



AWC Alumni Newsletter June 2015

Awareness Washington County
Training Servant Leaders for 32 years

Graduation 2015

Annual Meeting and Dinner

Annual AWC Dinner
June 8, 2015

The AWC annual meeting and Graduation will be held June 8 at 6 pm at Christie's on the Square. All alumni are invited to attend. Reservations are required. Please call Marji at [812-883-6760](tel:812-883-6760) or the AWC office at [812-896-1930](tel:812-896-1930) by June 3 to reserve your spot. The cost is \$10 per plate. Dinner for this year's class will be compliments of the alumni association. This is a great opportunity to reunite with alumni from your class and others. Join us!

Awareness Washington County Class 2015

The AWC adult class of 2015 concluded its year on May 13 and 14 with the closing retreat. The evening session was held at the Depot. The class wants to thank AWC alumnus, Cecil Smith, for the train demonstration prior to dinner, and class member Stephanie Vines for making the arrangements. While many class members had been to the Depot, it was new territory for some, and they plan to return with their families.

The theme this year was Shaping the Future, and the class of 2015 is eager and ready to tackle that task. Graduation on June 8 will honor the class, which includes Lisa Aly, Beth Armstrong, Paula Bortka-Wells, Rev. Kevin Carty, John Colon, Rob Gilchrist, Regina Goldman, Katrina Humphrey, Karen Libka, Joe Mullinax, Daniel (Skip) Person, Renee

Stidam, Stephanie Vines, Rev. Beth Walden-Fisher, and Mia Williams.

During the year, the class learned all the 21st Century leadership capacities. But this year, Debbie and Marji made a few changes in how those skills were taught. Some new activities and techniques were used to help class members internalize the skills. They are using their skills with their project, Lighting the Path. They will be installing solar lights along the walking trail in partnership with the City of Salem and Salem Community Schools. Sponsorship for individual lights is available, as is sponsorship for maintenance. Contact any of the class members for details.



The AWC class of 2015 poses in front of a Chinkapin oak, one of the largest in Indiana, on the history tour with Drew Wright. This annual event is one of the most memorable class days each year, according to participants.

JOIN IN JUNE

Following along with another gradation, do you belong to the **AWC Alumni Association**? If you have gone through any class since 1983, you are eligible and most welcome to join this AWC support group.

The AWC Alumni Association has its annual Membership Drive in June of each year to coincide with Awareness Class Graduation held each June. Dues are \$25.00 per year or \$250.00 for a Life time membership.

We would appreciate a home address as well a home email and phone number being sent along with your check. As a member you are kept informed of AWC happenings, may participate in servant leadership opportunities, and have a wonderful group of 600+ people who are willing to help you become more successful in many given areas. You also have the opportunity to use the AWC building, **half-price**, for one day each year. That's only \$25.00 and quite a bargain for a building with air conditioning and full kitchen. Please consider paying your dues and becoming an Alumni of Awareness Washington County today.

An application is attached to this newsletter. Dues may be sent to Anne Terrell, 408 N Water Street, Salem, IN 47167 or Anne Terrell, Alumni Chairperson, Awareness Washington County, P. O. Box 212, Salem, Indiana 47167. Please make checks payable to AWC Alumni Association.

Each year the Alumni Association contributes to the maintenance of the AWC Building at 212 Joseph Street, provides class scholarships to the AWC Class, contributes to the AWC Washington County Community

Foundation Fund, and provides lunch to the adult AWC once a year.

The mission of the AWC Alumni Association is to promote AWC, support all classes, maintain the AWC Building, and contribute to the AWC Community Fund to make the organization self-sustaining. Contributing to the fund immediately, **today**, will add .50 on each dollar you give from a grant the Community Fund is dispersing. When the money runs out, this wonderful chance is lost. Call Judy Johnson, Executive Director, Phone: [812-883-7334](tel:812-883-7334)



ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THIS LADY ON?
TURN THE PAGE, REGISTER AND TRY!

Friday Night On The Square
**2nd ANNUAL MOON OVER WASHINGTON
COUNTY**

Friday, May 18, 2015



2nd Annual Outhouse Race Is On Horizon

The 2nd Annual OHR is coming up on September 18th so mark it on your calendar. You may want to share this information with family members or friends. Challenge one ANOTHER to this fun-filled race. You could also ask a business you frequent if they would be willing to sponsor us if you feel comfortable in doing so. For more information, please feel free to call me at 812-786-2016. Thanks, Debbie Mildenburger

OUTHOUSE RACE RULES

TEAM RULES:

- Up to four people can be on each “racing part” of the team and one person must ride inside the outhouse and remain in the outhouse throughout the race.
- A helmet is required for all participants and other safety wear is strongly advised (knee pads, elbow pads, goggles etc.)

The outhouse participants must be at least 13 years old. There is no weight limit for the riders

OUTHOUSE STRUCTURE RULES:

- Outhouses may be built out of any solid material. There are no weight requirements.

- Outhouses should have four sides, a roof and a door. Teams must have door secured open during the race.
- Windows are allowed but please do not use glass.
- Any number and size of wheels may be used.
- Bicycle parts are permitted but no intact bicycles are allowed.
- Outhouses must be between four and ten feet high.
- Outhouses may not be any wider than eight feet including any bars used for pushing or pulling.
- You must push or pull your entry, no motors or pedals are allowed.
- Each outhouse must have a seat with a hole where one team member should sit during the race. The seat must be attached securely to the outhouse and the rider must hold on to some type of handle for safety reasons.
- Each Outhouse will go undergo an inspection by our safety team. *We reserve the right to refuse a team to participate if we deem their Outhouse is unsafe.*
- Each outhouse should have its name or theme displayed on the outhouse and at least one roll of toilet paper within the structure.
- We would appreciate your outhouse resembling an actual outhouse, since it is an “outhouse” race.

RACE INFORMATION:

The race will take place on South Main Street between Poplar and Cherry Streets.

- Two outhouses will race in each heat and must remain in their own lane. The winner of each heat will advance to the next round and the losing team will be eliminated.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Registration is \$50 per team! The race registration & liability forms must be filled out and emailed or mailed to Awareness Washington County.

Email to: dmildenburger@gmail.com

Mail to: Awareness Washington County, P.O. Box 212, Salem, IN 47167

For more info or to drop off a registration form call: 812-786-2016 or 812-752-2278

PRIZES:

All participants will receive an exclusive Outhouse Race t-shirt. Cash prizes will be awarded including a “People’s Choice” award for the most creative outhouse!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Angela Kelley, Toni Brittingham, Carmelita Jean, Yvonne Maxey, LaDonna Mitchell, Anne Terrell, Jay C Stores, Charlotte Thompson, Joy Brinson, Kristi and Fox Purlee and Tim Rainbolt. All had a hand in preparing/donating/bringing lunch for the 2015 AWC class in April. I appreciate our **Alumni Association** for their help and generosity.

Project Completed by We The Youth Alumni

This year was a busy one for the WTY Alumni. They started the group in October and met on monthly basis with the exception of one month because of snow. They have completed two projects this year, helping with the Foster Family Christmas Party in December and pull tab competition and collection for Ronald McDonald House this spring. They collected close to 100 pounds of pull tabs.

In April, six of the WTY Alumni were able to go to Ronald McDonald House in Louisville to drop-off the pull tabs they had collected and then went out for dinner at Rocky's on the river. They helped with the WTY class retreat in April as well. This allowed them to get to know & invite potential new members to alumni. This group is always ready and willing to jump in a help where needed, which is why they have volunteered to help with the WTY class project, Wild & Wacky Relay 4 Life Team. They have already showed up to help make candy and help at FNOS.

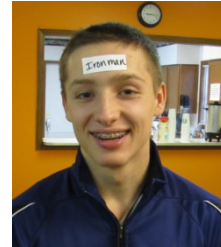
I constantly am remarking that we have a wonderful group of young people in our county. They need encouragement and opportunity to show their strengths in leadership and then guidance to work through their weakness. The WTY class and then Alumni offers them just such an opportunity.

Debbie Mildenerger, WTY & WTY Alumni,
Director



Harrison Nicholson (Home school), Emily Anderson (WW), Kristen Wesner (WW), Haley Elgin, (WW) Haylee Anderson (Salem), Zenas Bowling EW).

We The Youth class of 2015



2015 class member: Brant Stewart,

WTY have completed studies on servant leadership and have graduated to alumni status. The class covered a multitude of servant leadership skills during their class time together, from chaos to performance and everything in-between.

Their class project is one that really brought the class together because there were several under consideration that the students were passionate about. However, they finally came to consensus and developed the Wild and Wacky Youth Against Cancer Relay 4 Life Team. The challenges of over commitment, time and scheduling that face adults also face teens today and have been a challenge for this group. The teams have managed to figure out how to cover event fund raisers and are looking forward to and planning for the actual

event. The class would like to thank Rita & Rick Lincks for sponsoring our team t-shirts. They would also like to thank LaDonna Mitchell of Country Cookin' for her kind donations and support. Finally they would like to thank Regina Goldman for her help and support during this class year. If you would like to support the Wild and Wacky Youth Relay Team you can do it in a number of ways.

First, you can go to Country Cookin' and purchase homemade chocolate items that the WTY members have made. Second, while you are at County Cookin' you can donate a dollar to help WTY win the "foot" race against another team by sponsoring a paper foot that will be hung on the wall with your name on it. Third, you can contact anyone on our team to make a donation. The graduating members of the WTY class are: Kaylee Back, Tori Bolton, James Donoho, Maleree Fullen, Shelby Potter, Zach Roland, Devan Smith, Hannah Snider, Payton Sparks, Brant Stewart and Megan Sullivan.

Below: Regina Goldman (WTY Director) & Kaylee Back



Below: Zach Rowland & Tori Bowling



Below: James Donoho and Devan Smith



As always the WTY class appreciates your interest and support. If anyone would like more information on what is happening in the coming year or would like volunteer to help with the group in any way please give me a call.

Debbie Mildenburger,
Director, WTY

April 2015 Brainstorming Session

The AWC board hosted a lively brainstorming session in April to gather ideas from alumni and past board members about the direction of AWC for the future. Approximately 30 grads and current class members attended, including people from the first AWC class.

Alumna Judy Johnson facilitated the session, which was divided into 4 sections: where we were, where we are, where we want to be, and how do we get there. Participants enjoyed a meal catered by LaDonna Mitchell, AWC grad and current board member, and shared ideas about the future of AWC.

The board has compiled all the suggestions and selected two areas for immediate priority: marketing and offering advanced facilitation training. Others will be discussed during the board retreat in July. Anyone interested in a copy of all the notes should contact Marji or Debbie at info@awarenesswashingtoncounty.org. Copies of all the notes will be emailed to those who request them.



Right to left: LaDonna Wilson, Debbie Mildenburger, Jami colon and Yvonne Maxey add thoughts in brainstorming session.



Left to right: Bruce Grosvenor, Paula Bortka-Wells, Jean Wilson, who was in the first class in 1983, and Lowell DePoy contribute to the April Brainstorming session.

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Alumni Association 2014

- Alvarez, Manny
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 - Fisher, Stephen
 - Jackson, Laurie
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 - Huebel, Sandy
 - Jolly, Margo
 - Kelly, Val
 - Littell, Gail
 - Mahuron, Joe
 - Menear, Betty
 - Mildenburger, Debbie
 - Mitchell, LaDonna
 - Nantz, Mark
 - Purlee, Fox
 - Purlee, Kristie
 - Rainbolt, Tim
 - Rosenbaum, Gloria
 - Spaulding, Jonathan
 - Spaulding, Monika
 - Tackett, John
 - Tackett, Ginny
 - Terrell, Anne
 - Thompson, Charlotte
 - Turpen, Rita
 - Wade-Swift, Lindsey
 - Wilcox, Ronnie
 - Zink, Judy
- Life Time Members**
- Bowling, Janet
 - Davis, De
 - Jean, Carmelita
 - Kelley, Angela
 - Kelly, Adam
 - Maxey, Yvonne
 - Motsinger, Mike and Nina
 - Quatroke, Roseanne
 - Reasor, Josh
 - Walker, Alison