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Stephen F. Austin State University's East Texas Math Teachers' Circle is now in its second year and has had a very successful start thanks to mutually beneficial arrangements with some unexpected partners. Generous support from a federally funded program (GEAR UP) has both encouraged us to allot some time to classroom connections and provided us with a core group of teachers. Seed grants and a relationship with our regional education service center have also been helpful. In addition to highlighting our most successful problems and the diversity of our session topics, we will discuss the roles of our partners and the structure of the circle activities inside and outside of scheduled meetings. (Received September 16, 2014)