

The Scene

# BJ wordsmiths spell well

• Speed is new wrinkle in literacy project's event

Speedy spelling paid off for wordsmiths in the annual Project LEARN Bee for Literacy Tuesday at the Akron-Hilton at Quaker Square.



A celebrity team plus a brand-new format livened things up at the seventh annual fundraiser, sponsored by the Beacon Journal. Instead of a traditional spelling bee, 12 teams competed Academic Challenge-style, with timed rounds and scores based on the number of words spelled right.

Beacon Journal spellers Barbara Vaingat, Barbara Currence and Rich Desrosiers took home the

first-place trophy, correctly spelling words such as *omniphibious*, *concatenator*, *blitzkrieg* and *simulacrum*.

Telxon Corp., featuring spellers Marge Scott, Janet Gremba and Joyce Goff, placed second. Third-place winners were Mark Hilkert, Tamara O'Brien and Maura Scanlon of Scanlon & Gearing.

Spellers forgot about getting the jitters as celebrities Stan Piatt of WNIR (100.1-FM), Rob Dumke of WAKR (1590-AM) and Mark Williamson of WAKC (Channel 23) hammed it up. The good-natured team didn't mind its last-place finish at all.

"God bless you?" responded Williamson after pronouncer David Lieberth gave him the word *notabilia*. Williamson went on to spell the word correctly anyway.

Haven of Rest supporters in the audience won the spirit award.

Each team contributed \$1,000 to Project LEARN, a nonprofit organization that provides individual liter-

acy training for adults.

## BEE for LITERACY — 1995 TEAMS

• **Celebrity Team**

Mark Williamson - WAKC-TV  
Rob Dumke - WAKR  
Stan Piatt - WNIR

• **Scanlon & Gearing Co., L.P.A.**

Mark Hilkert  
Tamara O'Brien  
Maura Scanlon

• **Time Warner Cable**

Kristi Houk  
Mimi Kopko  
Woody Woodward

• **General Metals Powder Co.**

Bill Gadd  
Lisa Stewart  
Steve Kozy

• **Ohio Edison Co.**

Tim Quine  
Philip Lombardo  
Ellen Raines  
Alt. - Michele Cooke

• **Haven of Rest Ministries**

(Sponsored by Roetzel & Andress)  
Don Heskett  
Lisa Reffner  
Eileen Thomas

• **Falls Savings Bank**

Bill Bock  
Ximena Marion  
Colleen Piscetta

• **Oak Associates**

Amy Benson  
Doug MacKay  
Christina Nunnely

• **Telxon Corporation**

Marge Scott  
Janet Gremba  
Joyce Goff

• **GenCorp**

Jerry Vitus  
Orysia Effler  
Glynda Orman

• **Beacon Journal**

Barbara Vaingat  
Barbara Currence  
Rich Desrosiers

• **The Little Tikes Co.**

John Trenta  
Paul Quinlan  
Kevin Manning  
Alt. - Dona Murphy

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