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Celebrate π

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We are in for a treat at the SWMDAMT Spring Meeting coming up on **March 10, 2005**. Our annual meeting will be in the Commons Area (cafeteria) at **Central High School** (423 E. Central, Springfield, MO) with dinner starting at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served by *Prime Cut* and will consist of Hickory Smoked Brisket, Pork, Corn, Green Beans, Scalloped Potatoes, Salad, Roll, Cobbler and Tea or Coffee. The price for dinner is \$10.00 per person. During dinner we will be entertained by Tobi Bockman (the daughter of our very own President Judy Olson) with her humorous viewpoint of teaching. After dinner our colleagues Joann Barnett, Chris Bauman, Kim Spence, Erin McAninch, and Ruth Quigley will tell us about *"The Rational Side of Pi and Practical Applications for Celebrating Pi Day in Your Classroom."* Send your reservations and money in by **March 1st** to Judy Olson (1402 Maple Ridge Drive, Cassville, MO 65625). If you haven't joined SWMDAMT yet, this is a great opportunity to do so. Just fill out the attached form and send it in with your dinner reservations. We look forward to seeing you on March 10!

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Directions to Central HS—From Chestnut Expressway, go north on Benton. Pass through the stop light located at Benton and Central and turn left directly behind the high school (you will drive between the high school and a wooden privacy fence). You may park in this lot (it is just north of the Kraft Administrative Building). Another parking option: at the SW corner of Benton and Central is another parking lot that we may use. It is on the north side of GLO Cleaners. If you park here, go in the Plaza doors (located between the old and new parts of the high school).

Highlights from the MCTM Fall Conference

The MCTM 2004 Fall Conference was held last December. Becky Fisher was named Outstanding Secondary Teacher. Judy Olson, Carol Pearson, and Roger Hainline were honored as they retire from teaching. David Ashley, Robin Jenkins and Jo Anne Rickman received prizes for the efforts in recruiting new members for MCTM. Joann Barnett and Cindy Bryant were the guest speakers at the conference and they entertained and informed everyone with their ideas on how to be a superhero to those we teach.

(Taken from MCTM News Bulletin)

Upcoming Events

Greater Plains Math League

March 5, 2005 (Nixa High School)

College of the Ozarks Math Leagues

Senior High Math League—April 5, 2005

Junior High Math League—April 19, 2005

NCTM 83rd Annual Meeting

April 6—9, 2005 (Anaheim, CA)

SMSU Pummill Math Relays

May 4, 2005

MCTM Fall Conference

December 4—6, 2005 (Columbia, MO)

Marieflor Samala
3124 S. Marlan
Springfield, MO 65804

π Day

March 14

Pi Day Activities and More

These are some websites related to Pi that were given in the NCTM News Bulletin (January/February 2005).

Pi Pages on the Internet— joyofpi.com/pilinks.htm

The Pi Trivia Game—eveander.com/trivia

The World of Pi—members.aol.com/loosetooth/pi.html

A History of Pi—www.groups.dcs.st-and.ac.uk:80/~history/HistTopics/Pi_through_the_ages.html

Pi Day sites from the Math Forum—

Mathforum.com/t2t/faq/faq.pi.html