

# AWARENESS WASHINGTON COUNTY



*AWC Alumni Newsletter May 2016*

*Training Servant Leaders for 33 years*

## **A WORD (OR TWO) FROM LAURIE JACKSON**

As President of the Awareness Washington County Board of Directors, I will soon turn over the “reins” to Geoffrey Harrison at graduation on Monday, June 13, 2016. I have thoroughly enjoyed being president this year. I have had a wonderful board with which to work and accomplish things. We were successful at obtaining sponsors for the classes throughout the year.

Marji and Debbie are still working on training facilitators, one of the main goals for the year. These facilitators-in-training are great ones! They will help facilitate in the 2016-2017 class year and I anticipate great things from this new concept.

There will soon be a new, more visible sign at our building at 198 Joseph Street which reflects the changes in our logo.

Summing it up, I have enjoyed this experience and encourage others to take the challenge as Geoffrey is to be president of AWC in the future. I have enjoyed this year so much that I actually re-enlisted for another year – until June 2017. Awareness Washington County and We the Youth are wonderful programs and need to continue. I am an AWC alumnus and am proud to be on the board!

You are cordially invited to the  
AWC Annual Meeting  
And  
Graduation of AWC Class of 2016

June 13, 2016

Christie's on the Square

5:30 Doors open

6:00 plated meal served

Recognition of Honored Guests

RSVP Yvonne Maxey: [lymaxey1982@gmail.com](mailto:lymaxey1982@gmail.com)



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## A WORD (OR TWO) FROM MARJI MORRIS, AWC DIRECTOR

I'm pleased to report some changes in the AWC staff. Cheryl Lee will be joining me as assistant director and co-facilitator of the AWC Adult class. Debbie Mildenerger will be able to devote her time to We The Youth and the excellent WTY alumni organization she has established. Yvonne Maxey will assist with WTY and the adult class. Matt Gorman will be a facilitator with WTY.

And that's not all! We are in the midst of a training program to bring more facilitators into our fold. Kim Beard, Keith Shelby, Beth Armstrong, Patty Colglazier, Nick Siler, Kelly Williams, Adam Kelly, Paula Bortka, along with Yvonne, Cheryl and Marcia Brown (past WTY Director), are involved in the training. We had two 5-hour sessions in April and will follow up with a series of 2-hour sessions during the summer. We think the result will be a group of trained, enthusiastic facilitators who can present during the AWC class or

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## JOIN IN JUNE

It is that time of the year. The last page of this newsletter is the 2016-2017 Awareness Washington County Alumni Application. Please take time right now to fill it out and return it to: Anne Terrell, AWC Alumni Chair, and P.O. Box 212, Salem, Indiana, 47167. It is still a bargain at \$25.00 per year or \$250.00 for a life-time membership. Remember the goals are: To help maintain the AWC Building on Joseph Street, contribute to the AWC Fund in the Community Foundation, provide scholarships for new class members, pay for class graduate dinners and help AWC become even stronger in our community. Help fulfill the goals by joining today. Contact Anne Terrell at: [anne.terrell12@gmail.com](mailto:anne.terrell12@gmail.com) Thank you.



## Marji Morris

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other groups and eventually take over the class themselves. If you see any of them, please thank them for their commitment to AWC and servant leadership. And if you think you might want to join the group, contact me at [mlmsoar@hotmail.com](mailto:mlmsoar@hotmail.com) !

In other news, the Class of 2016 is in the books, having completed the closing retreat May 4-5.

This is an outstanding group of servant leaders and Debbie and I will be proud to graduate them on June 13. Please join us for the annual meeting featuring dinner, the introduction of new board members, alumni news, and fellowship.

Reservations are required. We'll gather at 5:45 and dinner will begin at 6:00. The cost is \$10 a plate. RSVP Yvonne Maxey [lymaxey1982@gmail.com](mailto:lymaxey1982@gmail.com) or 812-472-3617 or 812-620-0282.

This year's class members are Kim Beard, Jon Bierly, Kara Blake, Tiffany Burton, Corey Churchman, Dianna Cooley, Greg Hopkins, Rachel Huffaker, Andrea Kinney, Kathy Martin, Holly Mauck, Brett Miller, Hector Nale, Keith Nance, Susan Soliday, Jamie Stewart, Cassie Summers-Corp, Melinda Townsend, Kelly Williams, and Bob Winslow.



Class of 2016 as they begin their journey into AWC Servant Leadership program.



Class of 2016 as they end their journey into AWC Servant Leadership program.

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# Here's your chance!

The editors of the AWC Alumni Newsletter, along with members of the Alumni Association, are looking for a new editor and chairperson. I have been doing both jobs for eight years and I see a need for new innovations from others in our great organization. This will be my last newsletter. I will remain chair of the Alumni Association until November 1, 2016. Anyone who would like to do one or both positions, please contact Anne at 812-896-1571 or [anne.terrell12@gmail.com](mailto:anne.terrell12@gmail.com), or Marji at [mmlmsoar@hotmail.com](mailto:mmlmsoar@hotmail.com). All members of the board of directors can help you also! Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.



## A Word (or two) from Yvonne Maxey

**Assistant to Directors: We The Youth and Awareness Washington County**

Awareness Washington County and We The Youth Leadership program holds a special place in my heart. I have volunteered with WTY since Debbie Mildenburger became director, but this past July I came on board as Debbie's assistant. Marji Morris and Debbie have been co-directors of Awareness Washington County, and I have also assisted them as needed throughout this past year.

In early July Debbie and I started sketching out plans for the upcoming 2016 class, including our theme of Bustin' the Leadership Myth. Debbie works very closely with all 3 county schools so area freshman and sophomore students have the opportunity to attend this much-needed program.

We The Youth runs from September through April with the class meeting once a month. Students discover 21st Century Leadership Capacities including

- Learning Style
- Collaboration
- Vision Processes
- Creative Thinking

Moving groups to performance is taught through the steps of Gathering,

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## Yvonne Maxey

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Chaos, Unity and Performing. Many hands-on activities are used to illustrate how we can improve when working in groups or on teams.

Every year We The Youth picks a project to complete. The only stipulations for the project are it must benefit our community and cost funds must be raised by the class. After much discussion the WTY 2016 class decided they will be providing assistance to the Domestic Violence Shelter.

Recently we went to work (along with We The Youth Alumni, Katrina Humphrey (AWC class of 2014) and Zach Humphrey (future WTY). We painted a mural and a quote on several of the walls surrounding the playground. We also cleaned all the playground equipment, weeded and cleaned up the entire backyard and planted flowers for the residents to enjoy.

WTY Class of 2016 includes: Jarrett Anderson, Lauren Blanton, Elise Clift, Lexi Humphrey, Jude Livers, Elaisha Powell, Sidney Smith, Baden Stewart, Max Strother and Garrett Wiseman.

Time will be here before you know it for the next We The Youth Class. Possible candidates should contact your school counselor or Debbie at 812-786-2016 or Yvonne at 812-620-0282 for further information.



We the Youth Director Debbie Mildenburger and Assistant Director Yvonne Maxey enjoy a little down time.

## WTY Director's Corner AKA Miss Debbie or Debster

I am currently sitting in the AWC office on a drizzly day with Yvonne Maxey, We The Youth Assistant Director, as we reflect on the past year. Again all I can think is how blessed I am to work with the amazing young people from our county, but I say that all the time. This year our class was small in number, but they were ready to learn and lead.



Awareness Washington County:  
We The Youth 2016

FR Yvonne Maxey, Lauren Blanton, Hayley Elgin, Lexie Humphrey, Zachary Humphrey and Debbie Mildenburger; BR Kaylee Back, Sidney Smith, Jerrett Anderson, Katrina Humphrey and Garrett Wiseman

Yvonne and I could see how much each of this year's class members brought to the class and how they grew as leaders. The We The Youth 2016 class has completed their project day and is now looking forward to their closing retreat and graduation which will be held at my house on June 10th and 11th.

The We The Youth Alumni joined the class year as helpers. It was a way for them to continue learning different ways to facilitate leadership skills and then practice them. This was the first year that this opportunity was open to the WTY Alumni, and they found it to be very valuable. WTYA (We The Youth Alumni) will be helping at the WTY closing retreat. They will use this as an opportunity to welcome new members to WTYA and plan a summer activity and perhaps a small project.

We are proud of all of our WTY Alumni. Congratulations to all of those who are graduating this year!

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## Director's Corner

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Zenas Bowling is graduating from East Washington High School. He will be attending IUS in the fall and will be majoring in Business.

Courtney Kelley is graduating from Salem High School. She will be attending Purdue University this fall and will be majoring in Food Sciences.

Colton Richardson will be graduating from Salem High School. He will be attending Ivy Tech.

We would also like to wish Kaylee Back, who is off to boot camp this summer, much success. She is a junior at Salem High School and will be joining the Army National Guard after she graduates.

I look forward to continuing my work with We The Youth, WTY Alumni and Yvonne. Yvonne and I are excited about working with Matt Gorman when he is available. He recently attended a meeting about facilitation training and indicated that he would like to work with WTY. He has met with Yvonne and me and has wonderful ideas and lots of enthusiasm for the program! Welcome aboard Matt!

Please help us promote We The Youth and We The Youth Alumni to any youth who is going into the 9th or 10th grade or has been through WTY. During the summer we are going to be promoting the program to those who would be eligible for next year's class. We are also working on a leadership workshop for 3rd, 4th, 5th, or 6th graders. If you or anyone you know have any questions about our program please call Yvonne (812-620- 0282) or Debbie (812-786- 2016).

Thank you,  
Debbie Mildenburger  
WTY Director

## What have AWC Leadership training classes been doing lately?

- A children's book in Servant Leaders in Washington County tied with history of Washington County
- Lighting the Way: Lights are being added to the Walking Path
- Exercise Stations on Walking Path
- Repair the Bell
- Bricks at Peace Center
- Christmas Lights on Court House
- Welcome signs on entrance to Campbellsburg, Pekin, and Salem
- Wishing Well to raise AWC project money (Rented Out to all Non-Profits)
- Led in Restoration of Beck's Mill
- Refurbished Myers Pool
- Tables and shelter houses at Lake Salinda
- Teacher Appreciation Day

What project did you work on? Is it on this impressive list? If not, send the information to:

Anne Terrell:  
anne.terrell12@gmail.com

# Thanks to Awareness Alumni for the nice meal!

The 2015-16 Alumni Association provided the meal for the Class of 2016 on April 19 and good food was had by all. I really appreciate this gang coming through with the food and great serving skills.

A great "cast" consisted of Anne Terrell, LaDonna Mitchell, Karen Libka and Laurie Jackson.; still more food providers were Amy Birkla, Bruce Grosvenor, Angela Kelley, Marcia Brown, Monika Spaulding, Yvonne Maxey, Mike Motsinger, Carmelita Jean and Toni Brittingham.

JayC helped provide fried chicken and Country Cookin' provided the beef.

Thanks to our great board and volunteers, setting up and staffing the booth at FNOS was a breeze. Well, some of the breeze came from the sky, but ....

Thanks especially to Chris Bundy for donating the gift card for the giveaway and making the great signs. Jamie Stewart, class of 2016, furnished the tent and stayed to help all evening. She did a great job of talking up AWC to people who stopped by the booth. Adam Kelly helped us find our spot and set up the tent. Allison and Mark transported the wishing well, and brought Hudson along to entertain us. Geoffrey took the well back to the building and

helped Bill unload all the stuff in our truck and dry things out.

Susan, Laurie, Tami, Karen and Ginger helped pass out brochures and get people to sign up for the giveaway. Yvonne brought us card tables to use and picked up the brochures from the office.

Thanks, too, to Bill Reister, who helped of his own free will, although the promise of a fish sandwich and homemade candies may have had something to do with it.

Paula Bortka Wells, Karen, Lisa, and Katrina Humphrey helped promote the sale of lights for their class, as well as encouraging kids to put money in the wishing well. Jamie got a bunch of pennies and we lured kids in by getting them to do races with the pennies. Often their parents gave them more coins to put in too.

Despite the weather, several people stopped by. Three in particular indicated an interest in the class and filled out a card for me to contact them. That's not as many as we hoped for, but it's 3 more than we had before.

I hope I didn't leave anyone out. If I did, I apologize. I really appreciate working with such a willing group of board members.



*The Kitchen Krew, from left: Anne Terrell, LaDonna Mitchell, karen Libka, and Laurie jackson*



## AWC IS IN SESSION -- 2016 CLASS AT WORK



# The Workers of Awareness Washington County

## 2016-2019 Board of Directors

### Term expires in 2017

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Laurie Jackson, Ginger Morris, LaDonna Mitchell and Tami Branaman

### Term expires in 2018

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Lisa Aly, Chris Bundy, Karen Libka, and Ginny Tackett

### Term expires in 2019

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Mike Motsinger, Geoffrey Harrison, Corey Churchman, and Karen Blake

### Director

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Marji Morris

### Assistant Director

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Cheryl Lee

### We The Youth Director

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Debbie Mildenburger

### Assistant to Directors

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Yvonne Maxey

## We The Youth Awareness Washington County

### Secretary

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Allison Walker

### Building Stewards

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Adam Kelly and Yvonne Maxey

### Alumni Chair

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Anne Terrell

Would you like to join this team and put your leadership skills to work?

Do you know someone who would benefit from taking the AWC Class?

Would you like to take the class again; a refresher course on leadership? **NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!**

CALL DEBBIE: 812-752-282278/812-896-1930  
AWC Office

CALL MARJI: 812-883-6760/812-896-1930  
AWC Office

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**Awareness Washington County Alumni Association**  
**P.O. Box 212~ Salem, Indiana 47167 ~ 812-896-1930**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Information:**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Other Information:**

- I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors for AWC.
- I am interested in supporting AWC. Email me when there is an event.
- I would like attend training workshops to strengthen my leadership skills.
- I would like to join the Alumni Association and am enclosing a donation of **\$25.00** for **2016-2017** year. I would like to have a life-time membership and have enclosed **\$250.00**.
- I am interested in joining the Alumni Association at a later date, but am enclosing a \_\_\_\_\_ donation for the Awareness Washington County Fund of the Washington County Community Foundation.

QUESTIONS?  
Contact Anne Terrell:  
812-896-1571  
[anne.terrell12@gmail.com](mailto:anne.terrell12@gmail.com)

Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Let's make Washington County strong by creating Servant Leaders!!

Thank you!!!

**I Would Like to Nominate the Following Persons for Awareness Washington County Leadership Class:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application, with a check or money order in the amount/membership you have selected, to Anne Terrell at the address at the top of this sheet. Thank you for your support of Awareness Washington County!