



Aspirations Newsletter

April 2010

RECAP: Save the date! Our next **Recap** is coming up...

April 7 6:30 to 8pm: Aspirations members

Dave & Busters 1554 Polaris Pkwy. (Parents meet in food court)

Price options: *Eat & Play Combo \$15.99* (buffet and \$10 game card)

Games only \$10 card -48 chips (average game uses 3-6 chips)

Please RSVP to Jeff 292-4185 siegel.45@osu.edu if you plan to come

SNEAK PREVIEW RECAP: GAMES NIGHT WEDNESDAY MAY 5

Guest Speaker Kelly Stephenson COTA Project Mainstream

Planning Your Future <http://www.disabilitylawlowdown.com/>

The Disability Law Lowdown podcast just posted a podcast about self-advocacy for high school students with disabilities. Jacquie Brennan discusses a new information sheet published by the Pacer Center that provides valuable information for high schoolers about how to plan for their future by taking an active role in IEP meetings and transition planning, whether the transition is to employment, post-secondary education, or independent living.



Congratulations!!!

To Greg Roth on obtaining a position with Goodwill as an Employment services specialist. Greg as you has been facilitating our Adult Aspirations parent s groups and came to Aspirations through YATC. We wish him a lot of luck in his new position.

Events for everyone over 17 years old

Women of Aspirations - Upcoming WoA events

SUNDAY, APRIL 11th at Noodles & Co. from 5-6:30

Check your email for more updates from WoA. For more information, please write WoA Coordinator Whitney Brooks at WomenOfAspirations@gmail.com.

Aspirations Guys: A big welcome to Jeff Harwood who will be facilitating the Aspiration Guys with his brother Joel. As everyone knows Joel has played a major role as Peer Mentor for our Young Aspirations group as well as one of our mentors for the older group. Jeff is married to Brittany and is the son of Mary and Ken. Mary has been a parent mentor for our Adult Aspirations and with Sue Schaefergen is now facilitating that group. Please join me in welcoming Jeff and feel free to contact him at jhar3@ymail.com

Next Guys event Sunday April 19 from 5-6:30 pm

Graeter's Ice Cream 2282 E. Broad Street 43209

Aspirations Book Club

Thursdays from 7-8pm

Barnes & Noble, Second Floor 1598 N. High Street (SE Corner of High & 11th AVE)

“The Rapture of Canaan” by Sherri Reynolds

NEXT BOOK: The Sigh of Haruhi Suzumaya by Nagaru Tanigawa starts 4/

Now is a good time to join up or rejoin the group.

For more information, please contact Renee Devlin at devlinre@yahoo.com



When? Tuesday, April 27 7-9 PM

**Where? The Glenmont Facility (COSERRC) 470
Glenmont Avenue Columbus OH 43214**

There will be a panel discussion following the film with plenty of opportunities for questions and audience interaction. This will be of interest to those living with or on the autism spectrum, and their friends! This event is free and open to the public. The Horse Boy', based on the book by Rupert Isaacson, tells of the Isaacson's search for treatment for their autistic son, a search that takes them to Mongolia and the wild horses roaming there. I found the book moving (and harrowing). The film well represents one family's struggle.

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OH, AMBITIOUS QUEEN,
SEDUCTRESS OF THE NILE.
MIDNIGHT TEMPTRESS,
LADY OF THE SAND,
WHOSE BLACK LOCKS OF ASH
AND SKIN OF GOLD,
TAKE NOT THE COBRA'S BITE,
FOR WE WILL BE TOGETHER AGAIN.
ROME WILL FALL TO SPITE, BY YOUR HAND.
YOU'RE ROME'S DESIRE.
I'VE SEEN YOUR INNER FIRE
CLAD IN WHITE,
AN ANGEL OF DEATH.
BLOOD SPILLED BY YOUR COMMAND,
AND BY YOU I WILL STAND.
OUR STORY TOLD.
TO SOME YOU'RE CONCEITED AND COLD,
YOUR ACTIONS VULGAR AND VILE.
TO MOST YOU'RE KEEN.
YOUR AMBITIONS AND ROME'S CLASH.
YOU'RE DEADLY LIKE A SNAKE,
MAKING ROME BREATHE ITS LAST BREATH.
A CUNNING PRINCESS,
AS YOU LIVE ON, IMMORTAL EVERLASTING,
NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN

Newsletter contributions This is *your* group and **your** newsletter. We need more people to write about past and upcoming events or what you are currently doing. Did you win an award, or get accepted to a new program? Let us know! Thanks to Ashley for her poem, to Iain for writing about the young Aspirations book club, and congratulations to Melanie for her article in Disability Quarterly. I have so far one poem for next month;

HOW ABOUT IT FOLKS??