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Renowned primatologist speaks to community

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Jane Goodall, world famous primatologist, spoke to over 3,000 students and adults about personal responsibility to affect change in the world and that each day brings a new hope and a possibility to make a positive change. Her tour began with two 30-minute speeches at WLHS on April 23 to the district's seventh grade students, followed by one to all freshmen and students from eight other classes.

"It was a great opportunity to hear such an inspiring and well known person speak. I loved how she began her speech with a monkey call," Hana Deluca, sophomore, said.

Traveling 300 days a year giving speeches makes for a hectic schedule for the 74-year-old Goodall. The day

before her arrival, she was in Orlando, Fla. at a World Leaders Conference for the

positive change happen—for communities, for animals and for the environment.



Jane Goodall, renowned primatologist, speaks to six hundred freshmen and others in the auditorium. Goodall travels over 300 days each year speaking about each individual's ability to make change.

Photo by Jon Helmkamp

Roots and Shoots program. The program, according to its website, is about making

At 3 p.m. she visited the local "Roots and Shoots" at the Boones Ferry/CREST

Center. Children from kindergarten to eighth grade attended the speech.

Dr. Roger Woehl, superintendent, decided to expand the event to an evening gathering at Marylhurst University. About 110 students were involved and chosen to present posters regarding sustainability and/or their ISEF projects. A banner painted by the Art Honor Society was displayed on stage and student musicians performed before Goodall's speech.

Goodall spoke for about an hour about peace and a hope for a better future. Beginning with her childhood and moving through her life, Goodall instilled the fact that the future will come from youth action and that every day makes a difference.

"We have the premature, inherent tendencies toward violence. Does that mean that war is inevitable? It does not," Goodall said during her speech.

The audience at Marylhurst rewarded her with a standing ovation. "The event was a great success... we hope that it will happen again," Dr. Stacy Erickson, teacher librarian, said.

Dave Pagni, Community Partnerships Coordinator, met Goodall nearly 20 years ago and forged the connection between the school district and Goodall. Goodall's first visit to West Linn was in 1995. She visited again the following year and a third time in 2001 when she dedicated the CREST Center.

"We have...a special relationship with her, which, of course, is a great honor for our district," Pagni said.

GATA teams with Itafari to raise \$4,000 for Rwandans

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Music from Portland's *The Way Down* filled the large room of the Sunset Fire Hall while guests mingled, ate pastries, listened to speakers from Itafari Foundation and Global Awareness Take Action (GATA) and waited

for their raffle numbers to be called at the May 10 Peace on Canvas Benefit. The sale of art, food passes and ticket admissions raised an estimated \$4,000 toward building a high school in Kigali, Rwanda.

Victoria Trabosh, Itafari executive director, provided

the inspiration for the benefit when she spoke to students in GATA about the conditions in Rwanda. "Itafari" means brick in Swahili, and according to Trabosh, a brick is the weight of a malnourished child in Rwanda. "A brick is the color a woman sees when she is face down in the dirt, and a brick is the symbolic building block used to rebuild a country one brick at a time," she said.

The students decided to host the pay-it-forward event with the idea of sponsoring one event that might inspire someone who can inspire someone else, and so on. They concentrated on keeping costs low by soliciting donated art from a number of different sources and food from Starbucks and Noah's Bagels. The band played for free.

"We worked really hard to get as many donations as possible. We set a goal of making \$5,000, so it was important to spend as little money as possible in order to achieve that goal," Lucas Pinelli, junior, said.

In addition to Pinelli, Christina Burns, senior, Chelsea Callas, junior, and Valorie Wallace, sophomore, coordinated the event, along

with advisers David Frick, social studies teacher, and Trabosh. Student artists donated work to be sold and

from other pay-it-forward events, as well as donations made through www.Itafari.org.



Emma Jo Sipe, sophomore, helps Valorie Wallace, sophomore arrange art at Peace on Canvas, a fundraiser to raise money to build a high school in Rwanda. The art show, which took in over \$4,000 was held May 10 at the Sunset Fire Hall.

Photo submitted by David Frick

Samantha Hanlin, junior, was among the 17 students who contributed.

"I think it's a great cause. I'm very thankful to be a part of something bigger than West Linn," Hanlin said.

GATA members wanted to help Itafari in rebuilding the country which has suffered genocide, poverty and hunger. The money made from the event is a significant contribution to Itafari's overall goal of \$35,000 to build the high school. The rest of the money will come

"I love the dual focus on peace as a world-wide goal and making connections with cultures so far away from our world," Frick said.

Burns feels the event is beneficial to Rwandan students as well as to West Linn students.

"Not only are we helping so many Rwandan students to achieve an education, but we are also learning so much in the process—from organizational skills to why we should care about other people," Burns said.

ROYALTY NAMED AT NEW YORK NEW YORK THEMED PROM

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Royalty seems to run in the Steele family with Charles Steele, senior, named May Day King following older brother Will's reign in 2004. Rosie Dickson was named Queen at the prom held on May 3.



Photo submitted by MJ Steele

"I feel very honored to have been voted King after my brother; we are the first brothers to win in the history of May Day. It is a great honor, and to be nominated after my brother makes it an even greater honor," Steele said.

Steele and Dickson were honored at the May Court Assembly on May 2. Both are members of Thespian Troupe 1915, and each directed a play for Shorts 9. Steele also takes part in ASB, and was a member of the Varsity Football team. Dickson is a student in Barbara Murray's Honors Humanities class, and in late April performed her self-choreographed dance piece to convey her answer to "What is making us real?" She is also active in art and dance.