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### **Arlington Education Foundation Raises \$6,000 from Trivia Bee**

*Ottoson Middle School Team crowned 2012 Champs*

There was a swarm of activity at the Town Hall on Sunday as hundreds of spectators watched 21 teams compete for this year's Trivia Bee crown. In the end *'The Ottosuns,'* Ottoson Middle School parents John Burt, Phil Veatch and William Flesch from the Ottoson Middle School, outshone the rest of the field to be crowned the 2012 Trivia Bee Champs. *'Foxes in Soxes,'* Sheelah Ward, Susan Elmore and Sue Leone from the Friends of the Fox Library, placed a close second. Thompson teams *'Thing 1'* and *'Thing 2,'* dressed as the mischievous Dr. Seuss characters, won the award for best costumes.

Teams faced questions about Arlington trivia, history, science, sports and pop culture. Everyone was stumped by "In the 1980s, what American singer became the first—and only—artist to ever release seven consecutive Number 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 chart?" (It was Whitney Houston, not Michael Jackson!) Design challenges put each team to the test building structures and animals out of marshmallows, toothpicks and straws. Much hilarity ensued when Judge Tom Putnam, director of the Kennedy Library, hinted that he would give out extra points for Kennedy-related answers, including the suggestion that Jackie Kennedy's pillbox hat was a headdress based on the Latin word for enchant!

Sponsored by Arlington Education Foundation, this annual community event raised over \$6,000 thanks to this year's sponsors Belmont Orthodontics & Pediatric Dentistry, Brookline Bank, Watertown Savings Bank, Zipwall Barrier, East Cambridge Savings Bank, Winchester Savings Bank and Leader Bank, as well as team contributions and food sales. All proceeds from the Trivia Bee go directly to support AEF's work in the Arlington Public Schools.

Teams represented the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Bishop, Dallin, Hardy, Peirce, Thompson, Stratton, Ottoson and the Arlington High School, The Little Fox Children's Resale Shop, The Friends of Robbins Library, The Friends of Fox Library, Arlington Children's Theater, past AEF Board Members, Calvary Church, the Council on Aging, Housing Corporation of Arlington and an Overlook neighborhood team.

AEF funds system wide initiatives and creative new projects to enhance the educational experience of Arlington's teachers and students. The spring cycle for AEF's Innovations in Education grants is open until April 15, 2012. For more information on Arlington Education Foundation and their grants, visit [www.arlingtoneducationfoundationma.org](http://www.arlingtoneducationfoundationma.org).