



Aspirations Newsletter

December 2009

Message from Jeff

HAPPY HOLIDAY GREETINGS EVERYONE!

I want start off my message for this newsletter by thanking Melanie Yergeau for taking over editorial responsibilities for the Aspirations Newsletter. I hope that other members of our program will offer to write articles for the Newsletter.

I hope all of you will join us at the holiday party on December 13th from 1:30 to 3:30. Remember to email Jody Kramer and let her know what part of the potluck you are bringing. We also need volunteers to help set up and break down.

This is a season of Miracles; within our respective religions we celebrate the Miracle of Birth or the miracle of victory. Each one of us has the ability to create small miracles each day in our own lives. By aspiring to accomplish the most we can daily, by sharing and recognizing our respective talents, each one of us has the ability to make our lives and others' lives extremely meaningful.

Save the date!

ASPIRATIONS ANNUAL POTLUCK HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 13th, 1:30 - 3:30pm
Whetstone Park Shelter House
3923 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43214

*** This activity takes the place of our monthly Recap meeting.*

We need people to set up and clean up before and after the party. Please RSVP to Jody Kramer, JKRAMER0007@columbus.rr.com or (614) 889 5289 (home)

RECAP NEW YEARS PARTY

Wednesday, January 6th, 6:30 – 8:00pm
BJ's Restaurant
1414 Polaris Pwky. Columbus, OH 43240
Parents will be meeting nearby. (Meeting place info forthcoming)

Events for everyone over 17 years old

Every Thursday: Aspirations Book Club

The book club meets on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm at the Gateway Barnes and Noble (upstairs). The book club is currently reading *The Best of H.P. Lovecraft*. On January 7th, the book club will begin discussing *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd.

*** Please note: the book club will not be meeting Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.*

Aspirations Guys

New Year's party

New Year's Day, Friday, Jan. 1st, 2:00-5:00pm

At the Hardwoods

4070 Jackson Pike Grove City, OH 43123, Phone: 875-8767

RSVP: Jeff Siegel, siegel.45@osu.edu

January meeting

Sunday, January 17th

Jenny's Splendid Ice Cream

2156 E Main Street, Columbus, OH 43209

(Just east of Parkview Road)

Women of Aspirations

Next WoA meeting:

Sunday, January 10, 5:00-6:30pm

Noodles & Co.

5032 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43214

WoA has had great attendance these past few months! We typically meet twice every month, usually Sunday evenings – and rotate between meeting at the Noodles & Co. by Graceland and holding an event elsewhere (recent events have included bowling, attending the zoo, and touring the Franklin Park Conservatory).

For more information, please write WoA Coordinator Whitney Brooks at WomenOfAspirations@gmail.com.

Community news

12/10/09: Autistic Self-Advocacy Network (ASAN) Meeting and Movie Showing

ASAN-Central Ohio/OSU will be meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10 to create short, informational video clips about life on the spectrum and to watch the new *Star Trek* movie afterward. The group will create videos at 3:30pm and will start watching *Star Trek* at 4:15pm. The meeting will be held in 311 Denney Hall, 164 W. 17th Ave, Columbus. Please contact asan.ohiostate@gmail.com for more information.

Newsletter contributions

Interested in contributing to the Aspirations newsletter? We're looking for your help!

Do you like to write? Draw? Take photographs? Do you have a personal achievement or any personal news that you would like to share? If so, please write Melanie Yergeau, newsletter compiler, at yergeau.1@osu.edu. We want *your* input for *your* newsletter!