

June 2011

I.C.P.C. Auxiliary Newsletter

➤ Growing Better Together

Special points of interest:

- * Jamaica Auxiliary Schedule
- * Message from our President
- * Meet your Auxiliary Secretary
- * Mentoring Program

Let's Go To Jamaica, Mon!!!!

Auxiliary Schedule

(Subject to change)

*Auxiliary Room – Cornwall/Mount Zion

++ Outdoor Meeting Space

Monday, July 11

9:00 1st Time Attendees Orientation – Rose Hall

9:30 Executive Committee Meeting*

10:30 Auction Drop-Off Begins

1:00 Opening Ceremonies – Rose Hall

2:30 Welcome Gathering – grab a glass of tea and something to snack on*

4:00 Choir Practice - TBA

7:30 Monday Night Mixer – Jamaican Cultural Night

Tuesday, July 12

9:30 Devotion++

10:00 Grab some friends for the Craft Market

12:00 Lunch break

1:30 Round Table Sharing*

2:30 Choir Practice

Wednesday, July 13

9:30 Devotions ++

10:00 Business Meeting++

10:30 Grab some friends for a resort activity

12:00 Lunch break

2:00 Choir Practice or resort activity

6:30 Memorial Service— Rose Hall

Thursday, July 14

9:30 Devotions ++

10:00 Executive Committee Meeting++

Or resort activity

2:00 Choir Practice

3:00 Silent Auction Ends

7:00 Awards Ceremony— Rose Hall

Friday, July 15

9:00 Farewell Breakfast – gather together area TBA

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SPECIAL THINGS TO REMEMBER!!!

Silent Auction— Bring a small, suitcase friendly item, to put in our “famous” silent Auction.

Bring a small (again suitcase friendly item) to be included in our daily door prize giveaway during auxiliary gatherings.



A Message from our President Donna Riddle

The final weeks are building up to 2011 ATS in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Many of you are already thinking about what you are planning to take and how you are going to get it all in your suitcase. After much consideration and prayer, Erick & I made the decision it would not be good for us to be out of the country this summer. While we are doing fine; extended family health issues, added church responsibilities and several other events brought us to this conclusion.

I have been working diligently with Karen Dixon, your president-elect; other officers and several others to plan for your time together in July. We believe that you will not only

enjoy the resort, but the activities that are being planned as well. You will find the schedule that will be in the brochure in Jamaica on the first page of this newsletter. You will see that there is plenty of time built in for you to enjoy the resort, time to spend with old friends and make new ones. If there are any changes to the published schedule they will be announced at the Monday Afternoon Gathering.

Some of you are like Erick and me. You had to make the decision not to attend the ATS this year. We want everyone to still feel a part of ICPC and the Auxiliary. Keeping in touch during the year through the newsletter, e-mails and phone calls is a good way to

continue the friendships that begin and continue each year when we gather at the ATS. We will be working on making available to you a full directory of the Auxiliary later this year. This will allow you the opportunity to communicate with one another.

I am looking forward to Spokane in 2012. Plans are already being made by the host committee for the Auxiliary and youth programs. Please be praying for each other and the Executive Committee of ICPC and the Auxiliary as we strive to become better.

God Bless you all,

Donna

**Happiness
depends
upon
ourselves.

Aristotle**

Auxiliary Donations

A reminder: Each year we ask that members make a \$10.00 donation so that we are able to continue our auxiliary commitments. This year, especially with the increase of

Line of Duty Deaths, we want to be able to assist the ICPC Bible Fund that provides a bible for each family that has a LODD internationally. Even if you are unable to attend this

year, please consider sending your donation to our treasurer Manila Sanders, 6116 Slocum Street, Unionville, MI 48767. Checks can be made payable to ICPC Auxiliary.

What is Auxiliary Mentoring?

Many years ago, one of the cofounders of the Auxiliary, Lorraine Nelson, took it upon herself to introduce herself to "First Time" spouse Robbi Bourne and Robbi said "I realized what a difference that experience made for me at my first ATS." Robbi then followed her example and mentored Manila Sanders who felt the same way. When Robbi was president elect, she began the initiation of a mentoring program. With the help of Lorraine Nelson, they were able to obtain the names of first timers and then connect them with "old timers"

who would be attending the annual seminar. Several years ago, Sharon Yarborough and Robbi volunteered to continue with the mentoring program.

The initial contact with first timers is by a letter from Robbi and lets them know a little bit of what to expect during their week. It explains our programs for the week, answers the question "what should I wear?" and also explains the children's programs. Our goal is to help them feel comfortable and relaxed during the conference. Next, Robbi assigns a mentor to the 1st

timer and that mentor makes contact with them. The mentor then makes a point of finding them when they arrive and to welcome them into our group. It can be as simple as having them sit with you during devotions or including them during an activity. This year we have 11 First Timers and we can't wait to meet each of them. Would you consider being a mentor? If so, please contact Robbi Bourne or Donna Riddle to volunteer.

Robbi says "You will be blessed, I guarantee it!"

Meet Your Secretary—Marlene Fiers

Marlene Fiers is the Auxiliary elected secretary and from Indianapolis, Indiana. She is married to John Robert Fiers (Bob) who is the treasurer for the International Conference of Police Chaplains. They have been married for 18 years. They have five children, all of whom they adopted in their "tweens". The youngest just left for the Navy in August of 2010.

Marlene has been attending Annual Training Seminars since 1999 and enjoys visiting with friends and visiting the cities where we hold our ATS events.

In her free time, she enjoys photography, especially wild-life and scenery. She also loves sports...especially Colts Football as well as vacationing in the mountains. Marlene is an Accounting Manager for a CPA firm. She also volunteers as her church treasurer!!

Marlene says that Genesis 1:25 is her favorite bible verse.

"God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground



according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good."

Marlene will be in Jamaica and is looking forward to getting to know you better!

Something to Think About...

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

'I love it,' he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

'Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait....'

'That doesn't have anything to do with it,' he replied.

'Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged....it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away.

Just for this time in my life.'

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in. Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less

**No act of
kindness, no
matter how
small, is
ever wasted.**

Aesop



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If you have any stories, ideas, thoughts or prayers that you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please let me know. You can contact me by email, phone and my home address is 2654 Love Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43221. I welcome your suggestions and help.

This newsletter will no longer be mailed to Auxiliary members. We are going “paperless” in order to save our organization money and to be more environmentally friendly. If you know of auxiliary members in your region who may not be receiving the email notification that the newsletter has been posted on the ICPC website, please let them know and ask them to send me their email address so that I will be able to notify them in the future.



The Main Pool Area
See you there July 11-15,
2011!

Elected Officers

President – Donna Riddle
President Elect – Karen Dixon
Vice – President – Ronda Hendricks
Secretary – Marlene Fiers
Treasurer – Manila Sanders

Standing Committees:

Advisory Committee

Brenda Pierce
Sharon Yarborough
Sue Lovin

Finance Committee

Manila Sanders
Rene Olthoff
Judy McMurray
Diane Harris
Additional Member to be determined

Nominating Committee

Brenda Pierce
Ute Horn
Kathy Hungler

Other Committees:

Silent Auction - LaDeana Jenkins
Membership Directory - Mary Kassel
Newsletter/Communication - Kathy Hungler
By-Laws - Wendy Hardgrove
Music - Jan Congram, Robbi Bourne, Brenda Pierce

Programs:

Prayer Partner – Ronda Hendricks
E-mail Prayer Chains – Jan Congram
Circle of Grace – Beth LaMott
Mentoring – Robbi Bourne

Letter from the Editor

I attended a funeral today of the Franklin County Sheriff who has held that office for over 25 years. As I sat with my husband and hundreds of police officers and sheriff's deputies from over our state and other states, I was amazed at the “family” that had gathered to honor this man behind the badge, this brother, this man who not only defended each of our lives but was a man of God. I listened to Father Leo Connelly, an ICPC member and the chaplain for the Sheriff's department, share his life as a chaplain and his interaction with this man. I know personally how Leo has affected the lives of the many deputies. It is wonderful to see how they greet him, watch over him and

honestly love him. But as I listened to Father Leo, I could tell that he totally respected the leader of his department. How fortunate the Franklin County Sheriff's office is to have a chaplain like Father Connelly. How fortunate the ICPC is to have a representative like Father Leo to represent our wonderful organization. I cried today at the many tributes and I also laughed at the many stories that can only happen in the 24 hour day of a police officer. And when everyone spoke of the love of that the Sheriff had for his wife and his children, I realized that the man we were honoring had set an example for everyone present in that room. Being married to a police officer isn't always easy. But if just one of

those young officers would walk away from the funeral and want the same thing for their life, I would feel that a difference had been made. As always, I thank God and each of you for sharing your spouse for this ministry to police officers. And I can't wait to see each of you in Jamaica. It will be a wonderful “family reunion,” a time to “relax, recharge and receive” Safe travels to each of you who are attending. For those of you who won't be able to be with us this year, please include us in your prayers for a wonderful week. Until we meet again....

Love,
Kathy