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Growing Better Together

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JAMAICA—YEA MON! BY PRESIDENT ELECT KAREN DIXON

What a glorious week! The Jamaican people certainly know how to create a sense of occasion and pride: the opening ceremonies and memorial service were absolutely outstanding!! Our hosts were gracious and generous throughout the week, the setting at the Rose Hall Resort and Spa was idyllic, and the weather was perfect!

The 2011 ATS in Jamaica included many blessings for the spouses. Nearly one half of all spouses registered were first timers! Twenty two registered first time spouses meant lots of opportunity to make new friends. Together we enjoyed fellowship, prayer, and fun throughout the week.

Our President, Donna Riddle, could not attend however she put countless hours into advance planning and provided our theme for the week: Rest, Recharge, Receive, Return. As acting President, after an initial moment of panic, I soon realized that I had a wealth of experience and help by my side through people such as Wendy, Manila, Robbi, Mary, Brenda, and several others. (Ladies, you know who you are, God bless you and thank you!!) Together

we found a way to ensure that there were plenty of opportunities for spouses to relax, get to know one another, and enjoy the blessings of the week.

Our goal was to demonstrate our support for the ministry of the chaplaincy by providing spouses and children opportunity for sharing, mutual learning, and a sense of community and relaxation during the ATS. We did so within the ICPC international and multi faith context.

The all-inclusive resort environment, the hard work of our hosts, and the perfect weather provided many options, including water activities, games, mini craft markets, jewellery making, evening entertainment by the pool, and many wonderful dining options. The planned activities for the spouses included daily devotions during which Robbi made sure everyone got acquainted, a trip to a local craft market, a round table "world café" where we experienced a traveling conversation about the presence of God in our daily lives, our silent auction, a breakfast with our children and youth attendees, and of course, the choir under Brenda's capable direction.

As usual, the choir did an excellent job of entertaining us all during the awards ceremony.

The youth program was a little more challenging in the resort environment, but we soon found a way to ensure that those in attendance had a way to connect and enjoy the available activities. After that, some of us had to work hard just to catch a glimpse of our grandchildren!

As is our custom, the Auxiliary made donations to the Bible fund, which is available to chaplains wishing to provide a bible to bereaved families, as well as a donation to ICPC to help defray the costs of the auxiliary and youth programs during the ATS. These donations were offered in the spirit of respect and admiration for the ministry of police chaplaincy.

New friendships were forged and old ones renewed during our time together. I feel certain that everyone came away strengthened for the year ahead and looking forward to Spokane. God bless you all!

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The Results are In!

Money collected from the silent auction in Jamaica at the Annual Training Seminar : \$1,038.75.



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT DONNA RIDDLE

I recently attended the graduation of our local police academy. During their ceremony, the mayor of our city shared that Robert Frost is one of his favorite poets. He made mention of the poem "The Road Not Taken". I have often heard this poem quoted and mistakenly thought the title was "The Road Less Traveled".

The mayor suggested that one road could be considered ease and leisure, while the road taken was the more difficult and hazardous. He challenged the new officers to not settle for what was easy, but to strive to-

ward their best.

Since I had never read the poem, I came home and pulled it up on the internet (since I do not own a book of poetry). In reading the poem, I discovered that we get no description of the roads, other than one appears to be more worn from travel. At the end of the poem is this statement: "I took the one less traveled by and that has made all the difference".

That caused me pause. What came to my mind was following the crowd. How easy it is to just follow along

where someone else has blazed the way. Going along with everyone else, even when you know they are wrong. I came away with a challenge to myself – to not just glide through life, but to keep my eyes open for opportunities to step where most may not go. To look for ways and places to work where few are willing to make a difference.

My challenge to you, step out in faith. Let God lead, not the crowd. Be a trail-blazer!

Auxiliary President,
Donna Riddle

*The will of God
will never take you
where the Grace of
God will not pro-
tect you.*

*If anyone has the
words from the spe-
cial Auxiliary Song
that was sung in Ja-
maica, please contact
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AN ATS REVIEW FROM WENDY HARDGROVE

JOY from the Soul

My most lasting impression of our time in Jamaica will be the deep joy of the Jamaicans. From the time that we got off the plane until going back to the airport there were sincere smiles and a desire to serve. Oh, I do realize that the tourist industry is big business for Jamaica but the people I came in contact with at the resort were so beautiful in spirit. If you went to this ATS you probably have your own stories that illustrate the joy of the Jamaicans.

Here are a few specific examples that I experienced.

Early in our time at the resort I chose to eat mango from the buffet at breakfast. The next day I did not find it on the buffet line. Nor did I find it the day after that so I asked one of the servers, "Where is the mango?" She responded, "You want mango?". I nodded. She came back with a dinner-sized plate full of mango, much to my delight! The next morning at breakfast as I was

selecting what wonderful treats I would enjoy for breakfast, another plate of mango appeared at my place at the table. When I came back to the table, I thought that my dear husband, Mike, requested the mango for me because he DOES do things like that for me. But when I looked at him as if to say 'How thoughtful of you, dear.' He shook his head. I was and still am astounded that the server would remember and act to serve me in that way. What joy in serving others!

Another opportunity to experience this joy was a morning that I went back to the room to take care of something or get something. It was about mid morning. As I came down the hallway I heard the voice of the housekeeper joyfully singing as she was going about her daily work. She sang out of the overflow of her soul. What joy in the labor of our hands!

At the opening and closing ceremonies and the banquet in the faces of those who were performing from

the young boy who sang 'You Are the Wind Beneath My Wings' to the choir and band playing for our entertainment, there was deep down joy expressed. What joy in giving our talents and gift for the enjoyment and the edification of God and our brothers and sisters!

As chaplain spouses we have opportunity to spread joy. Joy as we serve others - our guests, our families, those we do not know and/or may never see again. Joy as we go about our daily tasks that we are able to do those things and that there is joy in work. Joy as we give of ourselves the specialness God has placed in each one of us. What a wonderful emotion God created for us to be able to experience!

May I encourage you to spend a bit of time researching, thinking, and meditating on joy - the joy of the Lord, your joy and what joy you bring to others. Thank you Jamaica for showing us such joy!

TEN THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

CONTRIBUTED BY PRESIDENT DONNA

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windshield so large & the rearview mirror so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If things are going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If things are going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, It's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems, HE has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES, it takes away today's PEACE.



To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did. When God takes something from your grasp, He's not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better.

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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

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Once again, the inspiration for my letter was dropped in my lap by God. You may remember that several Auxiliary Newsletters ago, we were asked to pray for Joanne May's grandson Nick who was being sent to Afghanistan. It is always good when our members reach out to us and ask us to join them in prayer. In September, I was asked at our church if I could help be the wedding coordinator for an upcoming wedding and of course having gone through wedding withdraw after Megan's wedding, I quickly accepted. Imagine my surprise when I was told that Joanne was the grandmother of the groom...NICK. The same young man that I had been praying for. But not only that,

I had been praying for the same young man from a request at our church and I had no idea it was the same person. As we put it all together, we had to laugh. God had once again worked His “magic”. So Joanne, congrats on your new granddaughter in law, Jillian. It was an honor and a privilege to help at their wedding AND to spend some time with you and Bob. On a second note, Joanne and Bob were able to visit the Field of Honor that was going on in Dublin, Ohio where my husband is a police sergeant. The field was in honor and remembrance of the 9/11 attacks of 2001. As we prepared for the 10th year anniversary, as I know many of you did, it was difficult for Craig as he re-

membered his 1st responder role and the first young police officer that he spoke with after the attack. Pat Lucas and Craig immediately connected and we as a family spent the next five years in contact with them. Then, our cards and letters were returned—Addressee Unknown. As the 10th anniversary came closer, I knew that Craig was thinking of Pat and I decided to see if I could find him and his family. Anyone will tell you, I'm not that great on the computer but I was able to find the address of a woman I thought might be his wife (side note: I have since gone back and tried to find it again and can't. Just saying...God was at my back the day I did find the address)

I wrote a letter asking if I had reached the right family and if I had to please just let me know if they were okay because Craig wanted and needed to know. Three weeks passed with no response. But Saturday night, September 10th after we returned from the opening ceremonies of the Field of Honor, our phone rang and it was Pat. My prayers had once again been answered. They talked forever and then I got the chance to talk to him and all he could say was he couldn't believe that we still cared about him and his family. That's because, that is just the way we are! Remember—Keep your eyes open to His amazing works!

Love, Kathy