

I.C.P.C Auxiliary Newsletter

A Message From Our President Donna Riddle

Did you ever wonder if the things you do make any difference? I thought about that recently as I dropped two pennies in the collection box at a McDonald's drive-thru. Would my little contribution cause anyone to get very excited? Whoopee!! 2 cents. No big deal. But what if every person who went through that same drive-thru dropped 2 cents into the container? I checked with a friend who said on an average day 500 cars show up at the window. Let's say that each restaurant would collect only \$10 per day. They only close 2 days out of the year, so every restaurant would collect \$3630 in a year. On its own, that does not seem like very much, but when you think about all the McDonald's restaurants there are in the world – over

31,000 – that total would come to \$112,530,000! Now that means something.

But what if I, nor any other person, ever dropped coins into those red collection boxes? Ronald McDonald Houses would still exist, but their ministries to families would be hindered.



I believe our lives are like this. We act, then, the next person who may have seen us acts, and it multiplies. Our action on

its own might not make much of a difference, but together we can move mountains.

It might be as simple as sharing a smile, or giving a hug. Then there are the big things we do. Actions such as taking food to a family in grief, giving up family time to listen to a friend going through a tough time or losing a night's sleep sitting with someone in the hospital.

Let me challenge you to look for someplace to "put your two cents in". God sends opportunities your way every day. Open your eyes to His leading. Watch for God at work in your corner of the world, and get in the mix. God bless you as you step up to this challenge.

**Growing
Better
Together**

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- *Prayer Chain Updates*

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Feature Column - Meet Your ICPC Officers

Meet Vice President Rhonda Hendricks



Rhonda Hendricks is the Vice President of the ICPC Auxiliary and was elected and sworn in at the 2010 Annual Training Seminar in Sacramento, California. Rhonda and her husband Mike live in Bloomington, Indiana and have been married for 23 years. Their family includes their two children Robert who is 21 and Rachel who is 18.

You might remember Rhonda and Mike from the 2006 Annual Training Seminar in Indianapolis where they served on the host committee. They have attended six of the last ten ATS events.

Rhonda shares "My favorite memory is of the first ATS my family attended. My family was

welcomed with open arms. My husband and I felt comfortable letting our children attend the children's activities even though we had just met everyone. I was so impressed by everyone's willingness to work together to provide such a wonderful training for the chaplains and all the wonderful activities for the children and spouses. This experience prompted me to eagerly join the host committee for the 2006 ATS held in Indianapolis, Indiana."

Rhonda's favorite bible verse is John 3:16 which she says "reminds us of God's love for all of us". Rhonda looks forward to serving as vice president of the Auxiliary.

Meet President Elect Karen McBride Dixon

Karen McBride Dixon was elected President Elect of the Auxiliary at the 2010 ATS. Karen and her husband Reverend Canon Blair Dixon live in Regina, Canada. They have been married for 6 years and have 5 children and 11 grandchildren!

Karen and her husband have been attending Annual Training Seminars for 5 years and she warmly remembers "the kind and welcoming Auxiliary ladies at my very first ATS. They made me feel so comfortable that I immediately knew this was a place I was meant to be!"

Karen shares "I enjoy doing lots of things – quilting, gardening, canning, reading, researching, etc. At this point in my life I am

too busy to pursue them – but the day will come when I again have time to so!"

Karen's favorite bible verse is Joshua 24:15 "But, as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (NIV) She says she is blessed with a husband, who not only lives this, but "also leads our household to strive to discern, be, and do GOD's will. I especially appreciate this passage because it really speaks to me about the intentional decision to serve GOD in our daily interactions with each other, and with those we encounter."

We are pleased to have Karen as a part of our Auxiliary team and family.



Things to Think and Pray About

Auxiliary Member Jan Congram (Belle River, Ontario) has taken on the task of being our Prayer Chain Coordinator. Jan says "There have been a number of opportunities to pray for family and friends, little people and grown up people with health and family challenges. We've asked God to meet each one at their point of need with His healing touch and love. The prayer chain continues to be available to all ATS Auxiliary members. It is a privilege to be asked to pray and to storm the gates of heaven on each other's behalf since the scriptures instruct us to pray for one another without ceasing. It just hit me that that means not just in the hard times but all times! I need to be more diligent about praying through the directory. We all grow in our faith as we care for and support one another. Certainly, a burden shared is a burden lifted when life is tough and weighing us down. I'm only an email away can be reached at jscongram@sympatico.ca. Looking for-

ward to hearing from you so that we can pray and love on each other."

It is important for you to be aware of the prayer needs of our members. But we would be negligent if we didn't continue our prayers for Jan as she continues to recover from her fall in 2009. You may remember that Jan was using an "assistive device" while she was with us in Sacramento. Jan had a follow up appointment last fall and she has made amazing progress. She would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers and words and cards of encouragement. As Jan says "the list of your generous acts of service and love is long! I am so grateful to God for each of you in this journey of recovery. Now for the privilege of paying it forward!"

Prayers need to continue for Pat Wilson (Rockford, Illinois) who had cell grafts on her right leg. Her husband Billy had total hip replacement on January 11th and will be recovering for 6-8 weeks. I know they will appreci-

ate your continued prayers. Pat can be reached at bee-bop2591@att.net. Additional prayers for Marge and Walt Tully (Newton Falls, OH) as he recovers from hip replacement also. Walt is the prayer chain coordinator for the International Conference of Police Chaplains.

JoAnne May (San Bernardino, CA) asks for prayers for her grandson Nicholas May, US Marine Corp, who left for Afghanistan on December 5th. She was also wondering how many of our ICPC family have loved ones serving in the military that we should be remembering in our prayers. Please contact JoAnne directly at itsme53@verizon.net and also our prayer chain coordinator Jan Congram so that we can add them to our prayers.

Prayers also to Sandy and Rick Vascik (Rossford, OH) during Rick's treatment and recovery from his bone marrow transplant. They are currently staying in Columbus to be near the OSU James Cancer Hospital.

Rest, Recharge and Receive - 2011 ATS Jamaica

Pack your packs, get your passport, and join the International Conference of Police Chaplains at the 2011 Annual Training Seminar in Montego Bay, Jamaica. The ATS Oversight Committee Chairperson reports that the host committee is ready and anxious for all of us to arrive for a week of fellowship with our ICPC family. Anticipate a week of relaxation and fellowship in a tropical setting complemented by a resort staff and host committee who are eager to please. The resort has daily activities planned for all ages including water aerobics each morning, kids club for children ages 4-12, two water slides, a lazy river as well as a main pool. The beach is beautiful and the entire facility is well manicured and maintained. Please plan on joining us this summer, July 11-15. Special room rates will be available prior and post the ATS. Be advised that reservations needed to be made through the ICPC website so that you receive the group rate.



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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.

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, Robbie 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

January 1, 2011. The ending of one year, the beginning of a new one. And within hours of the year beginning, an officer several counties over from where we live was the first officer killed in the line of duty in 2011. As the wife of a police officer, I might look at this tragedy a little differently than my friends here in Columbus. It makes my heart hurt, my stomach clench and tears come to my eyes. It is just too close to home. That's why when Craig leaves each day for work, we ALWAYS kiss goodbye, say an "I love you" and then leave our protection up to God. But shouldn't we always leave our loved ones that way? It only takes a moment to share a moment that might be taken away from you in a second. I know I feel this way when Zack goes back to school, or Megan heads off on an adventure with Nick. Take the time. Have no regrets. And thank your chaplain for me for being there for my husband's brothers and sisters who walk the thin blue line. Oh, and by the way, I love you guys! Kathy