



AWC ALUMNI NEWSLETER

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Awareness Washington County
Training Leaders for 32 years

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A Word (or two) by

President, AWC Board of Directors

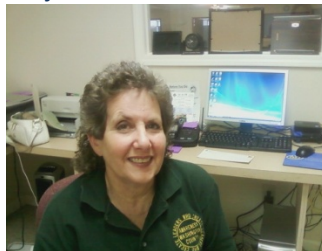
Being president of this board is a very interesting position. I have been used to other boards where an agenda was strictly followed. For this board, a flexible agenda is used and open discussion and interaction is encouraged. For some unknown reason, all of this works well and things get accomplished. Awareness is all about consensus so hardly any votes are taken!

We welcomed three new members to our board this year, Chris Bundy, Karen Libka and Ginny Tackett – all three are a great asset to the board!

Our biggest concern this year is to find persons with a passion for Awareness who would be interested in being successors to Marji Morris and Debbie Mildenburger when the time comes for them to step aside. We are having a special meeting on January 11th to discuss this. Anyone who is interested in being a co-director of AWC or WTY, please call me at 317-213-6556.

A big thank you to Anne Terrell who invoiced our sponsors; consequently, all funds were received early! Great job! Awareness Washington County and We The Youth are wonderful programs and need to continue! I am an AWC alumna and am proud to be on the board!

Co-Director Marji Morris talks about 2016 AWC Class



Twenty-one future servant leaders make up the Awareness Washington County class of 2016. The new class spent two days learning about servant leadership and the Twenty-first Century leadership capacities at the retreat in September. All AWC classes are hands-on, and the retreat was no exception. Class members participated in a variety of activities, which they then discussed and applied to real world situations. Each participant received a binder with resources for reference to add to their experiences.

In small groups, the participants analyzed groups in which they were involved and discussed how to help those groups function more effectively. Participants reported feeling energized by the retreat and eager to see what the rest of the year would bring. Co-directors Debbie Mildenburger and Marji Morris facilitated the retreat. Many board members assisted in the set up and throughout the retreat.

Early in October, the class met for an evening historical scavenger hunt prepared by Ginger Morris and Anne Terrell. Even Washington County natives said they discovered things around the square that they had not been aware of. We followed this with the traditional History Day facilitated by Drew Wright.

November meant Camera Safari presentations and Economic Growth. The presentations were creative and varied, from a Gilligan's Island type video to a presentation from a tour company. All groups reported being impressed with the natural beauty of the county and all of the previously undiscovered gems.

The Economic Growth panel discussion was lively. Participants this year were Ron Haendigaes (City Council), Jai Parumel (GKN), Sabrina Burdine (Econ. Growth Partnership), Rita Lincks (Lincks Clothing), David Hoar (Co. Council and Ag), and Mark Day (Day Realty). Board member Chris Bundy also met with the group to report on the state of the arts in Washington County.

2016 CLASS ACTIVITY AT THE RETREAT



Everyone is looking forward to the December meeting, which will be a joint meeting with WTY. AWC alumnus Dr. Josh Reasor will be a guest facilitator at that meeting.

WANT TO STAY INVOLVED

The AWC Board is looking for graduates who have the desire to serve the community by working with the AWC leadership team. Remember how much fun it was to participate in AWC class? You can join the leadership team and help facilitate class meetings each month. Interested? Contact Laurie Jackson, Debbie Mildenburger or Marji Morris, or call the office at 812-896-1930 and leave a message.

**STEP UP
AWC Class 2015-2016**

Kim Beard

Jon Bierly

Kara Blake

Dianna Cooley

Andrea Kinney

Kathy Martin

Greg Hopkins

Rachel Huffaker

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Cory Churchman

Sabrina Judson

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AWC Alumni Association

The Alumni Association is proud to have been in existence for seven years and be a part of servant leadership in Washington County. Thank you to those on this list for making good things happen for AWC.

Aly, Lisa
Anderson, Allenda
Birkla, Amy
Bortka-Wells, Paula
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Wade-Swift, Lindsey
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Bowling, Janet
Davis, De
Farmer, Carolyn Sue
Jean, Carmelita
Kelley, Angela
Kelly, Adam
Maxey, Yvonne
Motsinger, Mike and Nina
Quatroke, Roseanne
Reasor, Josh
Terrell, Anne
Walker, Mark and Allison

AWARENESS WASHINGTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE



Was your Outhouse the fastest in the county? Did it give a whole new meaning to Port-a-Potty? If so, the plunger that was thrown down for the Quest of the Golden Throne is in your possession! It's NOT? Didn't enter? You didn't win, but St. Vincent's did! Better luck next year!!

AWC is preparing for the 3RD Annual Outhouse Race...But AWC needs help! The Annual Race needs more competitors. And we, the AWC Alumni Association can, and should, help. **Let's have a class competition!** There have been classes since 1983...let's see who has the fastest racers of the past 32 years. St. Vincent has won 2 years in a row. Let's give them a run for their money and raise funds for AWC at the same time. We would love for all to join in the race: Build that **OUTHOUSE**, get a **Sponsor to advertise on the Outhouse** and race for the **Plunger!** Anne Terrell (anne.terrell12@gmail.com) has all the details and will email you the information as soon as you send a request. (Rules were in the June 2015 edition of the Alumni Newsletter which is still posted on our website: www.awarenesswashingtoncounty.org .

AWC Alumni Financial Report – November, 2015

Balance:	June 2015	\$1,593.05
2015 Dues Report: 36 members @ 25.00		900.00
1 member (Life):	1 @ 250.00	250.00
	Total:	1,150.00
Donation in April (H. Jacobi)	5.00	
Donation in June	8.00	
Donation in July	25.00	
Total:	38.00	
	Total:	\$ 1, 188.00
Balance:	November 2015	Total: \$1, 824.20

Expenditures are in paragraph form on the next page. A complete financial statement will be sent out in December to all members of the Alumni Association.

The AWC Alumni Association paid \$300.00 for the graduation dinners of the AWC Class of 2015 in June, and in November donated \$350.00 to the AWC Fund in The Washington County Community Foundation, \$250.00 to the AWC Building Maintenance Fund, and donated \$100.00 to the Class of 2014 to help with the Fitness Park.

What We DO!

As a result of past AWC classes, our county has a restored Beck's Mill, a refurbished Myers Pool, paved bricks and planted trees at CenterPeace, tables and shelter houses at Lake Salinda, a cleaner environment and a repaired bell spear-headed by the 2013 Class "Repair the Bell" campaign. The repair was completed for the bicentennial celebration in September. The 2015 Class completed "Fitness Stations" along the walking trail. Contact Allison Walker, allisonw870@gmail.com; to donate to "Fitness Park", Class 2014 project as they have had added expenses. Thank you.

Each AWC class chooses a project through which the community has benefited. We need former class members to join the Awareness Alumni to ensure servant leadership classes continue and to continue the vision of Awareness Washington County. **Donations to any of the projects are greatly appreciated.**

WTY CLASS 2016 BUSTIN' THE LEADERSHIP MYTH

The 2016 We The Youth class is a small but very impressive group of young people. The Servant Leadership skills of Communication, Teamwork, Collaboration and Consensus are just a few of the skills they already possess or have continued to develop. The class members of WTY 2016 are: Jarrett Anderson, Lauren Blanton, Elise Clift, Lexi Humphrey, Jude Livers, Elaisha Powell, Sidney Smith, Baden Stewart, Max Strother and Garrett Wisemen. They are committed and ready to "Bust the Leadership Myth" by proving the impact a group of young people can have on Washington County. One of the upcoming projects the group is working on is a canned food drive for the Washington County Food Bank. If you would like to donate canned goods or a monetary donation to their efforts, please drop it off on

Tuesday December 8 between the hours of 8 – 4 at the AWC BUILDING

**198 JOSEPH STREET, SALEM
FOOD DRIVE**

WE THE YOUTH Alumni

The We The Youth Alumni group has entered into their 2nd year and going through (dare we say it) "growing pains". The group started with 3 or 4 members who came on a regular basis and have grown 12 strong. The group has been improving their facilitation skills by helping with the current WTY class. They have been planning an upcoming community event for High School ages and above. We don't have a title for the event yet but will include a Self Defense course and some personal and leadership enhancement classes. The members of the WTY Alumni are: Emily Anderson, Haylee Anderson, Kaylee Anderson, Tori Bolton, Zena Bowling, Abbey Bryson, Haley Elgin, Courtney Kelley, Harrison Nicholson, Shelby Potter, Zach Rowland, Brant Stewart & Kristen Wesner. This group will be ringing the Salvation Army bell this coming weekend. If you know any of these young leaders, please thank them for and encourage them in the work they do.

Alumni news.....

Kelly Williams: Technology Integration Specialist

Kelly facilitates groups of teachers in learning technology. One of her topics this year will be "Getting the Word Out" using social media and blogs to share student work. She would love to highlight an example of a student blog or twitter account that is an excellent example of this. Preferably high school level but will take anything. Also, a second group will be working on designing digital lessons. Any processes or examples you have would also be appreciated! West Washington keeps her busy, and we are glad she is in this year's class.

Introducing Hudson Walker (And his parents)



Allison and Mark Walker moved here from Pennsylvania a few years ago to work at Sinter Metal. They are very active in AWC. Mark serves on the Board, Allison is the Board Secretary and an alumni of the class of 2014. Even though their family has grown, much to the delight of everyone, Mark and Allison continue to support our aims by being servant leaders in Washington County. Hudson will surely follow in their footsteps and be in "We The Youth" before we know it. Washington County is fortunate these two young people found it!

Yvonne Maxey: Unparalleled Enthusiasm

Yvonne Maxey is one of our building stewards at 198 Joseph Street, the AWC Building. Yvonne has taken the AWC Class, served on the Board of Directors for three years, was president of the Board, and now helps facilitate AWC Classes as well as "We The Youth" in many capacities. Her enthusiasm for AWC is really unparalleled.

Yvonne Maxey says..."love working with Debbie with We The Youth & helping out Marji & Debbie w/AWC!"

Monika Spaulding: Former We The Youth and AWC Class Member

Monika Spaulding recently started as senior reporter at The Salem Leader and Democrat. She was a staff writer several years ago for the newspaper and left the job to work part time and stay at home with her three children. With Marcia Walker retiring, she was given a chance to go back and she took it. Monika enjoyed both We The Youth and the AWC 2004 Class. She serves on the Salem Board of School Trustees and is the Substance Abuse Coordinator for Washington County.



Monika writes a local column entitled:
For What It's Worth

And as we look, a little early, to spring which is my favorite time of the year, June will bring the graduation of AWC. Speakers at last year's graduation were filled with new knowledge and energy to make a difference in Washington County. Who will speak this year? We don't know who yet, but may they be as inspiring as Mia Williams and Ron Gilchrist, AWC 2015 Class speakers.



Merry Christmas

Happy Holiday

Happy Hanukkah

Joyeux Noël

Frohe Weihnachten

Buon Natale

Happy New Year

And most important,

Peace in 2016