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"All the News We See Fit To Print"

Thanks for Everything Kim!



Kim, our math and reading teacher, came into my life at a time when I was in a depression, when I was having very few thoughts. I started attending classes weekly on Wednesday afternoons. She made me feel comfortable and we will all miss Kim greatly now that she is leaving. I'll never forget her and how she changed my life for the better. Kim, wishing you the very best in life.

Peggy Hilliard

Kim Crabbe was our dedicated Math and Reading teacher. She left Threshold to accept a full time position teaching at a school in Durham. We appreciate everything she has done for us!

Employers Dinner September 15th!

We are busily gathering formal clothes, sending invitations, hiring great musicians! and finalizing table sponsorships for our 13th Annual Employers Dinner and Dance. The inimitable Family Sircle, the exciting r & b band who performed at our 20th Anniversary party, will help us wrap up the awards portion of the evening and get us warmed up to dance! The evening is made possible in part by the generous sponsorship of the following individuals and businesses:

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Mark your calendar for September 15th, 6:00 pm at the Downtown Durham Marriott. Join us for a great evening of celebration for the Threshold community. Please contact Threshold at 682-4124 if you are interested in sponsoring a table or donating formal clothes for our members to wear to the event.

www.thresholdclubhouse.org

Emergency Preparedness: Hurricane Season Top 10 Preparedness Tips

1. Store enough canned food for each person in your home to last at least three days.
2. Store enough bottled water for each person in your home to have one gallon per person, per day for at least three days.
3. If the grocery store is closed, normally the pharmacy is too. Store enough backup prescription and over the counter medications to last more than three days.
4. Keep a manual can opener on hand in case of a power outage.
5. Battery powered flashlights are safer than candles.
6. Keep at least ½ of a tank of gas in your car at all times.
7. Have a baby? Make sure you have enough formula and diapers.
8. Have special medical needs? Make sure you have established your personal support network.
9. Bring inside all exterior furniture, toys, and other potential projectiles.
10. Have pets? Make sure you have enough food, water, and prescriptions for them in case you have to evacuate.

Check www.readync.org for more information on planning for this hurricane season!

The Winds of Fate

One ship drives east and another drives west
With the selfsame winds that blow.
'Tis the set of sails
And not the gales
Which tells us the way to go.

Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate;
As we voyage along through life,
'Tis the set of a soul
That decides it's goal,
And not the calm or the strife.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox
Submitted by Peggy Hilliard

Goodbye Calvin

Hi this is Laura again. I'm fine, I hope you haven't been too busy. This is going to be bittersweet. Calvin Brewer worked with us for over 20 years driving our white van. He passed away on August 6, 2006. We are all going to miss his "Hey Pete!" and his smiles and hugs. And he loved to dance, he could really cut a rug. We loved him and we miss him. This message goes especially to his family.

By Laura Eldridge

Bull Durham Fun!

Last night at the Durham Bulls Ball Game, we got to sit in a skybox and have food catered to us. With high-class service, we enjoyed watching the Durham Bulls beat the Norfolk Tides until dark. We ate ballpark hot dogs and hamburgers, along with choice of sides like chips, popcorn and veggies. Later on in the night we met Wool E. Bull. We boogied down with him, and enjoyed a possible picture with him. Unfortunately the batteries in the camera disconnected and that was when the music died. Shortly afterwards we left for home half asleep, and drifted off into dream world. We enjoyed ourselves last night, and like David Elliott said, "We should do this next year."
- By Annie Knapp

Employment Update

It has been a long time since I updated everyone on our jobs situation, and for that I apologize. It has been a very busy year, as we worked hard to build up our TE program. There have been ups and downs, as always, but in the end, things are looking up! To review a little, in addition to our faithful standby jobs with Timmons Fabrications, the Ninth Street Bakery, T.J. Maxx and Marshall's, and Ace's Cleaning Service, we have been able to re-start with our old friends at the Washington Duke Inn, and to build new relationships with some great new employers. Starting in January, we began what we hope will be a long-standing partnership with Duke University with two Library Stacks Assistant positions at Perkins Library. The folks there have been just wonderful to work with, and we are now starting our second set of members in the job. We are just about to expand our T.J. Maxx relationship to include the store at Brier Creek Shopping Center, as they want to set up three slots as soon as we can! We hope to contact other Brier Creek merchants, as they seem to need people, and we, of course, always need jobs! Our latest development is a new TE with Fowler's Fine Food & Wine downtown. Just today we received confirmation of this great new opportunity, and we look forward to partnering with them very soon! Many, many thanks to them and to all our employers!

As summer comes to a close, we look ahead to our annual blowout- the Employers Dinner! This will be the thirteenth annual Dinner, and invitations are on their way as we go to press. The date will be Friday, September 15, at 6:00pm, and the location the same as last year- the downtown Marriott. Please look for your invitation in the mail, and fill out and return the R.S.V.P card as soon as you can. We have received many donations of clothing for this event, and want to thank everyone who contributed to that effort, not to mention those who are sponsoring tables or otherwise helping us put on this extravaganza! So plan to join us in September- we have a lot to celebrate this year! - By Phil Wintermute



Lynne Cantrell (left) and Laura Eldridge (right) stand with their supervisor at Perkins Library at Duke.



Sal Singletary working his TE placement at Timmons Fabrications.

Roving Reporter Asks: What is your favorite part of the Employer's Dinner

Richard H: I like the things that we learn there.

Doris E: I like the food.

JoAnne H: I like the dancing.

Phil W: When the members get up and speak.

Annie K: Seeing everybody dressed up and shopping for the clothes.

Roosevelt S: They feed you really good!

Laura E: Sitting at the round table and enjoying a wonderful meal with family and friends.

Larry G: I like to dance!

Kathy AH: I like the meal.

Johnnie W: I like the meal, the announcements, and the dancing.

Mable S: I like the dancing.

Damon H: I like the music.

Patty W: The dancing!

Ashley E: Definitely dancing to DJ in the House!

Phyllis B: Talking to new people

Threshold is a Place to Come

Threshold is a place to come where you are welcome always and people at Threshold do not say "why are you here" instead say we welcome you and also say for example "Hi! How are you? Where have you been?" Also if the Threshold people haven't seen you for a while they send you a card or call you. We likely send you a card saying we miss you and will have camping and bowling activities on Thursdays and just as well will have arts and crafts on the weekend and we might have a job at the bakery coming up in 2 months. Are you interested in the activities or any jobs coming up?

This way you come back and you enjoy Threshold and you always have a place to return to if you don't feel like going to the hospital too or stay there you can come to Threshold 7 days a week 365 days a year. You can engage in meaningful relationships by making friends and socializing. Also when you do any work you do not just do the work that is needed or needs to be done and the staff people are counting on you to help them do that work and to participate in work that needs to be done that's also meaningful work. You are also free to stop whenever you like and rest. Since its volunteer job, don't forget that it has rules like any clubhouse. Just as well as every clubhouse just like Threshold lives by its rules.

Thanks for listening.

By Betty Kaldor

September 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy B'Day Richard N.!	2 Open 10-3 Silk Hope Farmers Day Festival
3 Happy B'Day Randy F.! Open 10-3 Arts & Crafts	4 Happy B'Day Larry G! Open 10-3 Free Labor Day Cookout	5 Happy B'Day Carl E.! Basic Computer Class 2:15 Employment Dinner	6 Math/ Reading Class 1:00	7 Clubhouse Culture 1:30 Advanced Computer Class 2:15 Duke Gardens	8	9 Open 12-5 Movies at Blue Ridge
10 Open 10-3 Arts & Crafts	11 Happy B'Day Dr. Ted D.!	12 Happy B'Day Kathy W.! Basic Computer Class 2:15	13 Math/ Reading Class 1:00	14 Happy B'Day Lillian B.! Clubhouse Culture 1:30 Advanced Computer Class 2:15 No Activity	15 Happy B'Day Martin G.! Employers Dinner at the Mariott	16 Open 10-3 Centerfest
17 Open 10-3 Arts & Crafts	18	19 Basic Computer Class 2:15	20 Happy B'Day Ricky E.! Math/ Reading Class 1:00	21 Clubhouse Culture 1:30 Advanced Computer Class 2:15 Bingo	22	23 Camping
24 Camping	25 Happy B'Day David E. & Charlotte H.!	26 Happy B'Day Mike D. Ryan C., & Jill S.! Basic Computer Class 2:15	27 Math/ Reading Class 1:00	28 Clubhouse Culture 1:30 Advanced Computer Class 2:15 Hike and Picnic	29 Happy B'Day Vivian P.!	30 Happy B'Day Craig P. & Tennille K.! Open 10-3 Flea Market

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