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## Aspirations Newsletter

### October 2009

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#### News:

- Welcome to our newest members of Aspirations. Groups 18 and 19 are off to a great start! We hope to see all of the new members at our events. Feel free to send the new members an email welcoming them to the group!

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- Another warm welcome goes out to our new volunteers, Leah, Julie, Jenny and Whitney! Welcome to the group!

#### Events for Everyone over 17 years old:

##### **10/7/09: October Recap**

**6:15pm-8:00pm**, [Kuhlweins Farm Market, 1859 Walker Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026](http://www.kuhlweinsfarmmarket.com)

\$7 cash per person to take a hayride out to their maze and to the pumpkin patch and everyone gets 1 pumpkin included in the \$7. Due to dusk getting earlier and earlier, we need everyone to show up early at **6:15pm** and the hayride will leave sharply at 6:30pm. Anyone who rides the hayride to the maze and patch must pay the \$7 even if they are a parent, 'chaperoning' or volunteering. This event is for **everyone** to take part in so make sure to be prepared for a fun time in the

pumpkin patch! Please RSVP to Jeff Siegel ([Siegel.45@osu.edu](mailto:Siegel.45@osu.edu) or 614-292-4185) by Monday, October 5, so that we can let the farm know how many to expect.

*Directions:*

*Take Rome Hilliard Road to Renner Road, head west to Alton Darby, go Right on Walker Road, and go left on Walker/Farm on the left hand side 1859 Walker Road. Alternate route with construction and road closures is Alton Darby to Feder, head west on Feder to Jones, go right on Jones to Walker go right on Walker. From Alton Darby you can also take Roberts, head west on Roberts to Walker the farm is on the right with these directions.*

**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 Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya* by Nagaru Tanigawa & Chris Pai.

**Women of Aspirations Events:**

**10/11/09: WoA's monthly Meeting**

Dinner at Noodles and Company, 5:00-7:00pm

5032 N. High St. across from Graceland Shopping Center.

We'll be planning some events in addition to our monthly meeting so please come and share some ideas with everyone. In addition, *WoA parents* are welcome to meet next door at Wendy's for a chance to catch up.

For questions or to RSVP e-mail [WomenOfAspirations@gmail.com](mailto:WomenOfAspirations@gmail.com)

**Upcoming dates for WoA's Meetings:**

Oct. 11, 2009

Nov. 8, 2009

Dec. 13, 2009

**Remember same time, same place every month☺**

***Guys' Aspirations Group:***

**10/18/09: Graeter's Ice Cream in Bexley, from 5-7pm**

All guys in Aspirations are welcome to meet up at Graeter's Ice Cream in Bexley 2282 E. Main St., Columbus, OH 43209. Come hangout with everyone and share ideas for upcoming meetings. Please RSVP to Jeff Siegel so he can reserve space for everyone to sit: [Siegel.45@osu.edu](mailto:Siegel.45@osu.edu)

**Young Aspirations News:**

### **10/5/09: Group #2 of Young Aspirations Begins...**

The Young Aspirations program will begin its second group on October 5 from 7-8pm for a total of eight weeks. If you know anyone between the ages of 13-17 years old that is interested in being a part of this group please have them contact [HillarySpears@gmail.com](mailto:HillarySpears@gmail.com). The October group is full; however, we are accepting applications for a winter session as well which will begin in January. Mike Perryman will be our parent facilitator and Joel Harwood will be our mentor facilitator for Group #2. The facilitators are all looking forward to another great group!

Young Aspirations hopes to have a reunion for the teens and parents in December, so please e-mail Hillary Spears if you have any ideas or suggestions.

## **Community News:**

### **11/17-19/09: 2009 OCALI Conference and Exposition**

The OCALI Conference and Exposition is now accepting volunteers and registration for the conference in November. If you are interested in finding out more about the conference and opportunities available check out their website: [www.conference.ocali.org](http://www.conference.ocali.org)

### **10/1/09: Autistic Self-Advocacy Network Meeting**

Their next meeting will be held this Thursday, October 1, at 5:45pm at Barnes & Noble (1598 N. High St.). They will meet in the coffee shop area on the first floor. OSU students, faculty, staff, and community members are welcome to attend! [If you'd like more information about the group e-mail: asan.ohiostate@gmail.com](mailto:asan.ohiostate@gmail.com)