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Chairman's Corner

Our language has some intriguing phrases. "The whole nine yards" is said in context of one giving 100% to complete a specific goal. The most likely meaning is divided between two popular interpretations. The first is a nautical interpretation referring to old sailing ships. There are nine cross-members on a square-rigged ship of the line called *yard arms* or *yards* for short. When all nine mainsails were engaged the ship was at optimum speed with "*the whole nine yards.*"

Secondly, this phrase could have been derived from American pilots in World War II who flew the P-51 Mustang. Ammunition belts loaded into the wings of those planes were nine yards in length. Returning pilots, after engaging in an enemy dogfight, would convey to comrades the intensity of battle by simply saying, I gave the enemy "*the whole nine yards.*"

A current application of this phrase could easily apply to us as CEF volunteers and financial supporters as we spread the Gospel through our ASGNCs. Scripture says in Col. 3:23, "whatsoever you do, do it heartily unto the Lord." As CEF servants for the Lord we must heartily give our talents, time and finances and it should be nothing less than "*the whole nine yards.*"

D. Thompson

Good News Clubs Status Report

Thank you to all team leaders who have worked diligently to renew and develop relationships with school administrators to begin clubs this session! **Thirteen schools and one YMCA have clubs beginning in September and October with several more anticipating start dates later this school year.** The lives of many children will be affected by the efforts of you and your team. Your commitment to seeing God's Word shared with others is deeply appreciated!

If your team or church needs support in restarting an existing Good News Club or in starting a new Club, don't hesitate to call for assistance. Daniel Uttley and/or a committee member will be happy to help with anything from facilitating school contacts to training new volunteers.

Kick-Off Event

The annual Central District Kick-Off was a success with uplifting songs, curriculum reviews, sharing of teaching techniques and information among Club volunteers. Thanks to local business sponsors for providing lunch and to Heritage Baptist Church for hosting the event.

Central Virginia Chapter PowerPoint

Spread the Good News! The Central Chapter now has PowerPoints that can be customized for any church or small group presentation. **If you know of a group who would like to learn more about CEF's history, accomplishments, mission and goals, staff and committee members stand ready to share a presentation with your church or organization!**

Prayer Requests

Prayers are the foundation of Child Evangelism Fellowship. Your prayers are coveted for:

- Children entering GNCs this school session
- The presence of the Holy Spirit in our schools
- Funding to cover chapter expenses
- Volunteers for existing and new GNCs
- Volunteers for Central Virginia CEF Chapter committee
- Central Virginia CEF Local Director position vacancy.

Do you have an encouraging Good News story to share? Yours can be included in the December edition of the newsletter! Please email to: crosskaren2013@gmail.com by November 30, 2022.

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