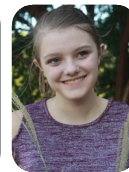


# The Riedy Reader

## February 2019



We have three main investments of our time here in the Riedy household; family, FamilyLife®, and homeschooling. Sometimes, when we are very blessed, these three overlap! Such was the case January 31-Feb 2. These were the dates of the Arkansas Diamond Speech & Debate tournament, just down the street from us here in Little Rock.

This was a **family** connection because each member of our crew pitched in to make this event happen, even Charissa who came down from college with her boyfriend Chris to help out. This event had

**FamilyLife** ties in that we have a few FamilyLife staff kids on our team, fellow staff came out to judge, and FamilyLife helped sponsor the event and had a table promoting its summer intern program. Finally, the **homeschool** connection is SOAR, our local Stoa (stoausa.org) club, is a focal point of our girls' Jr. High and High school experiences.

With over two hundred students competing from thirteen different states, the Diamond is the largest tournament of its kind in the Mid-South. This year, Eric and I were more involved than we have ever been. I have been overseeing the Judge Hospitality (i.e. food!) for years but this year, as one of four tournament directors, I made announcements and presented awards. I cannot imagine trying to pull off this HUGE event without the help of Tricia, Angela, and Victoria, pictured below.



Eric, who has been leading the facilities team for the past few years, was also drafted to help with announcements and closed our awards ceremony with prayer and singing the Doxology. He does such a good job with the facilities work that he has been tapped to help with NITOC (National Invitational Tournament of Champions) in Dallas, TX this year! Pray for wisdom as we consider our involvement in this event in May.



# 96%

of couples say it greatly improved their marriage.  
97% say they would recommend Weekend to Remember to others.

# 4 to 8

On average, our guests say their marriage went from a 4 to an 8 in just one weekend!

# 100%

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I know many of you are still buried under a layer of snow/ice, but spring has sprung for the **Weekend to Remember** season! The weekend of February 15-17 alone has 6 events including Hershey PA! Other spring events include Grand Rapids, MI 2/22-24, Reston, VA 3/15-17, Skytop, PA 3/22-24 & 3/29-31, Newport, RI 4/5-7, Kalamazoo, MI 4/12-14 and many more! Check out [www.weekendtoremember.com](http://www.weekendtoremember.com) and be sure to use our group name 'abcdefamily' for a \$100/couple discount on your registration!

Brenna is in her senior year, her sixth year in SOAR. In addition to competing herself, this year she has been the club coach for Apologetics. In this event the students develop an index card box of research to answer one hundred pre-released theological questions. Once they are in the competition room, they draw one of these questions at random, take four minutes to prepare, and then deliver a six minute speech. Brenna has gone to NITOC in this event for the past few years so it has been special to see her take on the coaching role. She is also doing a speech on women and finance, as well as three interpretative events. The picture here is from the Diamond competition while portraying a superhero in one of her interps. I love seeing her 'all in', as she is usually not as expressive in practices.



Amanda is enjoying her return to debate. She debated in sixth and seventh grade, took a year of speech only, and now is back for her freshman year. Her new debate partner is just as committed as she is so they work hard together! This year's resolution is about U.S. foreign aid; so I, in my first year as debate coach, have learned along with Amanda! I love watching these two young ladies learn to respectfully 'hold their own' against all sorts of different style competitors. Amanda is also doing a persuasive speech on the importance of teen jobs and two interps. Her final event, Mars Hill, is similar to the Apologetics event mentioned above, but instead of theological questions; the students are given a list of books, movies and song lyrics. Their speech, then, must tie this item to an aspect of Biblical truth. This is the event FamilyLife sponsored at Diamond this year. Mars Hill seeks to make Biblical truth relevant to our current culture, just like FamilyLife seeks to do.

Our three main passions; family, FamilyLife, and homeschooling coming together in one event!

In Him,

Eric & Deb

### Tear & Prayer

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**Pray** for Eric as he travels to the Grand Rapids Weekend to Remember Feb 22 to welcome over 200 corporate sponsorship guests! He will also be at Cornerstone EPC in Brighton, MI for their missions conference Feb 23-24. Be sure to stop by & say hello if you are local

**Pray** for Charissa to do well during this very busy semester! She is excited to realize she will actually finish college a semester early (Dec. 2019) with a BS in Culinary Arts & a minor in Nutrition

**Pray** for Eric & I as we prepare for an upcoming Donor Getaway in CA, March 13-18

**Praise** for the 2900+ guests of the Love Like You Mean It® marriage cruise Feb 10-16. Sold out again!