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CALENDAR

JOHNSON COUNTY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Today
Event
Winners Circle Men's Breakfast, 8 to 9:30 a.m., Piper's Café, 172 Melody Ave. in Greenwood, off State Road 135. Cost: \$8. Reservations: 535-5973
Meetings
Overeaters Anonymous, 10 a.m., Concordia Lutheran Church, 305 Howard Road, Greenwood
Tara Men's Meeting, 7 p.m., Tara Treatment Center, 6231 U.S. 31 South, Franklin
A Program For You, 11 a.m., 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin
United We Stand Group, 8 p.m., 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin

Sunday
Meetings
Acceptance Group, 7 p.m., Johnson County Park Office
JCCC 12 & 12, 1 p.m., Johnson County Community Corrections, 1071 Hospital Road, Franklin

Monday
Meetings
Greenwood Rotary Club, noon, Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:45 p.m., Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave. Information: 889-0272
Divorce and grief support groups, 7 p.m., Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road. Child care provided. Information: 881-9336
AI-Anon, 8 p.m., Community Hospital South, first-floor conference room. Information: 357-9607
Tara Group, 8 p.m., Ann's Restaurant, 77 W. Monroe St., Franklin

Tuesday
Meetings
Professional Referral Exchange of Indy South, 7 a.m., German-American Klub, 8602 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 902-6538
Franklin Rotary Club, noon, Franklin College Napollitan Student Center
Greenwood Kiwanis Club, 6 p.m., Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood
Trafalgar Weight Watchers, 6:30 to 7 p.m., Trafalgar Christian Church (next to elementary school). Information: 878-5161
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, Morgantown Fire Station, 269 N. Highland St. Information: (812) 597-1535
Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church Room 12, 8540 U.S. 31 South, Indianapolis. Information: 736-6234
Emotions Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pebble Creek Community Center, 225 Pebble Creek Drive, Greenwood. Information: 859-9569
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 7 p.m., Smith Valley Baptist Church. Information: 535-7468
Nineveh Group, 8 p.m., Johnson County Park Office
Serenity Group, 8 p.m., Johnson County Community Corrections, 1071 Hospital Road, Franklin
Chordlighters Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., practice, Grace United Methodist Church, 1300 E. Adams St., Franklin. Information: 888-6709

Wednesday
Meetings
White River Rotary Club, 6:30 a.m., Pipers Café, 172 Melody Ave. in Greenwood, off State Road 135
Christian Businessmen's Committee of Greater Greenwood, 7 a.m., Denny's restaurant, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood
Business and Professional Exchange, 8 to 10 a.m., Greenwood City Building lower level, 2 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Information: Ron Mote, 735-2010
Discover Downtown Franklin, 8 a.m., Don and Dona's Restaurant, Franklin
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 9:30 a.m., Abundant Grace Lutheran Church, 2425 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. Information: 780-1324
Bargersville Area Senior Citizens, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 14 W. Old South St. Potluck lunch, cards; 6 to 9 p.m. music
National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees, 11:30 a.m., Hillview Country Club, Franklin
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30 p.m., Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Information: 870-9171
Order of Easter Star Chapter 439, 7:30 p.m., Franklin Masonic Lodge, 801 S. Main St.
Women of the Lakes Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Tara Treatment Center, 357 E. Lakeview Drive, Nineveh
Wednesday Night Group, 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 100 E. Madison St., Franklin

Thursday
Meetings
Women's Big Book Meeting, noon, 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin
50 Plus of Greater Whiteland, 1 to 3 p.m., New Whiteland Town Hall, 401 Mooreland Drive, euchre
Woodmen Club, 6 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, Shelby Street, Greenwood. Information: 888-6146
Edinburgh Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Lions Club building, South Walnut Street
Sertoma Club of Greenwood, 6:45 p.m., Southern Dunes clubhouse, State Road 37 and Wicker Road
Multiple sclerosis self-help group, 7 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1300 S. U.S. 31, Franklin. Information: 736-8709
Family Alcohol and Drug Education, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tara Treatment Center, 6231 U.S. 31 South, Franklin. Free
Greenwood Community Band, 7 p.m., Greenwood Community High School band room
Art Works, 7 p.m., Needham Elementary School art room
Atterbury 12-Step Group, 8 p.m., building behind Johnson County Park Office
Franklin Men's Closed Discussion Meeting, 8 p.m., 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin

- **Adult & Child Mental Health Center** is seeking foster parents for children in need. Information: 736-7744
- **Adult Learning Center** is seeking volunteers to work with adults to improve and develop their reading, writing and math skills. Information: 738-4677
- **American Cancer Society**, Johnson County unit, is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help with fund-raisers, conduct public education and assist with patient services. Information: (800) 233-6303
- **American Red Cross of Johnson County** needs office-help volunteers and trained instructors of CPR, first-aid and basic-aid training, as well as individuals interested in becoming trained as disaster-team members. Information: 535-5959
- **Americare Hospice** needs volunteers to work with the terminally ill and/or their families. Training will be provided. Information: 736-6005
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana** needs volunteers. Information, call 921-2201 or visit www.bbbsci.org.
- **Breaking Free**, 3833 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, is a nonprofit organization that supports, educates and advocates for individuals and families affected by family violence and relationship abuse. Volunteers are needed to answer a phone assistance line between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Hours are negotiable. Information: 923-5563, Ext. 4
- **Central Nine Career Center** needs volunteer teacher aides to provide teacher-directed assistance to foreign-born adults learning English. A commitment of 3½ hours a week is required. Information: Richard Stoddard at 888-4401
- **Court-Appointed Special Advocate** volunteers work with abused and neglected children of Johnson County and act as a voice for them in court. Information: Lynda McGuire at 736-3998
- **Discovery Child Care Center** needs volunteers for a few hours a week to read to and play games with children at the Discovery Child Care Center at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin. Information: Judy Nevins at 736-3362
- **Dollars for Scholars** needs volunteers to help raise funds for scholarships for area students. The Franklin Chapter endows its fund through the Johnson County Community Foundation. Information or to donate: 738-2213
- **Education Support Group** needs volunteers to assist third- to eighth-grade students with homework from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Heavenly Hope Church of God in Christ, 195 Commerce Drive, Franklin. Information: 489-3835
- **Franklin United Methodist Community** needs volunteers to help with activities such as reading and writing letters for residents, wheelchair rides and fellowship. Information: Jack Cronin, 736-1167
- **Girls Inc.** needs volunteers to teach classes, assist with transportation and aid staff in activities. Information: Pam Janning at 736-5344
- **Girl Scouts** needs leaders and helpers in the Trafalgar and Nineveh areas. Information: Carla Schwartz at 738-4107 or Michelle Hagen at 738-0284
- **Greenwood Meals on Wheels** provides hot meals daily or weekly for elderly or disabled shut-in Greenwood residents. Distribution takes about one hour once a month. Information: 859-6834
- **Hickory Creek at Franklin** is seeking volunteers to donate one or two hours a week to work with residents. Times are flexible. Information: Nancy Attaway at 736-8214 or 736-8249
- **Homeview Center of Franklin** needs volunteers from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursdays for bingo. Information: Chris Wildmone, 736-6414
- **Information and Referral Network** seeks volunteers to staff the help line. Upon completion of training, volunteers assist callers with needs such as housing, employment, health care and other social service areas. Information: 926-4357
- **IUPUI Good Friends** pairs volunteer tutors with children in kindergarten through Grade 12 in central Indiana schools for one hour each week. Information: Heather Lockett at 274-5060
- **Johnson County Citizens Against Substance Abuse** needs volunteers to work together to address problems of substance abuse in Johnson County. Meetings are at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Oren Wright Building in Franklin. Information: 736-0276
- **Johnson County Senior Services** needs volunteers in the Greenwood area to help residents with errands. Hours are flexible. Information: 738-4544
- **Johnson County Special Olympics** helps physically and mentally handicapped children and adults prepare for competition. Volunteers are needed to help with sports, outreach and fund raising. Information: 738-7038
- **Johnson Memorial Hospital** in Franklin needs volunteers to assist the hospital staff with patient care. Opportunities vary from direct patient care to support in nonpatient areas. Hours are flexible. Information: 736-2607
- **Kindred Hospital Indianapolis**, 898 E. Main St. in Greenwood, is seeking volunteers to help enrich the lives of patients during extended stays. Volunteers get a free lunch with each four-hour block of service. Information: 888-8155, Ext. 396
- **Methodist Hospital** is seeking volunteers for a variety of positions and areas. Information: Carolyn Hickman at 929-8758
- **Odyssey Hospice** is seeking empathetic volunteers to work with terminally ill patients and their families, as well as volunteers to assist with office duties. Information: Evelyn Shaw at (800) 624-7224
- **President Benjamin Harrison Home** needs volunteers to serve as

- enactors, gardeners, planners and office assistants and in other capacities. Information: Jo Baize at 631-1888
- **Reach for Youth** seeks youth volunteers to distribute prevention of child abuse material to local establishments. Information: Vincent Failla at 788-4451
- **Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana** needs volunteers in various areas of the hospital. Contact: 329-2233
- **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** matches people 55 and older with agencies in the community that need their gifts and talents, including work in homeland security, literacy, education enrichment, care giving and office tasks. Information: 791-5941
- **Ruth Lilly Hospice of Clarian** seeks volunteers to work with terminally ill patients and their families. Training is available. Information: 962-0277
- **St. Francis Hospice** provides services to terminally ill patients in their homes. Volunteers are needed to work a minimum of four hours a week for a period of no less than six months. Information: 865-2092
- **St. Thomas Medical Clinic** in Whiteland needs volunteers Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, diabetes educators, mental health workers and pharmacists are needed. Information: 535-8985
- **Stitches from the Heart** needs volunteers to knit, crochet or quilt blankets, sweaters and hats for babies in need. Patterns are available, and donated yarn is needed. Information: Kathy Silvertan, (866) 472-6903 or stitchfromheart@aol.com
- **Teen Court** needs youth volunteers ages 11 to 17 to serve as jurors and attorneys in Reach for Youth's alternative sentencing program for first-time juvenile offenders. Information: Meresa Creekmore or Victor Watkins at 738-5433
- **Turning Point** is seeking volunteers for office help, to be court advocates and to baby-sit while parents attend support-group sessions. Other volunteer opportunities are available. Information: Lori Adams at 736-8666 or (800) 221-6311
- **Visiting Nurse Service** is seeking volunteers for its hospice program. All volunteers participate in a training program, which includes information on hospice philosophy, patient care, family dynamics, death and communication skills. Information: 722-8200
- **White River Gardens**, the sister institution to the Indianapolis Zoo, is seeking volunteers to help with the daily maintenance and upkeep. Information: 630-2041
- **Youth Connection** needs volunteers: host families to help young people in crisis; businesses to be Safe Place sites; youths and adults to develop service projects; and youths and adults to serve as special-events coordinators and office workers. Information: 738-3273, Ext. 202

Free day care could be costly for baby's health ASTROGRAPH

DEAR ABBY: My long-term boyfriend, "Clayton," and I recently found out that we're pregnant. Although it wasn't planned, we're both thrilled to be new parents. We're doing everything within our power to have the healthiest baby possible.

Because we're on a tight budget, Clayton's mother has volunteered to provide day-care services once our child is born and I return to work. She and I have never gotten along well, and we haven't spoken to each other in more than 18 months. She was also recently diagnosed with a terminal disease that makes it impossible for her to drive long distances, lift heavy objects, or return to her job as a legal secretary.

On top of that, she's a heavy smoker, an alcoholic, and is on a whole cocktail of medications for her disease, depression, blood pressure, etc.

I don't feel comfortable with the idea of leaving my baby with her eight hours a day, five days a week, but every time I try to tell Clayton I would prefer to pay for day-care services, he tells me I'm stupid for wanting to pay money when his mother is offering to baby-sit for free.

How can I explain my feelings to him without being ridiculed for being an overly cautious first-time mother?

— WORRIED MOM-TO-BE IN VIRGINIA
DEAR WORRIED: From where



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

I sit, your concerns seem very much rooted in reality. What I'm having trouble understanding is why your boyfriend, whom you say is committed to doing everything in his power to assure that you have a healthy baby, would drop the ball when it comes to ensuring that he or she is well-cared-for after birth.

Leaving the baby with a woman who hasn't spoken to you in 18 months, who is so ill she cannot work, who smokes, abuses alcohol, and is on a whole cocktail of medications that could be harmful if mixed with alcohol seems more like a recipe for disaster than a freebie to me. In fact, leaving the baby with her could be considered child endangerment. Please, for the sake of your baby, stand your ground.

DEAR ABBY: My friend "George" was widowed for a long

time. He got remarried a couple of years ago to "Renee," an incessant talker. Renee turns every conversation back either to herself or her daughter. It has gotten so bad that my wife and I really don't want to see them anymore.

Other people, including George, are aware of the problem. I asked him once if Renee realized how much she talked, and he replied that she's totally unaware of it. He doesn't know what to do about it, either.

Is there a way to get a message across to her that she's driving people crazy, and for the sake of the friendship, she needs to stop talking so much?

— CLUELESS IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR CLUELESS: Renee may be insecure and need to feel in control. She may need to be the center of attention or be a compulsive talker. Her problem could also be that she feels she's competing with the ghost of George's first wife, and rather than work to preserve his old friendships, she'd prefer they cultivate new ones together.

Of course, the person who needs to address this problem with Renee is her husband. If that doesn't improve the situation, my advice is to see George only for "man-to-man" visits over lunch.

To write to Dear Abby, send your letter to: Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Your birthday:
Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006
 It's possible in the year ahead that you will establish two new, but very important, alliances. They are apt to be unrelated, yet both aim for the same objectives as you and figure into your life in beneficial ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
 It won't be what you do for yourself today, but what you do for those you love that will provide you with the greatest satisfaction. Provide what they need when you see what they lack.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
 If you're planning a recreational break today, call up some of your good pals with whom you can let your hair down. Pretentious people will only make you feel stressed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 An objective of considerable importance can be achieved today if you have the inclination to do so. It's not like you to let a difficult goal scare you off, so don't do so now before you even try.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Do not be satisfied with the status quo today, because if you apply yourself you have the faculty for making good things better for yourself. Strive for improvement in big ways.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 Chances are you're going to get the chance to profit today from a situation that another individual has already gotten under way. This person needs your know-how to proceed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 This should be a fortunate day for you pertaining to involvements where you are working in close conjunction with others in accomplishing something of value. It pays to be a team player.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Try to devote as much time as possible today to projects that you deem to be productive and worthwhile. You will not feel fulfilled if you waste this day and aren't as industrious as you can be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Normally, it's not a good policy to mix working on a serious project with a pleasurable pursuit, but today may be an exception. Yours may not be a barn raising, but can have as much good will.

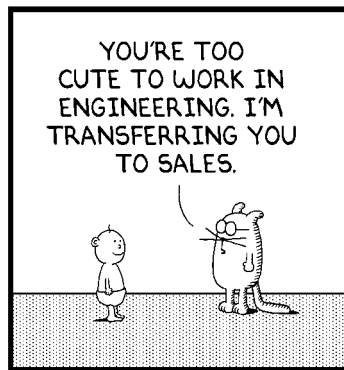
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 Do not be overly concerned today as to how a critical assignment will be worked out and get done. Proceed as if victory is already accomplished, by taking one positive step at a time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 If you've been looking for a good day to start organizing and putting your affairs in order, this might be the right one. Clear up all the clutter and debris that has collected over time.

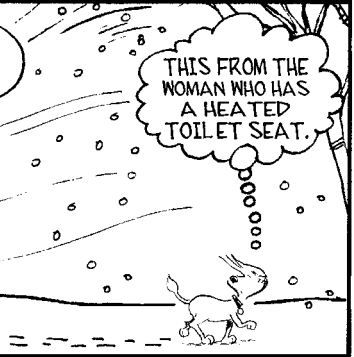
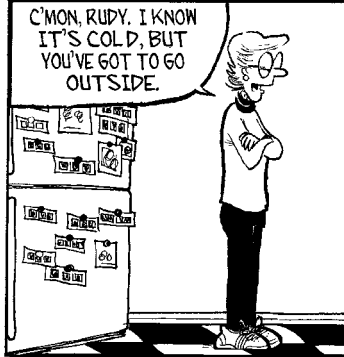
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 Financial matters are likely to run more in your favor today than they might at another time. If you have something on the burner, turn up the fire and get it cooking fast now while you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 Having the freedom to operate at your own discretion without any interference will be of extreme importance to you today. Avoid people who tend to make demands or try to tie you down.

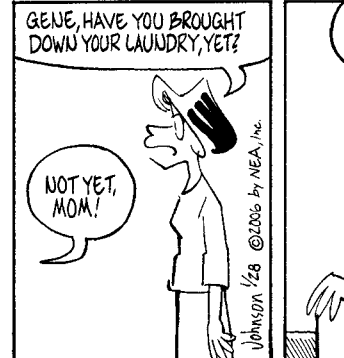
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- 27 Switch positions
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- 36 Familiar digits
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- 41 Caterwaul
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- 55 Not prompt
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- 64 Growth on rocks
- 1 Puppy's cry
- 2 Video-game pioneer
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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37 Toboggan
39 Neutral color
43 — Abdul-Jabbar
45 Traffic cone
47 Violin relative
48 Hairpin curves
49 Host's plea
50 Great Lakes state
51 Huh?
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