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Are YOU Ready for Knoxville?

Have you checked the I.C.P.C website for information about this year's Annual Training Seminar? This year the ATS will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee July 13-17. Hosts Pam Neal and Glenn Sullivan promise us a week full of training, activities and time spent with friends. They have wonderful activities planned including a luncheon cruise on the Knoxville Riverboat and tour of Crescent Bend House and Gardens. Those of you who like to shop will be excited to know that we will be shopping at the Five Oaks Tanger Outlet

Mall in Pigeon Forge. And if shopping isn't your "thing", you will be able to go to Dollywood Amusement Park with our youth for an additional fee. We will be touring the Tennessee Theater and East Tennessee History Center and Thursday there will be lunch and a fashion show at The Foundry on the World's Fair Site. Wow, I'm tired just thinking about it!! Also remember the Monday Night Gathering that will be an old fashioned tailgate party. Wear your favorite team's jersey (Go Bucks! Sorry, had to put that in!) Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend the Opening Ceremony and Memorial Service. And don't forget Choir Practice! Youth activities will keep our kids hopping. Check the website for all the details. Remember the youth programs are led by youth workers who have had background checks and the activities are for children above the age of 5.

As always, our time together to renew old friendships and make new ones will make for a wonderful week.

Can't wait to see all of you!

Special points of interest:

- KNOXVIILLE ATS DATES
- LORRAINE NELSON
 MEMORY BOOK

Greetings from Auxiliary President Brenda Pierce

Thomas Jefferson once wrote: "Friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life, and thanks to a benevolent arrangement, the greater part of life is sunshine."

It is only a month away!!! Can you believe it? We will be together soon. Face to face... meeting, sharing, singing and of course eating. Having a grand time. I hope all of you have had a great year. I know we all have our trials, our ups and our downs. With each new day it seems there are more changes in our lives. Progress is no longer on ANALOG, if you know what I mean. Everything is "right now" and "instant this or that". With soup you don't even need a can opener anymore.

I know all this sounds silly, but it's true. I don't know about you, but it seems there is never enough time in a day to do all I need to do. Don't even think about my want to do list. I guess that brings me to a pet project I'm trying to work "prioritizing without procrastination". please pray for me! See, my organizational skills are lacking in that area, but I'm hoping for improvement.

That makes me think of a prayer of David's:

Psalm 28:6-9. "Praise the Lord be-

He heard cause my prayer for help. Lord is my strength and shield. I trust Him and He helps me. I am very happy and I praise Him with my song. The Lord is powerful. He gives victory to His chosen one. Save Your people and bless those who are Your own. Be their shepherd and carry them forever."

A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart!
So, let us reach for each others hand in Knoxville, and pray that we touch a heart.

Brenda

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Something to think about...

This speech was written by a young man from the High School that both of our children attended. Blake Haxton contracted a flesh eating disease that took both of his legs. Although we have never met him, we have been following his story and we were truly inspired by his speech. I hope you are too! Mike Caligirui delivered it for him at Baccalaureate. As Mike pointed out, Blake wrote this in the first person, and that is exactly how Mike delivered it. In the opening paragraph, there is a joke that Blake included. Please do not think that it was a comment I (or anyone else) inserted.

UA Baccalgureate Class of 2009

Perspectives on a Ceiling

Greetings to all, and thank you so very much for providing me with the opportunity to communicate with you today. I want to also thank my good friend, Michael Caligiuri, for <u>standing</u> in for me (no pun intended!!!)

Seriously, why Perspectives on a Ceiling you may ask?.....Well, as most of you know I have spent the last couple of months having more of an opportunity to "look up at the ceiling" than I have much else...funny what you see when the only place to look is up. That rather humbling feeling makes you ponder things a bit...and maybe adds a new perspective.

One thing we ALL know is life has its share of "tests" that's for sure. For example, to get here, WE have all endured the tests of some 13 years of academic rigor. Not to mention, tryouts and tests of all kinds ranging from theatre to track, from first base to first chair, from social studies class to "which social class??" and the list goes on. Whether it is chemistry or crew (had to have a blatant plug for my rowing mates OF COURSE) WE ALL HAVE HAD TESTS AND WE WILL ALL ENDURE TESTS.

And yes, the tests will vary in intensity and challenge. Some tests won't make sense....Some we will never understand...But what matters is not so much the results we achieve but the CHARAC-TER WE REVEAL.....

The Bible tells us that "blessed is the man who perseveres under trials"

How blessed we will be depends on how we respond to the trials, will we rise to meet a challenge? Will we study just a little more? Will we try again even though we have failed? Or worse yet, do we refuse to try just because we MIGHT fail ...Will we be afraid to go just a little further to show a kindness even if it costs us something?

I think these are the responses that often distinguish the best of us from the rest of us...

It is the gamers and strivers that push on just a little longer and a little further,...those that make an accomplishment seem to rise above others of their kind due to the sheer determination and iron will which birthed them that inspire us all, these are truly the memorable moments and people of life.

AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THIS....YOU ALL ARE THOSE INSPIRING KINDS OF PEOPLE TO ME.....

You see, most all of you have taken a moment to reach out to me...to try to inspire..to sign a card, to participate in a walk ...to check on me through someone or some blog and most of all, to pray for me and my family!!

This has been called a miracle by some, and certainly unbelievable by most....And yes...I am a living testimony to just what a difference you as individuals, and as friends together could make, as you shout up to Heaven, and what a difference it did in fact make!!!

LET ME SAY FOR SURE THAT <u>I KNOW</u> THE EXTRA MILE" WORKS...the extra word, the extra gift of care, the extra prayer....OH boy does it work!!!.....

Know this, that as you face tests and trials in the future...that it is not the trials, but your faith and your reaction to them that will be the measure of your true Character.

And remember.... when you do what you can, God will do what you can't"

So please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for being my friends and my intercessors.... Accept my congratulations for your accomplishments and your successes....

AND I KNOW...NO MATTER WHAT CHALLENGES YOU FACE, YOU WILL PASS THE TEST!!

GOD BLESS YOU ALL YOUR FRIEND BLAKE

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL

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WORLD ARE NOT
SEEN NOR TOUCHED.
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THE HEART.
HELEN KELLER

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Kathy

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Kathy

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welcome to bring them with

you to the ATS. Also, if you

can think of past auxiliary

members that would like to

be included in this project.

please contact them. If you have any questions, please

contact Jan Congram at

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STEPHEN GRELLET

Memories of Lorraine Nelson

By now, most of you have heard that Lorraine Nelson passed away in March after a long battle with cancer. Lorraine has often been referred to as the backbone of the Auxiliary, not only because of the part she had in its conception but in her continued support of the organi-She was always there to offer a suggestion, a shoulder to lean on and a smile to brighten our days. The Executive Committee of the Auxiliary has decided they would like to make a memory scrapbook about our memories of Lorraine to give to Stu Nelson. We would like you to start thinking about what you might like to contribute so we can put the scrapbook together at the Annual Training Seminar in Knoxville and present it to Stu there.

of Lorraine that you might

If you have favorite pictures like to share, please email



Do You Know Auxiliary President Elect Donna Riddle?



Donna Riddle grew up on a farm in Indiana. She still has deep roots in the soil and enjoys being outdoors. She and her husband Erick like to camp and hike, and hope to spend a few days following the ATS in the Smokey Mountains.

Donna and Erick celebrate

their 29th wedding anniversary this year. Erick is the senior minister at Christ's Hope Ministries and Church in Fort Wayne, IN. They have served churches in 5 different states and have been involved in 4 different ICPC regions.

Donna is the proud aunt of six and great aunt of 8 with one on the way.

Her involvement with the Auxiliary includes the choir, executive committee and having served on the finance committee.

"Time with auxiliary mem-

bers is such an encouragement to me. Having someone to talk with who understands the demand of living with a minister/chaplain is such a blessing."

Donna also enjoys reading, cross-stitch, talking and listening. One of her favorite activities is sitting down with a friend for a visit. She invites you to find her at the ATS and have a chat!

"I look forward to seeing you in Knoxville."

DON'T WALK IN

FRONT OF ME,

I MAY NOT FOLLOW;

DON'T WALK

BEHIND ME,

I MAY NOT LEAD;

WALK BESIDE ME,

AND JUST BE MY

FRIEND.

ALBERT CAMUS



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Letter from the Editor

I pray every morning. On the way to work. It's not the only time I pray but it is my constant each day. It's quiet, I'm by myself and it works for me. I start by thanking God for another beautiful day, which sometimes makes me grin when it's pouring down rain or I'm in the middle of a blizzard. But God and I have a special relationship and he thinks I'm funny! I figure, if I'm able to get out of bed in the morning, it's a beautiful day! The first people on my prayer list, for quite a while, have been Stu and Lorraine Nelson. Mostly because Lorraine encouraged me to have this daily prayer time so I placed them first on my list. It was strange the first morning I prayed after learning of Lorraine's death. But, I decided I would continue to include her in my prayers. And, in my mind, I see her sitting beside God, assisting in anyway she is needed. Because, that was Lorraine. So I encourage you to have your daily conversations with God. Just as a parent enjoys catching up with their child, God enjoys hearing from you. And while you're at it, think of Lorraine smiling down on each of us. We have a new angel on our side.

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