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Commercials Are the Program at March 2 COBYS Banquet Reserve Your Place by February 21

In our media-saturated world, commercials usually sponsor programs, with advertising footing the bill for the actual content. But at this year's COBYS Family Services informational/fundraising banquet the commercials *are* the program. The COBYS Commercials Banquet is slated for Thursday, March 2, at the Middle



Olivia Shenk (pictured with videographer Mark Myers) never heard the Oscar Mayer Wiener song before, but she was willing to learn the COBYS version. "I wish you were a COBYS foster parent; that is what I'd truly like to see-ee-ee. . ."

Creek Church of the Brethren. For the second year we are offering lunch and dinner seatings. For lunch, doors open at 11:30 and the banquet begins at noon. For the evening, doors open at 6:00 for the 6:30 banquet. (For more details, [view the invitation](#).)

Nearly the entire program will consist of commercials—some originals and some our twist on classic ads and advertising slogans. You know, at COBYS we know a thing or two because we've seen a thing or two, so some of our commercials will tell you about our ministries. Others will be just for fun. We expect the "Can you hear me now? Guy" to make an appearance, and our crack team of writers has composed new lyrics to the

Oscar Mayer Wiener song. One of our Gene Wenger's Ham Loaf commercials from our news banquet a few years ago might even make a comeback.

The program won't be all fluff. Kyle & Laura Beltle, who adopted three-year-old Ava on February 9, will share some of their story, and Director of the Lancaster County Office of Juvenile Probation Dave Mueller will talk of how he has seen COBYS programs making a difference in the community.

Because we understand that you're not you when you're hungry, along with all the ads we'll have our usual excellent meal, served family style at noon and buffet in the evening.

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At the banquet you will meet Ava and hear some of Kyle & Laura Beltle's adoption testimony.

Ad Quiz Adds Banquet Intrigue

Find the Ads and You Could Win a Valuable Prize*

This year's **banquet invitation** includes a puzzle. Hidden among the text and photos are quite a few allusions to familiar and maybe not-so-familiar ads and advertising slogans. Some are recent and some may be older than you are. It's up to you to figure out just how many there are.

All correct answers will be entered in a drawing for a valuable prize, with one winner being chosen at each banquet seating. You must attend the banquet to win.

If you are RSVPing for the banquet, there's a spot on the response slip to record your answer and enter the contest. If you are seated at someone else's table or didn't get a chance to enter the contest for some other reason, feel free to send your best guess to **Nicole Hurst**.

If we end up short on correct answers, we'll grade on a curve. Somebody will win a Very Valuable Prize at each banquet!

**COBYS reserves the right to define "valuable." Like beauty, sometimes value is in the eye of the beholder.*



Soloist Eva Strawser

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Soloist Eva Strawser will provide musical selections during the program. (There will be no gathering music this year.) Eva is a fifth grade teacher in the Lampeter-Strasburg School District and a member of Lampeter United Methodist Church, where she is involved with the Praise Band, Food Cupboard Ministry, and Administrative Council. She has performed in various choirs; has sung the national anthem for the Harrisburg Heat, City Islanders, and the West Lampeter Community Fair; and also has performed with the Promise Players Community Theater Group.

Seating for each banquet is limited to 450. If both time slots fit your schedule, we encourage you to choose the daytime event, where more good seats will be available. We'll have the same delicious food and



"When COBYS Executive Director Mark Cunningham talks, people listen." Do you recognize the commercial reference? If you do, you may be old.

informative and entertaining program each time. Brethren Village will provide transportation for its residents for the noon seating. Reservations are required, and the event will include an opportunity to support COBYS ministries. Guests may reserve a table of eight for \$300 or a table of 12 for \$450. Individuals or couples also may attend without reserving a table and give as they feel led at the event. Those not at purchased tables will be assigned seating at unreserved tables.

To reserve your place, please contact Nicole Hurst at 717-656-6580 or nhurst@cobys.org by Tuesday, February 21. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. A table is considered reserved when payment is received.

If you are unable to attend, you can support COBYS ministries by sending a check designated for the banquet to COBYS Family Services, 1417 Oregon Road, Leola, PA 17540. Or **give online** and choose "banquet" in the gift designation field.

For more information, please contact Nicole or Don Fitzkee at don@cobys.org.