



Aspirations Newsletter

May 2009

News:

- We are excited to announce a new opportunity for members of Aspirations to discuss relationships and dating in a laid-back, open environment. Members of the Young Adult Transition Corps will be facilitating a male and a female discussion group beginning in late May or early June. Members of Aspirations will receive details and registration info in the next couple of weeks. For more information, please contact Alison E. at alisone@yatcoho.org or call (614) 292-9894.

Aspirations Events:

May Recap: May 6th

Game night at the Nisonger Center. 6:30-8:00pm. Room 235 McCampbell Hall. Come and enjoy good games and good company. **Please bring snacks to share with the group!**

Message from Jeff:

Dear members,

The director of Ohio dept. of MRDD and the Superintendent of Franklin County MRDD will be joining our Recap meeting. They would like to talk with all of you to find out what help you need *regardless* of your eligibility with these agencies. At our February meeting, we were fortunate to have as our guests Jody Fisher, Peggy Martin, and Kevin Aldridge who also work with the ODMRDD. Not all of you are able to attend every Recap meeting we need though to have a large showing for this event. This is ***your opportunity; make the most of it!*** I am asking you to mark your calendars and join us on May 6th Also please support our Aspiration Guys and WoA events, the events planned were scheduled based on input from some of you, we need more of you to attend!

Book Club: every Thursday 7:00-8:00pm

Gateway Barnes and Noble (upstairs). 1598 N. High St. (on the corner of E. 11th and High). The book club is currently discussing *A Good Man is Hard to Find* by Flannery O'Connor.

Women of Aspirations:

May 2nd – Big Ten Women’s Rowing Championship at Grigg’s Reservoir on the Scioto River. This event is FREE and will be happening rain or shine. So come out and watch some amazing female athletes row, including Ohio State! We will be meeting at the parking lot at 11am and walking down to the river. We will be back at the parking lot by 1pm for pick-up. Feel free to bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

from the North - Take I-71 South to I-270 West to SR 315 South. Exit at Lane Avenue and turn right. Turn right onto Dublin Road/US-33. Griggs Reservoir on the Scioto River will be on your left.

From the South - Take I-71 North to SR 315 North to Worthington. Take the US-33 exit toward Dublin Road./Long Street. Turn left onto Dublin Road/US-33. Griggs Reservoir on the Scioto River will be on your left.

From the East (Airport) - Take I-70 West to SR 315 North to Worthington. Take the US-33 exit toward Dublin Road./Long Street. Turn left onto Dublin Road/US-33. Griggs Reservoir on the Scioto River will be on your left.

From the West - Take I-70 East to SR 315 North to Worthington. Take the US-33 exit toward Dublin Road./Long Street. Turn left onto Dublin Road/US-33. Griggs Reservoir on the Scioto River will be on your left.

May 17th – Movie Matinee at Cinemark 12 at Carriage Place. We will meet at 2pm at the ticket counter outside to see a movie (TBA) and it should last until around 4:15pm. It is only \$1.50 per person. If you have any requests for a movie please e-mail Hillary by Monday, May 11.

Cinemark Movies 12 Theater (Carriage Place). 2570 Bethel Road Columbus, OH 43220

Aspirations Guys:

May 31st – Potluck/Picnic at Whetstone Park. 3923 North High Street. 2-4pm. I will try to come early and grab the outdoor shelter house but if it’s taken be prepared to sit on the ground. This will be a snack potluck, so don’t expect a full meal. Please bring appetizers, snacks, drinks, and/or desserts. We could also use picnic blankets, Frisbees, playing cards, hacky sacks, and any other fun outdoor games.

We are trying to work out a second guy’s event for May. You will be contacted if/when we are able to plan another activity. If anyone has ideas for future guys events please email them to Alison at alison@yatcoho.org.

Being a Young Aspirations Peer Mentor

By Joel Harwood

Being a part of the teen aspirations group as a peer mentor has been very pleasurable thus far. We have a very interesting group of kids who are talented in their own ways. It is interesting because of the different social skill levels there are between the kids. Also the parents seem to really be into the group as well by helping each other. So far, I have truly enjoyed working with the kids because they are eager to learn. Last, I hope very much that this group turns out to be successful and that many more groups follow in the future.

Have your work featured in the Aspirations Newsletter!

If you would like to submit your artwork, poetry, prose, fiction, nonfiction, essay, book review, event review etc. to be considered for publication in the newsletter please email it to Alison at alisone@yatcoho.org.

**ASPIRATIONS,
BE
A PART OF IT!**