robotics team, Weapons of Mass Construction (WoMC), took a trip to RPI in Rensselaer. They competed in the FIRST Robotics Competition this weekend. The objective of the game is to get a ball into goals located in towers. There were defenses placed on the map and getting over them would result in points. They played in the qualifying matches, but only got 18th place. After the qualifying matches, the top eight teams could pick two other teams to form an alliance. Hudson was not picked, but they were chosen as a substitute if any robot was unable to compete. The robot of Team 48 broke down and Hudson was immediately put in. They played defensively and played crucial roles in helping the team win. They went past the quarterfinals and the semifinals and moved on to the finals. Two rounds were played with a win for each team. It went into a tie

breaker and the opposing team took home the gold. The opposing team consisted of Team 359, Team 3990, and Team 4481. After the final game, awards were given out and Team 1665 (Hudson), Team 20, and Team 5254 received silver medals. At the end of the ceremony it was announced that two wild cards were going to be put in play. These wild cards would enable the selected teams to go to the World Championships. Team 5254 and Team 1665 were selected and they were going to the World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri. WoMc also took a five hour drive to Rochester to compete in the FIRST Finger Lakes Regional Robotics Competition. The team played hard, but thanks to malfunctions and problems with the robot, they only

placed 32nd. Alliances were chosen after, but WoMC was not picked. The quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals were played with Team 20, Team 639, and Team 1405 coming out on top. Wild cards were also put into play with Team 3940 and 3044 winning them. They will be joining Team 1665 in the World Championships. Stay tuned for more on this great opportunity! Hopefully Hudson will get the funds needed to compete in St. Louis! The Robotics' Team is very hopeful.



## Volleyball Tournament a Success!

By Saima Hannan

It has been another successful year for the Volleyball Tournament that took place earlier this month. The tournament was a fundraiser to benefit Animal Kind. Last year, there were five teams competing, and this year there were seven –three of which were student teams. There was also a teacher team, two community teams and a team from the After School Program. All teams played very well, however, 'Blood, Sweat, and Tears' ended up taking first place. They were also the winner of last year's tournament. The second place team this year was 'The Mash Up', which was composed of some Hudson students and some students from surrounding districts. Overall, the event successfully raised \$150, all of which will go directly to Animal Kind. Mrs. Flint says that the tournament was "a very fun event and hopefully next year we will be able to raise awareness and get more students involved." A special thanks to Mrs. Flint, the Varsity Club, and all of the other participants who helped to put this all together. And thank you to everyone who donated money or food to further enhance this event. If you missed the Volleyball Tournament this year, don't make the same mistake next year!

## Prison Public Memory Project

### Danny Gelles

The Prison Public Memory Project comes to Hudson High! The project, led by Brian Buckley, in collaboration with Mrs. Wheeler, seeks to recover, preserve, and interpret the stories of those who served time in historical prisons across the United States. Brian is Hudson site coordinator, and has been researching Hudson's Prison history. During the weekly meetings with Hudson students, Brian explained how the current Hudson Correctional Facility was originally the New York State Training School for Girls, and before that the House Refuge for Women. At the meetings students were able to access copies of letters, physician's reports, and newspaper articles from the

prison's archives. Activities such as oral history lessons, and case studies have been led by Brian every week. Currently, Hudson students are working on creating zines (a small self published work involving text and/or photography) about Hudson's prison history. The group will exhibit their work at the Hudson Opera House, beginning with a reception on May 27th.



## National Honor Society Fundraisers

### By Jenna Gregory

Every year, the National Honor Society participates in a couple of fundraisers. The fundraisers are for different programs and some of the money even goes towards scholarships for seniors. The National Honor Society have done three fundraisers this school year.

One of the fundraisers was a food drive for the Salvation Army. All of the items collected went towards a family in need around the holiday season. All food collected were put in a box in each homeroom class. The National Honor Society collected canned goods, spices, cranberry sauce, stuffing, snacks, and other non-perishable food items. A family was able to be provided to thanks to all of the students in the Hudson High who participated by bringing items in. Another fundraiser was to make cookie platters and sell them to teachers, students, family, neighbors, etc. Each member of Honor Society

contributed by making cookies in which went on to the platters. There were many different kinds and flavors of cookies on each platter, that way everybody was satisfied. The cookie platter fundraiser raised \$1000.00 in which all goes towards the Dorothy Simon Scholarship. The Dorothy Simon Scholarship goes to one student in which any senior can receive.

Another fundraiser that the National Honor Society participated in this year was the Project Cameron's Story, a public children's charity. This program is an organization which helps babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), bond with their family through books. The ba-

bies are often too fragile to hold, so their family reads to them instead. The books donated goes to Albany Medical Center, St. Peter's Hospital, Stony Brook Hospital, Crouse Hospital, Golisano Children's Hospital, UHS Wilson Medical Center, Bellevue Women's Center, and the Special Care Unit at Glens Falls Hospital. This year, there were over 127 sites. Hudson's Honor Society was able to donate 68 books towards bookraiser. There was a total of 14, 842 books collected overall for Project: Cameron's Story. This fundraiser continues to be a growing organization. The National Honor Society is a dedicated group and works hard to raise money for fundraisers, which all go towards good purposes. Continue reading the editions to see what students in Hudson High get inducted this year.



## Dollars for Scholars By Ramisa Tasnim

Dollars for Scholars, a national organization, aims to aid high school seniors financially for their upcoming college year. For the past years, Hudson Hudson school's Dollars for Scholars has been providing up to \$25,000 for high school seniors. They have put on several fundraising events such as the Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament and the Dollars for Scholars Cosmic Bowling. On March 6th, teachers, students and community members rallied at the Catskill Hoebowl to support Hudson High School students, through a fun family- friendly night of Cosmic Bowling. This year, there were also student bowlers attending. Those students, who raised up to \$50 in donations, were able to bowl with the rest of the participants. There were about 10 student bowlers. Also, several Hudson seniors were able to volunteer throughout the event by selling raffle tickets and serving pizza. At the end of the night, two participants were given a trophy for having the highest points, and the two with the lowest points. The winner of the 50/50 and about \$300 was Jake Hoffman, our school safety officer. The night was filled with fun, as many students were able to reconnect with past teachers. A big thank you to the Dollars for Scholars team for all the support and help for Hudson High School students.



## Hudson's Mock Trial Teams By Brianna Tsitsera

This month has been busy for the school's Mock Trial as there have been four competitions so far. During the first week, they faced Coxsackie-Athens twice with a win from Defense team and a loss from the Plaintiff team. The second week was the Plaintiff against Windham-Ashland-Jewett and the Defense against Cairo-Durham. That week Plaintiff has succeeded with a win and the Defense receiving a loss. With that each team had faced victory and defeat to get the second seed for semi-finals , getting to go against Coxsackie-Athens. Unfortunately, Hudson lost. Mock Trial is looking forward to a promising 2017 season.



## Hudson Junior/Senior High School Iceland Trip

By Sharmin Akhter

Hudson Junior/Senior High School is having their very own trip to Iceland! Science teacher, Mrs. Flint, and other chaperones have organized the Iceland Trip of 2017 for students to really get the experience of another country. Yes, even though it is in 2017 does not mean you cannot start planning! The trip is educational and fun and parents can even join along. This trip is targeting mostly 10th to 9th graders but all are welcomed. The students stay in hotels in certain areas of Iceland so that they can experience the beauty of the country. Students will visit cities from the capital Reykjavik to Akureyri!

Lets get to the basic questions you may be asking. The trip is around \$3,000. The trip is from June 24 to June 29 of 2017. Parents can go and teacher chaperones will attend. The main purpose behind the trip is just to have an all out awesome time. Sightseeing, touring, lots of science involved factors like hands on labs and even scientists will be aboard! Students can use the experience to benefit them from college resumes to college apps and even essay topics. It's an opportunity you do not want to miss out. For more information, please see Mrs. Flint.



## ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

By Ummeh Era

The Environmental Club just recently finished up their fundraiser on Spring flower bulbs. The proceeds will be donated to charities such as the World Wildlife Fund and the African Wildlife Foundation. On April 18th to the 22nd, the Environmental Club will be celebrating Earth Week. As part of this week they will be doing a "Green Day", where students are asked to wear green in sup-

port of the environment, so be sure to hunt down all your green shirts and accessories. An environmental scavenger hunt will be done. Also, to raise awareness of environmental issues, a cleanup of the Greenport Nature Preserve and an "Earth Hour" (where faculty are asked to turn off their classroom lights for at least an hour) will be a part of celebrating Earth Week. As for more

fundraising the Environmental Club is looking into the possibility of purchasing tree seedlings so that they can sell them as an additional fundraiser. Please stay posted on more good deeds from the Environmental Club!



## Emily Dickson Field Trip

By Jenna Gregory

On Tuesday March 22nd, students from Poetry Group went on a field trip to the Emily Dickinson House located in Holyoke, Massachusetts. The tour guides showed the students the inside of her house. We explored each room and learned the importance of certain items. For example, the dining room was the main room if guests were to go over there or have a dinner party. We heard stories about the Dickinson family throughout their years. The students learned about Emily Dickinson’s life and how she grew up. Emily Dickinson wrote many poems throughout her life but never wanted them to be published. After she passed away, her family members published her poetry posthumously. Many of her poems were read during the tour. The students enjoyed the field trip and learned a lot of interesting facts. We would like to thank Mrs. Wheeler for organizing and bringing us on this trip. It was very worthwhile!



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