

I.C.P.C. AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER

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Growing Better Together

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ATS 2014

Columbia, South Carolina

July 14-18 — Columbia Marriott

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Silent Auction Results

*Money collected in Grapevine
at the 2013 Annual Training
Seminar :*

\$2100

Thank you to everyone who brought and/or purchased items. The final minute of each year's auction is full of fun and anticipation. Remember to be collecting donations for the 2014 Auction.

Items that are very popular include Department Patches and coins, along with other police related material.

Plan to be a vital part of the 2014 Auction in Columbia.

During the 2013 ATS—the members of the Auxiliary were given a sneak preview of beautiful, historic Columbia. They are gearing up to make the 2014 ATS not only a wonderful learning experience, but also a trip to remember.

See the ICPC website for more information regarding the hotel and conference schedule, along with registration information for spouses and youth.

<http://www.icpc4cops.org>

We will try to update information regarding activities for the Auxiliary and youth as it becomes available.

Photos and other items of interest

If you have photos from Grapevine or articles of interest—please e-mail them to Donna for inclusion in coming newsletters.
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There are a few photos of the auxiliary on the ICPC website for the 2013 ATS.....

2013 IN REVIEW— PRESIDENT KAREN DIXON

The 2013 ATS in Grapevine, Texas was such a blessing. As always, it was a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, but the week passed far too quickly. This fall, I also had the opportunity to attend the Canadian Police Chaplains Conference in Saint John New Brunswick. During both events, I was reminded of the presence of God in our midst, working through the minds and actions of our chaplains.

We are so glad you attended the 2013 ATS! As President, I was able to meet and welcome a number of you. If I, or one of the other members of the executive committee, missed the opportunity to speak with you directly, please know that your presence was appreciated. Some of you enjoyed the programming we provided while others chose to simply use the week as a time to relax and enjoy time away from home. Either way, it was "mission accomplished" for us because our overarching objective is to support our chaplains - and an important way that we bring that objective in action is by providing an opportunity for their families to share with them the experience and enjoyment of the ATS.

This year 88 spouses were in attendance, including 36 first timers. We also had more children attending, 20 compared to just four in 2012. Your feedback was positive and encouraging, and included a number of very helpful suggestions on how we might improve your ATS experience. You expressed a desire for an educational session related to situations you might encounter as the spouse of a chaplain. We will work on add-

ing that for 2014 and we are blessed in that we have already had a well qualified person volunteer to be our presenter. We also received some constructive suggestions about cheaper and easier access to food options, a more organized approach for transportation to and from events, and better communication about the schedule. We appreciate the suggestions and we already have volunteers to help make the required changes.

General to arrangements for all attendees, there were suggestions that the hospitality suite hours be clearly communicated, open more hours, and that food items in the suite be more varied. The latter is somewhat restricted by the rules of the hotel, however certainly good input for future planning. There were suggestions that the hospitality suite may not be worth the expense if these criteria cannot be met. I will pass that along to Destin as it may be a consideration in venue selection.

The silent auction brought in a bit more than \$2100. Thank you for "bringing" and "bidding". The funds raised are used to help defray the cost of the spouse and youth programs as well provide for the donations we make to ICPC in memoriam. The auctions always adds fun and interest to the week and we look forward to making this an even bigger success. Please set aside a box now and start to collect your silent auction items for 2014.

Likely the biggest highlight for many was the Bush Library. We also enjoyed the trip to Grapevine Mills

Mall. Highlights of the week for the children and youth included meeting new friends and also the Rangers Ball Park. Paradise Springs was solid fun, fun, fun, with the zip line being a big hit!

My husband and I are returning to Malawi, Africa on January 7 for another 5 month volunteer assignment. Together we will be working on a variety of projects, including Police Chaplaincy for the national police service, strengthening policies and programs for risk management, finance, and compliance, facilitating implementation of new legislation and regulation for the SACCO (credit union) system, a financial literacy program for women and youth, developing new SACCO's, and serving the Diocese of Malawi as parish priest. Our work in Malawi is challenging and exhilarating; we feel the presence of God each moment. We ask for your prayers while we are away, and we look forward to seeing in South Carolina!"

Best regards,
Karen



Choir Fun Song

Every year several members of the auxiliary (and once in a while a Chaplain joins in) have the pleasure of “entertaining” at the ATS Banquet. A lot of work goes into the preparation by the Music Committee. The past several years Brenda Pierce has graciously directed the choir. Each year a very familiar tune gets torn apart and new words put in to make the song reflect the ICPC, ATS and events of the Auxiliary during the ATS week. This year, very appropriately “*I Heard It Through the Grapevine*” was used. Several members of the choir sat around a table and put together the new words for the presentation.

The other songs will be presented in the next issue of the newsletter.

**Ooh, we bet your wonderin’ what
we’ll say,
We’re gonna take you back a ways.
To some other place that you knew
before,
President, Keoki from another shore.
It took us by surprise, we must say
Seems Spokane was just yesterday.
Don’t you know that...**

**We woke up here in Grapevine,
Not much longer would there be
time.
Oh, We woke up here in Grapevine,
And the choir’s sure to blow your
mind!
Chaplain, Chaplain yeah.**

**I know your spouse ain’t supposed to
cry,
But these tears I can’t hold inside.
Earning credits is your life you see,
Some day FELLOW you hope to be.
You could have told me how long,
That your classes would be going on.
Instead...**

**We’re waiting here in Grapevine,
Not much longer would there be
time.**

**Oh, we’re waiting here in Grapevine,
and I’m just about to lose my mind.
Chaplain, Chaplain Well.**

**Tuesday we saw the Bush Library,
It’s our 40th anniversary,
Grapevine Mills was very near.
Gaylord highlights all of Texas here,
The free water sure was nice,
Because the muffins were twice the
price.**

Don’t you know that

**I made new friends in Grapevine,
So much longer will they be mine.
I made new friends in Grapevine,
I can’t wait for another time.
Chaplain, Chaplain yeah.**

**Grapevine, Grapevine, we know
That you’re letting us go.
See you in Columbia,
that’s in South Car-O-Lin-A!**

Remember throughout the year

- Prayer Partners—keep in touch
- ICPC Executive Officers
- ICPC Staff
- Karen & Blair as they serve in Africa
- Your Chaplain spouse & Department
- Columbia Host Committee
- Mark your calendars—July 14-18—ATS

Auxiliary Officers

President—Karen Dixon
President Elect—Ronda Hendricks
Vice President—Judy McMurray
Secretary—Marlene Fiers
Treasurer—Manila Sanders

Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat some food everyday and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

Encouragement from the Editor

Old and New Friends —
that's what the Auxiliary is all about.

I attended my first ATS in Mobile AL almost 15 years ago. In that time I have made many new friends. Some of them only lasted for one week, but many have remained—for one week at a time—every year at the ATS.

This year was no different. I met many new faces and hope to see them for several years to come.

The Auxiliary has been a huge part of my life and in my growth as the spouse of a Police Chaplain. In years past, when I was going through a difficult time, I knew that all it would take was a phone call to one of my “old friends” and I would be well on the way to recovery of whatever was troubling me.

When my husband, Erick, and I arrived in Grapevine we were greeted by many warm smiles and hugs. If you would have tried to tell me in Mobile all those years ago, that the people I was meeting for the first time would become long time friends, I probably would not have agreed with you. Today, I know that there will always be ICPC friends around the world.

I would encourage you to keep in communication with the friends you make through the Auxiliary. They will be there for you for years to come—me too!

Then You Are Probably the Family Dog!



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Mary Kassel, Pam McCaskill & Donna Riddle at the 2013 ATS Banquet in Grapevine, TX