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Grant to send Gladstone Robotics Club to competition

Students at Gladstone High are headed to a regional competition later this year thanks to a \$3,700 grant from Boeing. Professionals in fabrication, electrical engineering, and computer programming advise the club.

“We teach the kids a lot more than robotics,” said mentor Glen Rissberger. “Along the way, they also learn teamwork, project planning, communications, marketing, and leadership.”

For the second straight year, the Gladstone club will host FIRST Fare, a regional robotics conference for student clubs from throughout the region. The November 16 event at Gladstone High will include a public exhibit that offers the chance to feel the excitement of the pits at a robotics competition.

The Technology Pavilion will also give visitors the opportunity to explore companies and universities related to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 18800 Portland Avenue in Gladstone.

For more information about the Gladstone Robotics Club and FIRST Fare, visit the club website at <http://www.gladstonerobotics.com/>.

Veterans flock to celebration at Gladstone High School

More than 60 veterans and active duty military personnel attended the annual tribute to Veterans at Gladstone High School. The November 7 event included musical performances by the school’s bands and choirs.

Linda Alberico, a 23-year career veteran, was honored for her service. She is now head secretary for John Wetten Elementary School in Gladstone.

“The event was an opportunity to bridge the generation gap between teens and seniors,” said Athletic Director Ted Yates. “We wanted students to see that service is honorable, whether that’s to one’s home, school, community, or nation.”

Breakfast event raises thousands for Gladstone children’s center

A crowd of 100 gathered for a breakfast fundraiser sponsored by the Gladstone Education Foundation in support of new initiatives at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families. The group included community members, government leaders, early childhood education experts, and philanthropists.

“We wanted to make people aware how far the center has come, thanks numerous grants and partnerships in the past four years,” said Superintendent Bob Stewart. “This was an opportunity to showcase three new projects we’re working on in Gladstone Schools—a whole child inclusive preschool, the Family Resource Coordinator program, and resiliency counseling for children overcoming trauma.”

Visitors had the opportunity to tour the center, and to donate to the new programs. To schedule a Gladstone Center tour or to make a donation, contact Lenny Bjornsen at 503-780-2658.