

# Women in Action

August Issue

GFWC NC -Asheboro Junior Women's Club News

## President's Message

Why do you love being a member of the Asheboro Junior Women's Club? Is it because it provides you an opportunity to help others? Is it because you feel you can make a difference in the community? Perhaps it is being around other women with a good attitude? Has it helped you make new friends or meet new and interesting people from all walks of life? Whatever your reason is, I encourage you to think about why you decided to join this organization, and what the club means to you.

Over the years, our club has connected with the community through volunteerism, fundraising, leadership and social events. We are a strong group of women that like making a difference in Asheboro.

Lia Eggleston and I attended Boot Camp this past month, and the theme for GFWC this year is Membership—The Sole of the Federation. How ironic! I was excited to learn our club's goal for the year is aligned with what other women across our district, state and even nation are working towards! I encourage each of you to think of at least two women to invite to the New Member Social this year. To make them feel more at ease, we are also including them in the guest list for the 6th annual Luau at the home of Christie and Eric Luckenbach.

Now, I realize some of you feel you do not know anyone you could invite. However, realizing how active and involved each one of you are in the community, I am sure you can think of someone. Think of friends from church, school, playgroups, your neighborhood or other civic organizations you are a member of. Many of you have mentioned new teachers or doctors that have moved to the area. Think of your network of friends, and those you would like to see be a part of AJWC. If you are really struggling, and feel you have brought every friend you know to AJWC over the years, (which I thank you for) think of ladies that have gone inactive for whatever reason over the last few years. Did they leave the club due to the birth of a child, job promotion or big move? How many of us know ladies like this, and have meant to follow up over the last several months with a card, phone call or a simple "We miss you!"

With that said, I want to thank each and everyone of you for making AJWC what it is today. Help us continue to build on the enthusiasm and dedication our present club members have to share with others.

## Save the Date:

- 8/7 AJWC Board Meeting  
5:30 PM  
Pinewood Country Club
- 8/7 AJWC General Meeting  
6:30 PM  
Pinewood Country Club
- 8/28 AJWC Social  
6:00 PM  
Thirsty Thursday  
Family Grasshoppers Social
- 9/6 AJWC 6th Annual Luau  
7 PM - Until  
Home of Christie and  
Eric Luckenbach
- 9/11 AJWC New Member Social  
6:30 PM  
Pinewood Country Club
- 10/9 AJWC General Meeting  
6:30 PM  
Home of Lia Eggleston
- 10/31 AJWC Halloween Social  
8:00 PM - Until  
Home of Veronica Grant

**Happy Birthday  
to the following  
members!**

August 14 - Suzy Shiflet  
August 20 - Kim Davis

## Boot Camp Update

Last month, Lia Eggleston and Helen Smith attended Boot Camp with Junior Women and Women's Club organizations from across the state. There they learned a multitude of ideas from various workshops and training seminars. Some of the workshops they attended included:

- ⇒ Fundraising - How to build on what you already do and ideas for creating new fundraisers
- ⇒ Club Presidents - Roles and duties of a President and Executive Board members
- ⇒ Education - How to educate members, new and old, about AJWC information and bi-laws
- ⇒ Membership Orientation - Effective ways to build membership and good ideas for orienting new members to the club
- ⇒ Public Affairs - What our club is doing in relation to other clubs around us
- ⇒ Communication - Ways to effectively communicate our club news to current members and potential new members

In addition, the 2008-2010 GFWC-NC Special Project was unveiled—Girls on the Run. This year, AJWC has decided to host quarterly dinners at a members house to raise funds for this project. These dinners will replace regularly scheduled meetings during that month. Each member will be encouraged to bring \$10 to donate to Girls on the Run. Members will have fun raising money for a good cause and sharing in fellowship with friends. More details to follow soon.



GFWC-NC Special Project  
for 2008-2010 is:  
**Girls on the Run**

I understand many of you are already familiar with this program, but others of you may not be. Wow! Where do I begin? To quickly summarize, Girls on the Run was established in 1996 in Charlotte, NC by Molly Barker. It is a life changing after school program for 8-11 year old girls. The Girls on the Run curricula, the heart of the program, provides pre-adolescent girls with the necessary tools to embrace their individual strengths as they enter middle and high school. The uplifting program design is aimed to develop the whole girl; her physical, mental, emotional and social self. Young girls are empowered with a greater self-awareness, a sense of achievement, and a foundation in team building to help them become strong, contented and self-confident women. Their mission statement is to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.

For more information, please visit the website at [www.girlsontherun.org](http://www.girlsontherun.org)

## One Day with God Scheduled for December

As a club we aim to benefit women and children, right? *One Day with God* camps are the perfect way for us to touch the lives of troubled women and their children inside the prison walls, without an ongoing commitment. Some of you may remember the presentation last year regarding this camp. Southern Correctional Institution in Troy will be holding another *One Day with God* camp on Saturday December 6, 2008, conducted by Forgiven Ministry Inc. The day provides a unique experience where female inmates can spend quality time with their children, where as typically they are only allowed a two-hour visitation session weekly. The day consists of games, Christian films, singing, Christian crafts, lunch and worship together. These activities provide invaluable time for mother and child to mend broken relationships. Such an orchestrated event requires time and financial support. Please consider offering one day of your time and/or a financial contribution to help give children and their incarcerated mothers a chance to restore and build their relationships. If you would like to help, please contact **Suzanne Craven** at 736.3030 or by email at [sacraven@triad.rr.com](mailto:sacraven@triad.rr.com). Below you will also find a link to the agency's website for an application and more information:

Forgiven Ministry, Inc.  
P.O.Box 117  
Taylorsville NC 28681-0117  
[www.forgivenministry.org](http://www.forgivenministry.org)

## Sam Bossong Memorial Playground Update

The YMCA and AJWC have formed a committee that consists of YMCA Board members, AJWC members and citizens of the community. Committee members representing AJWC include, Christie Luckenbach, Suzanne Walker, Nicole Connors and Lori Trotter.

The first meeting was held on July 7<sup>th</sup>. The following agenda was discussed.

1. Select new equipment for children ages 2-4
2. Develop a partnership with Trees Asheboro
3. Present landscape plan developed by Suzanne Walker for new garden area to be planted around Sam's Memorial at the base of the flagpole beside the playground
4. Select a date to visit the Mooresville Playground for research into developing the YMCA playground into an area which all children can enjoy. Close attention will be paid to the specific needs of handicapped children.

⇒ Nicole is working on selecting new playground equipment using \$5000.

⇒ Suzanne is developing a long term plan for planting trees and other garden areas surrounding the playground equipment. The new garden that Suzanne designed will be installed this fall by AJWC members, their spouses, and children. Hope to make this a fun family outing to also include a picnic.

\*All net proceeds from the golf tournament will go directly towards the renovation of the playground. The other areas mentioned will be funded separately.

## Welcoming New Members

Through the ages, the pineapple has been considered a special treat for display and gastronomical enjoyment. From before the time of Christopher Columbus, through Renaissance Europe & Colonial America, the pineapple came to symbolize the sense of welcome, good cheer and human warmth inherent in special social events.

With the image and spirit of everything it represents, the Asheboro Junior Women's Club Hospitality Committee has chosen the motif of the Pineapple to welcome our new members. When a new member joins the AJWC, they will receive a small golden pineapple pin to wear to meetings—to showcase they're a new club member. Once they have completed a year in the club, their pin will retire and be passed on to other new members. In addition, welcome cards with the pineapple motif will be sent to all new members after their first meeting.



## **Kudos to You...**

Does someone deserve a KUDO??? If so, we would like to recognize our members who achieve success in their career or did something great—such as receive an exciting award or participate in a marathon! If you have something to share, please email Lauren Ingold @ [lingold@randolphhospital.org](mailto:lingold@randolphhospital.org) by the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month so it can be published in the monthly newsletter. There will also be a KUDO sheet available for you to fill out at each of the monthly meetings.

## **Hospitality Cards and Meal Updates:**

A meal is not always needed when a club woman or their family members faces a difficult situation/ special occasion, however, it's always a warm and welcoming gesture to receive a card in the mail.

If you would like to be part of the card committee, please email Lauren Ingold at [lingold@randolphhospital.org](mailto:lingold@randolphhospital.org) and your name will be added to the list. Three members will be needed for this sub-committee and cards and stamps will be purchased in advance so they can be sent in a timely manner.

Once all names have been received then Lauren will prepare a distribution list and committee members will be responsible for the following areas:

- ⇒ Birthdays
- ⇒ Births/ Kudos (promotion, award, etc..)
- ⇒ Illness/Loss of a loved one

As always, AJWC will continue to make meals for members when they are facing a difficult situation or a special occasion. While a meal is not needed every time, the Hospitality Committee does feel it is appropriate to send a meal when the following occurs:

- ⇒ Birth of a child
- ⇒ Death of an immediate family member
- ⇒ Surgery or prolonged illness (of club member or immediate family member)

To make sure that duties are separated evenly, a roster will be separated into dinner teams—team A, B, C, etc. All dinner teams will be assigned by the August meeting.

## **Are you a Rookie or a Veteran?**

One program that will be implemented is the Rookies/ Veteran program. This program involves pairing up an AJWC member with a new member in an effort to assist newly initiated members with their transition into the club. Veteran members will be paired with a rookie member they invite to join the club. If by chance they have invited more than one member, the Hospitality Chairs will help in assigning them to another Veteran member. Hopefully this will generate extra enthusiasm about this new program, as AJWC members will have a personal connection with their rookie member. Duties include answering any questions, explaining activities, rules and procedures as well as working with the new member to become an active member of the club. Please stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information about this program!

## August Meeting Updates

Don't forget the meeting is at **Pinewood Country Club on August 7, 2008.**

Please remember to bring the following items:

- Money for Luau. Please remember that every club women is required to buy a ticket for \$25. It is \$50 per couple.
- Money for dinner. Drinks are extra.
- ***Bring addresses of potential new members.*** If you can not attend the meeting, please email Helen Smith these by Friday, August 8th at [hksmith2@uncg.edu](mailto:hksmith2@uncg.edu).

Look forward to seeing you then!

## Woman of Impact

Several women have been diligent in their efforts over the summer months planning for the 2008-2009 year, but I would be remiss if I did not recognize **Veronica Grant** for her efforts as Social Chair. Clubwomen, you asked for more socials...and you got them! Veronica has worked tirelessly to organize our calendar through December 2008. And, do not think she has stopped there. She already has lots of exciting new ideas for 2009, including a girls weekend beach trip. Any takers? Veronica, thanks for your many efforts to organize a great year of social events for the club. You have worked hard to prepare for the annual luau, generate fun and exciting new ideas for socials and offer your home for many of the events. Thanks so much for giving your time and energies to the club this year. We are so excited to have you on board as our new Social Chair. And...Keep up the good work!

### 2008—2009 Committee Chairwomen:

**Projects:**

Lia Vuncannon

**Finance:**

Suzanne Craven

**Hospitality:**

Lauren Ingold and Haley Sawyer

**Social:**

Veronica Grant

**SBMGT (Golf Tournament):**

Christie Luckenbach

**Website:**

Christie Luckenbach

### 2008—2009 Club Officers:

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**Mission Statement:** The Asheboro Junior Women's Club is an Organization that is committed to improving the lives of women through community activism and volunteerism. We strive to be present in the lives of the women and children of Randolph County serving as a resource to effect positive change, seek common ground and inspire home.