

AWC Leadership Boot Camp 2018

The AWC Class of 2018 began in September with our Opening Retreat held at Spring Mill. Co-Directors Marji Morris & Cheryl Lee with assistance from Yvonne Maxey introduced class members to 21st Century Leadership capacities including: Learning Styles, Steps to Performing Communities, Wisdom Cycle, Collaboration, Consensus, Vision Process, Facilitation Techniques, Creative Thinking & Story Telling.

October's meeting was History Day so the AWC class & staff boarded a school bus and had local historian Drew Wright, as our tour guide. Stops included "The Knobs" on 56E, to see rock formations, took a drive by an Amish household, and learned about area African American residents. Following a meal at the Chinese Buffet we discovered one of the largest oak trees in Washington Co. and posed for a class picture. We continued to Howard Twp Fire Dept and then were given an informative tour of Beck's Mill w/Raymond Lee. Ft Hill church was next where we learned about an original Fort built in the area many years ago for protection for residents.

Our November meeting brought class members together to show their Camera Safari presentations. Getting to know more about each other, and learning about many surprising things

Washington County offers seemed to be a common denominator among the groups.

Marji & Cheryl arranged for an Economic Panel to speak with the class. Representatives from Industry, Economic Growth, Agriculture, County & Real Estate were in attendance. They shared many insightful ideas w/class members and allowed time for questions and answers.

Class members are already bonding and building friendships. The diverse group is learning about each other's gifts and talents and are blending together very well.

2018 AWC Class Members include:

Amanda Bills, Brenden Davison, Michelle DeWitt, Rhonda Geralde, Sherry Germann, Trish Guthrie, Tasha Kustes, Casey Miller, Andy Miller, Joni Muchler, Kala Ponder, Karen Ragains, Courtney Stahl, David Voyles, Mark Walker & Jess Webster

WTY Focus On Leadership 2018

Awareness Washington County We The Youth Leadership Class has made some changes to the program this year. The class was opened up to Freshman through Seniors, in Washington County. The cost of the program was raised from \$25 to \$100 with Scholarships available to any that needed it. Class members attended a 2 day Opening Retreat in September and WTY

Director, Debbie Mildenburger and Assistant Director, Yvonne Maxey are very excited about this year's class. This year's theme is "Focus on Leadership".

During our October month we met at the Steven's Museum for our history day. Students are learning Leadership Qualities and talking about how they are using these qualities at home, in school, in sports & hobbies, at church and wherever they are working on a team or in groups.

Class members are eagerly seeking out ways of giving back to our community. We The Youth 2018 participated in the Park & Rec Halloween Event held at the Steven's Museum. They dressed up and braved the very cold weather to pass out candy and treats to kids of all ages. They filled up plastic baby bottles with change they collected for CARE. Some class members were guest of Debbie's at the CARE dinner. Our November meeting we got creative using balloons to show how it takes all of us working together to achieve a goal. Students are teaching us too, as WTY try to show D&Y how to use "Snapchat" to communicate! December 21st WTY will be "Ringing the Bell" for Salvation Army. December the joint meeting for AWC/WTY classes were held. I was very proud of how the adults & the youth interacted with each other. Every year the classes learn so much from each other as they share their ideas and viewpoints about our community.

2018 WTY Class members include:

Kennedy Abner, Rachel Applegate, Gavan Doane, Ezra Harrison, Kaleb Hopper, Hannah Kernaghan, Bailey Lincks, Aiden Minton, Lydia Minton, Gracie Rainbolt, Makayla Shepherd & Bobby Stevens, Jr.

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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**

I have just recently taken over as AWC Alumni Chairperson and with help from Anne Terrell; we wanted to get a short flyer out to update everyone on the classes this year. Spring will be a busy time for us, as we make plans to provide a meal for the AWC class in April, prepare a spring 2018 newsletter plus help get ready for some new alumni joining our organization at the annual AWC graduation in June.

You are welcome to email, text or call me with any ideas for the Alumni Newsletter or any other suggestions for offering support to Awareness Washington County & We The Youth Leadership Programs. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Yvonne