

## Trunk-or-Treat 2008

*Susan Collins, Coordinator*

The crowd this year far surpassed all the previous years' attendance for our annual Trunk-or-Treat event. Over 75 people participated in the costume contest. Here are the winners: Middle School - Scariest, Conner Fenter; Funniest, Eddie Sanchez; Most Original, Linsey Morris; Pre-school & Kindergarten - Scariest, Lily Jimenez; Funniest, Aiden Alter; Most Original, Carson Jones; 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades - Scariest, Daniel Vazquez; Funniest, Sierra and Selena Gentry; Most Original, Chenoa Wimberly; 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades - Scariest, Caleb Shelton; Funniest, Jaline Castro; Most Original, Donavon Wimberly; and High School and Adult - Scariest, Rick Longworth; Funniest, Josimar Martinez; Most Original, Rachele Fenter.

The Best Trunk Awards went to Cliff Woost for the Scariest, Margaret Ayers for the Tackiest, Judy and Jerry Collins for the Cutest, and Sandy Alter for the Most Creative. Best Carved Pumpkin Awards went to Candy Beets for the Cutest, Tom Kells for the Most Creative, and Jerry Collins for the Scariest. Coloring Contest winners were Megan Cox for Most Creative and Joelind Castro for the Most Colorful.

Special thanks goes to Joyce Morris for working with our middle school students to have such a creative haunted house, to Tammy Gallagher and Belinda Fenter for coordinating the games in the pavilion, to Barbara Price for assisting with the concession stand, to Denise Michaud for the campfire and storytelling, to the high school students who assisted in many capacities, and to the band Building Shadows for concluding the event.

## Diocesan Youth Conference

Eight young people and three chaperones attended the Diocesan Youth Conference at St. Patrick Church in Morrystown on November 1 & 2. Taking leadership roles for the event were Zachary Ptacek and Rachele Fenter who also serve on DYMAC, the Diocesan Youth Ministry Advisory Council. Assisting them were Stefania Collins, Ashleigh Ayers, Savannah Ayers from Notre Dame, and seven other youth from our deanery. Their responsibilities included leading ice breakers, making announcements, announcing the presenters, prayer services, and presenting the rules and regulations, to the 200 people in attendance and the all the ministries for Mass.

The keynote speaker was the Cajun motivator Mike Patin from Louisiana; the featured music was a band with a Celtic twist, Ceili Rain based out of New York. Special thanks go to Belinda Fenter and Greg English from Notre Dame for chaperoning the event plus everyone who provided refreshments.

## Knights of Columbus

*By Jack Siersma*

Notre Dame K of C Council 6784 elected a slate of officers to serve during the July 2008 to June 2009 fiscal year including the following key positions: Grand Knight - John Flanagan, Deputy Grand Knight - Pat Johnson, Chancellor - Jim Ginder, Recorder - Scott Loewenkamp, Advocate - Bruno Keparutis, George Toth continues as Treasurer, and Chet Ball as Financial Secretary.

The Council's major fundraising event, the K of C dinner and auction, was held in October. Proceeds from this event provide the funds for most charitable activities performed during the year. This year's auction was one of the most successful in terms of attendance and funds raised. The volunteer auctioneer was Eddie Yokley, recently reelected State Representative, who conducted a spirited auction which highlighted the sale of a Ford automobile donated by brother Frank Marcello. For the first time, this dinner and auction was attended by many families from the Notre Dame Spanish community for which we were very grateful.

Earlier this year, this council donated over \$4,000 to Comcare Inc., a local provider of services to learning disabled clients. The funds were a part of the collections the council has made in the annual Tootsie Roll fund raiser for the State of Tennessee Mental Retardation Foundation. (50% of the funds we collect and turn in to the M R Foundation are earmarked for local worthy organizations such as Comcare which meet the M R criteria for an award.) We had investigated Comcare and others earlier and found Comcare most worthy as they were expanding and moving into larger facilities that were being renovated at the time of our review. In early October, several Knights from the review team attended the formal dedication of the much larger and now renovated facility. Our Grant was used to facilitate their combination Break Room / Lunch Room.

This year, the Tootsie Roll collection drive takes place in front of both K-Mart and Wal-Mart on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November. Be sure to look for the yellow aprons and support this very worthy charity on these dates. Council members will be accepting donations at any time up to the event.

## National Catholic Youth Conference

All high school youth are invited to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 19, 20, and 21, 2009. Join over 20,000 teenagers gathering in faith. The cost will exceed \$500 per person, and our fundraising efforts will begin soon. Please support the candle sale for the benefit of our youth who will be attending NCYC 2009.