

## **Literacy Council of Carroll County**

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## The 19th Annual Spelling Bee

What a great evening both participants and guests had on April 19. The evening began with a social hour that allowed people to take chances on 5 overstuffed raffle baskets, browse the free books from Penguin Random House and socialize with friends. The dinner prepared by Kountry Kitchen and the desserts by Stone House Cakery and Café were both delicious. The roast beef was so tender and the coconut cake was unbelievable.

The competition began with each of the 10 teams scoring in round one. By the end of round three there was a tie between the Superu Spellers from Carroll County Library and the Didactidactyis from Carroll Community College with 7 points each for first place.

Rounds 4 and 5 with their mulligans allow teams to have "do overs" and "throws to other teams" as well as deductions for words misspelled. At the end of the Bee there was a clear winner, a clear 2<sup>nd</sup> place and a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ties are resolved with Spell Offs, each of the 2 teams involved are given words to spell just against just each other. Finally after 7 rounds, the Historical Spellers from the Historical Society out spelled the Superu Spellers to take third place.

Second place was won by The Werd Nerds from North Carroll Middle School. North Carroll Middle School is one of our long time teams who we always enjoy and who has won in the past.

First place was won by the Spellerellas from Penguin Random House's accounting department. By the 4<sup>th</sup> round they were surging ahead so teams mounted challenges to get them to misspell but the Spellerellas were able to defend first place and eventually scored 10 more points than the second place team. Well done, Number Crunchers!!!

### Thank you to all the Bee volunteers, particularly

Emcee - Jim DeWees, CC Sheriff Pronouncer -The Honorable Richard Titus, Circuit Court Judge

Judge - Lisa Picker, Member of the Board, CCPL

Word List -Jillian Dittrich, CCPL Trivia Contest - Andie Luchini-Smith, Member of the Board, CCYSB

Timer - Maddie, Andie's daughter

# A word about our **Sponsors**

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#### Thankzzzzz!!!





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Spellerellas First Place Winners
Penguin Random House, Accounting Dept.



Filling a bag with books is no problem when the books are free.



Werd Nerdz Second Place Winners
North Carroll Middle School



Dinner was most delicious and the complimentary bottles of wine added just enough sparkle.



Historical Spellers Third Place Winners Carroll County Historical Society



Tutors from the Literacy Council enjoyed the Bee as a chance to get together, compare ideas and cheer on our team. Were we tied for 6<sup>th</sup>?



Reminder: April English Conversation Class May 14, 2018 May 28, 2018 255 Clifton Blvd., Westminster, MD 21157