

Awareness Washington County 2022 Class

“Out of This World Leadership”

2 day Opening Retreat at Spring Mill

As soon as our 2021 class graduation was completed in June our co-facilitators, Cheryl Lee and Deni Stempowski (who took over for Marji Morris after her retirement) made calls and sought applicants for the new 2022 AWC class. Opening Retreat was scheduled at Spring Mill for September 23-24, 2021.

Cheryl and Deni met with resistance getting members for our 2022 class. Between the fact that people are SOOOOO busy, the COVID Pandemic, plus many businesses are shorthanded on workers so when they have those that do want to work, they need them to be there, but with perseverance Cheryl and Deni got a total of 11 class members to commit. This year's theme is “Out of this World Leadership”.

We thank Salem Community Schools, East Washington Schools, West Washington Schools, Washington County YMCA, Eddie Gilstrap Motors, Austy's, Centra Credit Union & the new Carmelita Jean Scholarship presented by our AWC Board members, for believing in our organization and sending a class member this year. Please make sure to thank each of them whenever you see them.

OUR AWC ALIEN GREETED EACH NEW CLASS



MEMBERS.

AWARENESS WASHINGTON COUNTY 2022 CLASS MEMBERS ARE: KULLAN BLAKEY, BRANDAN BURGDALL, WHITNEY HOOPER, TINA SMITH, NICOLE PURLEE, LUKAS KULIKOWSKI, LAURA WANKE, EVAN CHASTAIN, SELENA CRADY, KIM REYNOLDS AND LINDSY KULIOWSKI

Cheryl and Deni arranged for Marji to assist at our opening retreat, and she readily agreed. The history of Awareness Washington County was shared by the staff, how AWC started and what Servant Leadership means. The class participated in numerous activities to learn more about each other. Knowing who you are going to be working with is a necessity, so you know what gifts



HOW COMFORTABLE ARE WE?

Class members discussed the positives they see in Washington County and the negatives. They talked about possible ways to make improvements in our community and acknowledged how important it was to commit and follow through with those ideas.



WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM HULA HOOPS?



MEETING NEW PEOPLE.





AWC at FNOS

Awareness Washington County Board & Staff always work hard to promote AWC at Friday Night on the Square. They hosted a Dessert Walk using tasty treats donated by our own AWC Alumni. The AWCA does an outstanding job supporting the AWC Board and Organization and we are so thankful for each Alumni!

The night was a success and was enjoyed by young and “older” alike! We jammed to music, danced, laughed, and informed people about Awareness Washington County.



CLOSING CIRCLE WITH NEW FRIENDS!



SO WHAT WERE YOUR THOUGHTS?





prepared delicious sandwiches for our group and owner Rebecca Marshall told the class about the rich history of her building & other buildings on the square.

Anne Terrell, AWC Alumni, retired teacher & historian, went through our printed questions and told background stories about each one.



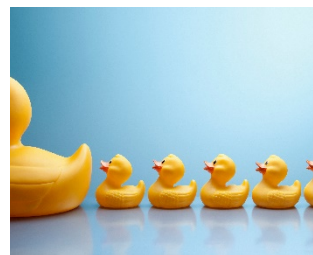
Vice President, Amanda Calfee & President Nathan Bills were all smiles at FNOS.



HISTORY DAY

Scavenger Hunt & AWC Class History Day

October brought the class back together for our Scavenger Hunt which was held at Salem Apothecary. Class members teamed up with each other and walked around the square, to the library, and to the John Hay Museum in search of answers to the scavenger hunt questions.



As the picture above illustrates, we all had to be ducks because it rained almost all day and it was an extremely cold rain! But we paddled along on the school bus and had an amazing time!

When they returned to Salem Apothecary, Board Member/AWC Alumni Dusty Baker

Drew Wright, local historian, came and taught us so many interesting things about Washington County. Whether you were born and raised here or moved to our community you can still learn something new!

Morgan's Raiders, Hicksite Friends Meeting House, African American community & cemetery, Lake Salenda, Beck's Mill & Fort Hill Church were among some of the places/events we learned about.



Pictured at Beck's Mill is our 2022 AWC Class along with Drew Wright & Raymond Lee

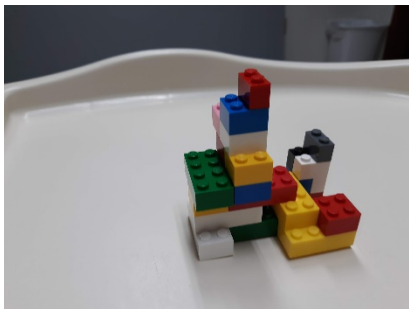


November-Camera Safari Presentations



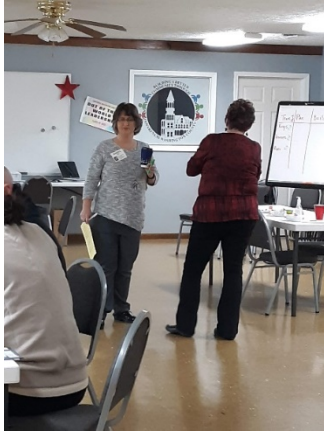


AND THEN WE PLAYED WITH LEGOS



THIS GROUP IS VERY COMPETITIVE! NO TOUCHING AND NO TALKING WAS REALLY HARD FOR SOME!





We were fortunate to have our Economic Panel to talk about events going on in our county. We had representatives from local government, agriculture, real estate, and business. The class enjoyed hearing from Todd Ewen, David Hoar, Linda Temple, and Rhonda Geralde, and having the opportunity to ask them questions.

MORE TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Next, we worked on putting jigsaw puzzles together.

After lunch we had the final presentation for our Camera Safari. And somehow, I missed getting a picture of the “buffalo guy” w/his song 😞



When working on a team or in a group people sometimes ask, "Where do I fit in?" How can I be helpful? Where am I strong or where am I weak?

Cup Stacking



Celebrate your victories!



MRS. CLAUS'S GIFT SHOPPE

Presented by Awareness Washington County

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021 AT
9 AM – 2 PM

Mrs. Claus' Gift Shoppe
American Legion • Salem, IN

AWC Board and staff organized another fund raiser event. The 2nd Annual Mrs. Claus Gift Shoppe was planned, and all board members and staff worked hard to make it a success! AWC Alumni again came through for AWC by donating soft drinks/bottled water, desserts, rented booths as vendors and came to shop!

DECEMBER brought change, unfortunately when our own Cheryl Lee got sick with COVID and was unable to be at our meeting. Deni recruited Marji to step in and help with our class.

The class played a card game, figuring out how to communicate without talking or drawing pictures.





Our wonderful AWC board provided a delicious meal for our meeting and class members had the opportunity to talk to them over lunch and ask questions about how AWC has helped them and why they love to serve on the board.



Josh Reasor, AWC Alumni facilitated an activity for our class. Collaborate or Defect!





The Tower of Babel



It's hard to believe that we started this journey back in September. January is here and February, March & April meetings will soon be completed, we'll have our closing retreat in May and in June we will

have our annual meeting and graduation. Time sure flies!

We planned an Alumni Cookie decorating event earlier for AWC but COVID started getting active again and we postponed. We are going to try it again in February for Valentine's Day. We'll just have to see how things go. Be sure to check our AWC Facebook page and AWC website for details. I'm grateful for the support of our Alumni whenever I ask for something, they never let me down. Thanks to all Alumni! You are greatly appreciated!

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