

AWC has had some exciting times since our annual graduation in June. We now have 38 active Alumni members!

In July our AWC Board & Staff attended the WCCF dinner & created an informative display to get the word out about Awareness Washington County.

In August the AWC Alumni hosted "Rockin' with the Alumni" which was a 50's themed party. Attendees were asked to dress in 50's attire and gather for food, fun & friendship. Music played while everyone talked and shared ideas for future activities for AWC/WTY.



AWC Alumni Ray & Lisa Owen

In September the 23 new 2019 AWC Class members met at Spring Mill for Opening Retreat with the theme being "Agents of Change". Marji Morris, Cheryl Lee & Yvonne Maxey are impressed with the class and look forward to sharing Servant Leadership qualities

throughout the year. 2019 AWC class members are: Brande Abbott, Troy Albert, Sue Bennett, Nathan Bills, Wayne Blevins, Sherri Brown, Amanda Calfee, Becky Crane, Klay Dougherty, Sarah Fisher, Dennis Germann, Rhett Huffaker, Amanda Hurst, Jennifer Hutchinson, Laura Lee, Tina Lee, Chelsey Miller, Dylan Moore, Kevin Nance, Helen Pickens, Sandy Shields, Jennifer Stahl, and Deni Stempowski

We had an additional way to volunteer when the AWC Class of 2017 fulfilled their class project by hosting a county wide clean-up day. They planned each step and raised funds through business sponsorships for shirts. There was 460 pounds of trash picked up from our community!!! Way to go AWC Class of 2017!



2017 AWC Class & Volunteers

October was another busy month; Anne Terrell shared her knowledge when the AWC 2019 Class participated in the Historic Scavenger Hunt around the Square.

Then at their first regular AWC meeting local historian Drew Wright conducted the annual History Tour Field Trip around Washington County. Things that surprised the class the most were:

- lots of history in county
- many German settlers
- so many mills in community
- private cemeteries
- our Square
- African American community
- geology/geography affected growth
- AME church/school
- Royce's Lick
- lots of travel through this area
- John Williams estate now worth many hundred thousand's & now funds scholarships for area students.
- Rise/fall of population in county linked to world events
- Interrelated families
- Beck's Mill intriguing
- 300,000 yr old marks on stones
- the 19'9" circumference oak tree
- How Salt licks work
- the "feel" of Blue River Friends Church



2019 AWC Class History Day

November's AWC class shared their Camera Safari presentations. Each was creative & informative, plus an Economic Panel brought info about Washington County: Industry, Real Estate, Agriculture, and local Government & Retail.

December's class meeting then discussed area problems and what steps/organizations we could contact to solve these problems. The AWC Board provided our meal and mingled with class members to see what they think of the AWC program so far.

The AWC Alumni hosted a painting class which was opened to the Public as well as Alumni members. The class was taught by Alumni Roseanne Quatroke and was very well attended with everyone agreeing it was a great event!



AWC Alumni listen to instructions for painting Court House

November offered another opportunity for AWC Alumni to "give back". The City of Salem hosted their annual Thanksgiving Meal for the community. It was held November 19 at Southern Hills Church. Country Cookin' owner & AWC Alumni LaDonna Mitchell served the meal.

During December the AWC Alumni will be collecting new, unwrapped toys & items for Direct Link to a Smile. Direct Link was started to honor the memory of Joey Reister, grandson of Marji Morris & Bill Reister, as well as their daughter in law, Christina. Toys collected are delivered to patients at Riley's & Norton (Kosair) Children's Hospital over Christmas.

Plans are already underway for the annual AWC Chili Cook-off. Mark your calendars now to volunteer and attend March 9, 2019!

Anyone who has volunteer options that AWC Alumni could possibly help with please let us know.

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