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Arlington Education Foundation Raises \$8,200 from Trivia Bee

'AFC Toddler Wranglers' crowned 2013 Champs

Town Hall was a hive of activity Sunday afternoon at the AEF Trivia Bee, where nearly 30 teams donned creative hats and displayed courage, wit and wisdom in a battle to the last fun fact. The *"AFC Toddler Wranglers,"* Arlington Family Connection volunteers Louise Friel, Lauren Magoun and David Brecht, were crowned the 2013 Trivia Champs after they roped in a sudden death win over the *"Dem Donkeys"* who represented the Arlington Democratic Town Committee.

For over 10 years, the Arlington Trivia Bee has been a beloved community tradition at which teams representing schools and community groups test their know-how about Arlington trivia, history, science, sports and pop culture. Sponsored by the Arlington Education Foundation, this year's Trivia Bee was the largest in history with more teams, more sponsors, more money raised to support Arlington's teachers and students, and more fun for everyone.

Though the entire audience chuckled at the question "According to the latest Town Meeting vote, are Arlington residents permitted to use a gas-powered leaf blower on their private property during the month of April?" only half of the teams answered correctly. For those who are wondering, the answer is yes.

Many teams dressed in costume to match their creative team names. Team "Fight for Your Right to Hardy," a trio of Hardy dads dressed as the Beastie Boys, replete with boom box, won the award for best costume. "Boyz II Menotomy," selectmen Joe Curro and Steve Byrne and Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine, won best team name. Clearly musical themes were the way to go!

Twenty seven teams competed for the 2013 Trivia crown, representing The Arlington Advocate, Arlington Children's Theater, Arlington Democratic Town Committee, Arlington Education Association, Arlington Family Connection, Arlington High School, Arlington-Nagaokakyo Sister City, Arlington Republican Town Committee, Bishop School, Brackett School, Calvary Church, Century21 Adams, Cub Scout Pack 306, Friends of the Fox Library, Hardy School, Little Fox Shop, Menotomy Music Theater, Neighborhood Lawyers, Peirce School and Stratton School. Even some of Arlington's elected officials took part in the revelry, including State Representatives Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers, Board of



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Selectmen Joe Curro and Dan Dunn, and School Committee members Jud Pierce, Paul Schlichtman, Jeff Thielman and Leba Heigham.

This year's community event raised \$8,200 thanks to sponsors Belmont Savings Bank, Watertown Savings Bank, Zipwall Barrier Systems, Inc., Belmont Orthodontics, Belmont Pediatric Dentistry, Winchester Savings Bank, East Cambridge Savings Bank, Quad Cycles, Derby Farm Flowers & Gardens, Mirak Automotive, Leader Bank, Rockland Trust, Andrina's Pizza, Swifty Printing, American Alarm & Communications, Inc., Arlington Heights Nursery School, Tugboat 23 Consulting, 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.

AEF funds system wide initiatives and creative new projects to enhance the educational experience of Arlington's teachers and students. In fiscal year 2012, community donations enabled AEF to award nearly \$100,000 in grants to the Arlington Public Schools. The spring cycle for AEF's Innovations in Education grants is open until April 15, 2013. For more information on Arlington Education Foundation and their grants, visit www.arlingtoneducationfoundationma.org.