

random acts of kindness

hard work pays off

By: Gloria Burkhart



Megan Johnson, 11, Megan Whitmore, 11, and Annie Broadus, 11, sit at the first club meeting to learn about upcoming events. There were many goals that the members wanted to achieve. The group was small, but had high hopes.

Somewhere in the halls are a small group of individuals hoping to catch you off guard so they can reward you anonymously for your good deeds. The leader of the group was **Mr. Randy Lothrop**, a teacher that led by example and always worked to help others.

The ideas for projects were brought up through the first meeting. There was only one main meeting during mid-February to announce the formation of the club, and to find out what students would be involved.

"This year we mostly tried to emphasize outside activities to let people have a better day inside and outside of school," said **Robyn Hampton, 12**.

Hampton along with **Megan Fingerman, 11**, were the club presidents that organized the various events.

"It made myself happy knowing that I helped other have a better day," said **Megan Johnson, 11**.

The members weren't looking for rewards for doing good deeds. The group members were anonymous to not draw attention to the kind acts they did through the year.

"Being unrecognized for doing good deeds gave better meaning to the small things in life," said **Anna Hullet, 11**.

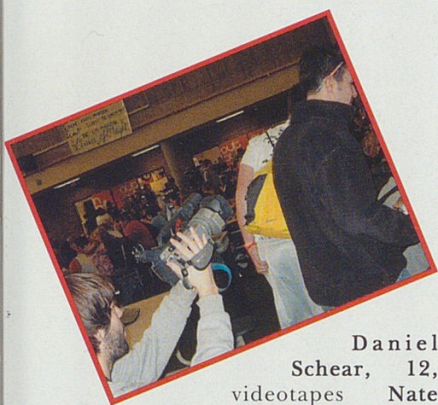


Megan Fingerman, 11, and Robyn Hampton, 12, lead the group in an open discussion. The two presidents of the club organized meetings. Outside of the first meeting the group was contacted through email of events.

video announcements

documenting events at school

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Daniel Schear, 12, videotapes Nate Kaplan, 12, during lunch. They often started out their announcements with everyday scenes at school, such as groups in the commons. Most students were happy to be a part of these videos and loved to see the end result.

The smallest but most well known club in the building, Video Announcements Club, made its mark. Creating videos about events around the school, these few students had the opportunity of making film that the whole student body saw monthly.

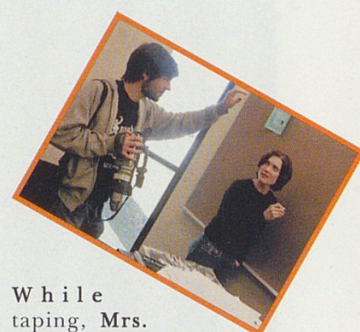
"Video Announcements Club is supposed to do one video on school events every two weeks. Making the actual video is fun for us, even though it often only occurs once a month. We're just trying to improve upon the 80's A-V nerd stereotype," said **Daniel Schear, 12**.

When events at school came up, like dances, tests, and sporting events, this club was there to document and advertise them.

"The club is pretty much Daniel directing everybody and the rest of us wasting film. It's fun to film scenes and see how it comes out as a final product when it is done. Next year, the torch will be passed on to Nate Dicken. We have been training him all year," said **Ryan Knowles, 12**.

With the group of friends being able to film, they had good cooperation and teamwork. They were able to cover the events and topics they chose in the way they wanted.

"Video announcements are great fun. I like to capture the art of humans and animals alike on film. Next year, I look forward to keeping the school informed and entertained," said **Nathan Dicken, 10**.



While taping, Mrs. Melissa Wolfe-Izworski takes direction from Daniel Schear, 12. Most of the time, Schear thought of the main idea of the film and the group helped to put it together. Most of the staff, like **Wolfe-Izworski**, cooperated well with these endeavors.