

Verona Juniors Congratulate Spelling Bee Winners



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On Saturday, January 11, 2017, over thirty 4th and 5th graders participated in the annual Junior Woman's Club of Verona Spelling Bee Competition held at F.N. Brown Elementary School. The Juniors would like to thank all of the children who participated and congratulate our winners:

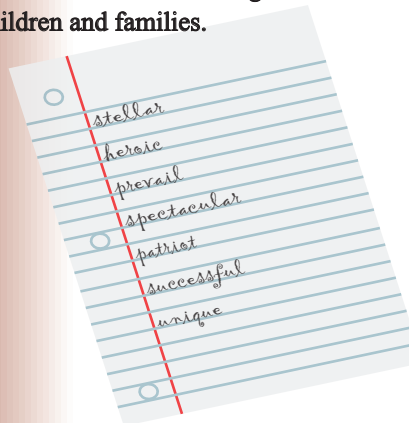
*1st Place - Stephen Gaffney
(F.N. Brown Elementary School)*

*2nd Place - Christopher Sluck
(H.B.W. Middle School)*

*3rd Place - Owen Chanana
(Brookdale Avenue Elementary School)*

A special thank you to our judges, Mrs. Cheryl Ashley, Director of the Verona Public Library; Mrs. Corisa Walker, Library Media Specialist at F.N. Brown and Brookdale Avenue School; and Mr. Charles Miller, Director of Curriculum who kindly volunteered their time for the morning. Thank you to Diana Weeks and Joanna Rybak from the Verona Juniors who organized the event. Finally, thank you to Verona Juniors President, Erika Grothues, who announced the words.

The Junior Woman's Club of Verona is a versatile organization that has been involved in social and charitable work since its inception in 1926. The Juniors address Verona's diverse needs by promoting education, preserving natural resources, encouraging healthy lifestyles, working on behalf of the elderly and people with disabilities, supporting participation in the arts and advocating for issues of concern to women, children and families.



Spelling bee winners from left to right, Owen Chanana, 3rd placed (Brookdale), Christopher Sluck, 2nd place (HBW), and Stephen Gaffney, 1st place (F.N. Brown).



The spelling bee winners, judges, and coordinators pose for a picture. (From left to right) Cheryl Ashley, Joanna Rybak, Corisa Walker, Owen Chanana, Stephen Gaffney, Erika Grothues, Diana Weeks, and Charles Miller.

Anyone interested in learning more about this very active organization of women is welcome to contact membership@veronajuniors.org. Prospective members also are welcome at business meetings, which are held the second Wednesday of each month (except April, July, August and December) at 8 p.m. in the Verona Community Center.

For more information, visit www.veronajuniors.org