

## AWC January-April 2018

The AWC class started out the New Year with a creative activity, Jenga Dare, which showed how we sometimes need to get out of our comfort zone to accomplish a goal. This was to help them prepare for making decisions as a group and coming to Consensus. There was singing, dancing and lots of laughs before they shared ideas on a possible class project. In February we had another first, when we were treated to fancy crepes for our breakfast. Everyone agreed and come to Consensus that they were incredible! The class also held their own Olympics w/ Gold, Silver & Bronze Medals awarded. Collaboration was discussed, Steps to Performing Community & Facilitation from the

Chair. Class members welcomed AWC Alumni Mindy Gunn but quickly realized she had them attending a meeting (from H\*LL) where no-one was going to get any goals reached!



In March, we traveled country roads to Hardinsburg's Bearcat Civic Center and learned from guest Kay Lambert about how the building came to be there. Dustin Houchin, County Prosecutor, shared info about drugs in our county and how they are trying to address that issue. AWC 2017 Alumni Tom Rosenbaum & MaryAnne Knapp brought an activity about bringing the

group into Consensus. Then we had a presentation by AWC 2017 Alumni Jerame Hall & Mindy Bortka, which was a somber experience but taught us Creativity in Leadership.

These representations prepared us for our April meeting and Teaching Back Day. Class members partnered up to prepare an activity demonstrating one of the many skills they had learned during the class, give directions, then de-brief. We had some amazing and creative examples:

- *Creativity in Leadership by: Jess Webster & Amanda Bills*
- *Consensus: Tasha Kustes & Andy Miller*
- *Collaboration: Rhonda Geralde & Sherry Germann*
- *Visioning: Kala Ponder & Courtney Stahl*
- *Timeline: Karen Ragains & Trish Guthrie*
- *Multiple Lenses: David Voyles & Michelle DeWitt*

May's closing retreat brought the group together at the Depot for an informative evening class to

discuss people (good/bad) in our lives who made us the Servant Leaders we are today. The 2nd day we had 1 more team to present their activity.

- *Learning Styles: Brenden Davison & Mark Walker*

Afterwards the class discussed the highs and lows of the 9 month class; what they enjoyed, what caused them to be uncomfortable. We did a Mirroring Activity where we wrote something positive about each person. Marji & Cheryl appreciated the class making the year a very enjoyable time. AWC class members also were thankful for the Directors and what they had shown them and how it had greatly changed their lives.

AWC 2018 have discussed many issues that they each have passion for and would all be something positive for our community. At this writing, it is my understanding the 2018

project will be various fundraising to help provide scholarships for people to continue benefiting from the AWC/WTY programs.  
GREAT IDEA!

## WTY Focus On Leadership 2018

Director of We the Youth, Debbie Mildenburger states how the 2018 class has been busy with small community projects in order to work on their new leadership skills, become socially aware and develop new relationships w/fellow participants from the whole county. Some of these smaller projects included a booth at Halloween at the Steven's Museum; collections made for the County Food Bank, ringing the Bell for Salvation Army, "You Have a Heart for Servant Leadership" Day. Class members also volunteered at the Rotary Club's annual Daddy/Daughter

Dance and AWC's Annual Chili Cook-off. Our end of the year project is collecting monies for Relay for Life (June 8-9) and the Animal Shelter. We The Youth hosted a Yard Sale/Bake Sale for this and took in over \$950.



## Outgoing AWC Board Members

We would like to honor and thank the board members who are going off the board this year:

**Karen Libka, Ginny Tackett and LaDonna Mitchell.** We thank you for your friendships and dedication to Awareness Washington County and We The Youth. The AWC Board and staff would also like to thank our out-going president **Mike Motsinger**, who has moved us forward through 2018 with his integrity, hard work and encouragement. We look forward to seeing in-coming President elect, **Kara Blake**, installed at the annual meeting. I know that Kara brings her enthusiasm and creative ideas to make 2019 an amazing and productive year!



Karen Libka



Ginny Tackett



LaDonna Mitchell



Mike Motsinger



Kara Blake

*Thanks to all who help AWC Alumni plan for our future!*

### **Goals of the AWC Association**

- *Present a scholarship to a class member in August of each year*
- *Oversee the preparation & serving of lunch for the adult class in April (or board designated month) each year*

- *Add 25% of dues collected each year to the AWC Fund in the Washington County Community Foundation*
- *Give each class \$100 seed money for their chosen project*
- *Make a \$250 contribution to the AWC for building maintenance*
- *Pay the cost of all graduates dinner at the Annual/Graduation meeting*
- *Aid the AWC board in carrying out its objectives: Support, support, support!*
- *Create & distribute the newsletter*

*Awareness Washington County Class of 2018 Graduation and Annual Meeting*

*Thursday, June 14 @ 5:45 pm*

*Christie's on the Square*

*Please RSVP by June 8*

*Call Yvonne Maxey at 812-620-0282 or email: [lymaxey1982@gmail.com](mailto:lymaxey1982@gmail.com), indicating the number attending.*

*Graduates, one guest and sponsor meals are complimentary.*

*Additional guest meals will be \$10.*

*AWC Alumni Association dues may be paid at our annual meeting.  
\$25/year*

**1 night only  
June 14th 2018 Graduates can purchase Lifetime Memberships for \$200.**

*Regular Lifetime Membership is \$250.*

*Thank you for your support for Awareness Washington County & We The Youth Leadership Programs*