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CALENDAR

SOUTHSIDE SUPPORT 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

A Program For You, 11 a.m., 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin

Tara Men's Meeting, 7 p.m., Tara Treatment Center, 6231 U.S. 31 South, Franklin

United We Stand Group, 8 p.m., 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin

Sunday Meetings

Incarcerated Persons Support Group, 11:30 a.m., Abundant Grace Lutheran Church, 2425 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood

JCCC 12 & 12, 1 p.m., Johnson County Community Corrections, 1071 Hospital Road, Franklin

Acceptance Group, 7 p.m., Johnson County Park office

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. Child care provided. Information: 881-9336

Zeta Chapter Tri Kappa, 7 p.m., Franklin College Dietz Center

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Community Hospital South, first-floor conference room, 1402 E. County Line Road, Indianapolis. Information: 257-2693

Tara Group, 8 p.m., Ann's Restaurant, 77 W. Monroe St., Franklin

Tuesday Meetings

Professional Referral Exchange of Indy South, 7 a.m., 48 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. Information: 902-6538

Franklin Rotary Club, noon, Franklin College campus center

Greenwood Kiwanis Club, 6 p.m., Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood

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

Johnson County Diabetes support group, 7 p.m., Cancer Center lobby in 1159 Building at Johnson Memorial Hospital, Franklin

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, 4682 W. Smith Valley Road. Information: 535-7468

Chordlighters Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., practice, Grace United Methodist Church, 1300 E. Adams Drive, Franklin. Information: 888-6709

Nineveh Group, 8 p.m., Johnson County Park office

Serenity Group, 8 p.m., Johnson County Community Corrections, 1071 Hospital Road, Franklin

Wednesday Meetings

Greenwood-White River Rotary Club, 6:30 a.m., Pipers Café, State Road 135 and Main Street

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 9:30 a.m., Abundant Grace Lutheran Church, 2425 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. Information: 780-1324

Southside A.M. Sewing Guild of the American Sewing Guild, 10 a.m., Christ United Methodist Church, Stop 12 Road and U.S. 31, Indianapolis. Information: 535-2580

Bargersville Area Senior Citizens, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., potluck lunch, cards; 6 to 9 p.m., music; 14 W. Old South St.

Johnson County Citizens Against Substance Abuse, 11:30 a.m., Oren Wright Building meeting room, 80 S. Jackson St., Franklin

Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30 p.m., Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Information: 870-9171

Mini Mystics, 7 p.m., Johnson County Shrine Club, 751 W. King St., Franklin

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

Woodmen Toastmasters Club, 6:30 a.m., Baxter YMCA, 7900 S. Shelby St., Indianapolis. Information: 888-6146

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

Family Alcohol and Drug Education, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tara Treatment Center, 6231 U.S. 31 South, Franklin. Free

Sertoma Club of Greenwood, 6:45 p.m., Southern Dunes clubhouse, State Road 37 and Wicker Road

Greenwood Community Band, 7 p.m., Greenwood Community High School band 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

Adoption Circle Support Group of Indiana, information and referrals for searches, reunions and court filings. Call 592-1998 for a recorded announcement of meeting times and locations or to leave your number.

Al-Anon family group, support group for relatives and friends of alcoholics, meets at 7 p.m. Sundays at Valle Vista Hospital, Mercury Center Building, 898 E. Main St., Greenwood. Information: 257-2693

Alzheimer's Association support group meets at Franklin Library, 401 S. State St., at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Information: Carrie Schroeder at 736-6141

Alzheimer's disease support group for caregivers meets at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church, 335 S. Meridian St., in the lower level of Madonna Hall on the east side of the building.

Alzheimer's Support Group meets at Franklin Memorial Christian Church library, 1720 Graham Road, at 6:30 p.m. the final Monday of each month.

Anger Management Group and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Insight, at Reach for Youth, is for youths ages 13 to 17 who have difficulty controlling anger. Series of weekly meetings teaches conflict-resolution skills and how to change thoughts, feelings and choices related to anger. Information: 738-5433

Association for Epilepsy Awareness meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Community Hospital South. Information: 355-5824

Bereavement support group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Americare Hospice, 1150 N. Main St., Suite A, Franklin. Information: 736-0055

Better Breathers, a support group for adults suffering from chronic lung disease, meets at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month in the second-floor board room at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin. Information: Julie Menefee at 346-6292

Cancer support group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at St. Francis Home Health, 438 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. The group is led by a licensed therapist. Information: 257-1505

Cancer support group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Information: 881-6826

Cancer support group for people with head and neck cancer meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at St. Francis Education Center, 5935 S. Emerson Ave., Suite 100, Indianapolis. Caregivers are welcome. Information: 782-6704

Caregiver support group: The Southside Greenwood Family

Support Group is a weekly support group for caregivers who have loved ones with cancer. The group is led by a licensed therapist. The family group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Francis Hospital's Home Health/Hospice Office at 438 S. Emerson Ave. Information: 865-2080

Compassionate Friends, a self-help, nondenominational organization for parents who have lost children. Meetings at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday and third Monday of each month at First Baptist Church, 99 W. Main St., Greenwood. Information: Penni Risner at 996-3209

Crisis Pregnancy Center of Johnson County offers free pregnancy testing, information on fetal development and abortion procedures, referrals to community and government resources, counseling, basic furnishings and spiritual support to those facing a crisis pregnancy. Information: 535-6396

Diabetes support group is for anyone with diabetes or who would like to learn more about the disease. The group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at 1159 Building Cancer Center lobby in the Johnson Memorial Hospital complex. The group exchanges ideas and information on nutrition, exercise and more. Information: Susie Hooten, 738-9789

Diabetes support group meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month in Classroom 2 at St. Francis Hospital Indianapolis. Anyone with diabetes and/or their significant other is welcome. Information: 782-6600

Divorce Care is a weekly support group for people separated or divorced that meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Information: Rick Davis at 736-8364

Divorce and grief support group meets each Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road. Child care is provided. Information: 881-9336

FEMALE is a nonprofit support organization for mothers who stay at home with their children or who have decreased their working hours to spend more time with their children. The chapter provides monthly meetings, Mom's night out and playgroups. Meetings are at the Southport Library the first Monday of each month from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Information: Carolyn Black at 881-7747

Fibromyalgia sufferers are invited to Others Understanding Chronic Hurting, a support group meeting at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1640 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. Information: 535-9673

Fibromyalgia and chronic pain support group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at St. Francis Hospital Beech Grove's Professional Building on the third floor. Reservations: 831-1177

Girls Inc. of Franklin is an after-school program open to any girl in

Johnson County between the ages of 6 and 18. The center, at 200 E. Madison St., is open from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Information: Pam Jannings at 736-0043

Grief Share Recovery support group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays at Mount Pleasant Christian Church's Ministry House West at Bluff Road and Bell Street in Greenwood. Information: (765) 342-1227

Healing Hearts is a support group for families and friends who have lost children. It meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Tabernacle Christian Church, 198 N. Water St. in Franklin. Information: 736-3211

Helpline at 926-4357 helps callers get assistance when they don't know who to contact, providing information about social service agencies. The free and confidential service assists callers with housing, parenting, transportation, education, health care, employment and more.

Johnson County autism support group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at SS. Francis and Clare Catholic Church, 5901 Olive Branch Road in Greenwood. Child care is provided. Information: 738-0919

Johnson Memorial Hospital bereavement support group is offered to any adult who has lost a loved one. It meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at the hospital. Information: Paula Ramey at 736-3211

Legacy cancer support group meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Franklin Memorial Christian Church, 1720 N. Graham Road

Low-vision support group meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Greenwood Village South, 295 Village Lane. Information: Jennifer Olsen, 466-1000, Ext. 2477, or www.eastersealscrossroads.org

Multiple sclerosis self-help group meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1300 U.S. 31 South, Franklin. Information: Elaine Powers at 736-8709 or chapter office at (800) 344-4867

Muscular Dystrophy Association of Central Indiana provides a monthly support group for adults with neuromuscular diseases. The group meets the final Thursday of each month at Methodist Hospital and has both open discussion and guest speakers addressing topics related to disability and accessibility. Information: 824-4800

National Alliance for the Mentally III meets at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Thursday of the month at Adult and Child Mental Health Center, 8320 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, for those with mental illness and caregivers who have family members suffering from mental disorders. Information: 882-2401

Friend in need finds some good friends ASTROGRAPH

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, some friends of mine saw I was in a real bind, caught in a vicious circle I couldn't get out of on my own. They invited me to move into their spare room until I could meet some goals and was able to move on. I decided to accept their offer.

The time I have spent with them has changed my life. I have grown tremendously in the last year and a half emotionally, spiritually and mentally. I have even improved physically.

From day one, they made me a member of their family, and I have come to love them as such. They have been my supporters, my advisers, my friends, and I count myself lucky to have been part of their household.

Now that I have met most of my goals, I am getting ready to move out, and I am not sure how to repay them. They have set my life in a new direction. Any successes I have from this point on will be success that they have had a hand in.

How do I thank this couple? — GRATEFUL WOMAN IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR GRATEFUL: I doubt that anything you could buy would mean as much to them as a handwritten letter from you expressing the feelings you have confided to me. I am sure it would be something they would treasure for the rest of their lives.

Of course, it goes without saying that being able to move out



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

and live a full, successful and happy life will also show them that their efforts were not wasted.

I cannot imagine a better tribute to their generosity.

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, my brother, "Ronny," stopped speaking to our parents. He said they did something unforgivable to him during his childhood. I know Ronny wasn't neglected or physically or sexually abused.

From what my parents have told me about e-mails they have received from him, he is angry about basic mistakes parents make.

Recently he mentioned that he just wants them to respect him. I have seen Ronny become overly sensitive about any sort of teasing that comes his way, and I guess that he's referring to this. I have asked him not to tell me his reason for fear of being too angry about why he made this decision.

This mess has caused a lot of tension in our whole family.

My brother is coming to visit me and my family in a few weeks but won't be visiting our parents. How do I handle their questions and probing about his visit, and what do I say when they get angry about his not visiting them?

— RONNY'S SISTER IN IOWA

DEAR SISTER: I think you should ask your brother about his reasons and withhold judgment. I'm glad that he wasn't beaten or sexually abused as a child. However, someone should have told your parents that teasing can be like acid, eating away at a person's self-worth.

While it may seem to you that Ronny is overly sensitive, I find it interesting that you didn't mention what he was teased about that was so hurtful he's avoiding the folks.

Was the teasing two-way, or was it aimed only in one direction? And was it persistent?

Do not allow your parents to put you in the middle. This isn't your squabble; you have nothing to do with it. When they ask how the visit went, tell them it was "nice," if it was. Do not go into chapter and verse.

And if they become angry that Ronny did not visit them, face it: The problem is theirs, and it's up to them to resolve it, not you.

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

Your birthday:

Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007

You'll meet a progressive and innovative individual who could be instrumental in bringing about some important changes. Without making these alterations, little will be changed for the better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Don't hesitate for one minute to halt an endeavor in which the expenses are running far over the projection. It could be time to bail out or restructure the deal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Should you handle something poorly, don't start looking for a scapegoat. An honest admission will clear the air and get things back on track, moving toward success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Some extra responsibility, not of your own making, could be placed upon your strong shoulder. If you accept the load philosophically, it'll do much to not let things overwhelm you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Don't take gambles on people or things about which you know little. Until you learn more about them, your judgment will fall far short of taking a chance on the unknown.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

An old, unresolved issue should be kept on the back shelf, especially if there's no indication it can be solved at this time. Move onto other things where you're certain you can make progress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Even though you might feel quite

capable of handling tasks or assignments that require deep mental concentration, before you take them on, make sure your attention span is up to it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You may handle a number of things rather well, but managing your resources isn't likely to be one of them. In this department, you might end up using more red ink than black.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

A lack of patience could spoil some beneficial developments that are occurring. If you are too demanding or difficult to deal with, you could blow all the good things happening for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Self-pity serves only one purpose: to help perpetuate a negative frame of mind. Force yourself to start looking forward instead of inward, and you'll find much to smile about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Usually, you're rather easygoing and tolerant when dealing with people, but this fine quality may be sluggishly operating and cause problems over things that are truly insignificant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

If you are unable to achieve your objectives, chances are it will be due to a reluctance to give up methods that have proved to be unproductive. Don't hesitate to use a fresh approach.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Although it's not your nature to view things negatively, you could envision the outcome of events in a contrary manner. What you picture in your mind will play out in real life.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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PUZZLE ENTHUSIASTS: Get more puzzles in "Random House Crossword MegaOmnibus" Vols. 1 & 2.

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-62 indicating starting positions for clues.

DILBERT

Three panels of Dilbert comic strip. Panel 1: Sales engineer says 'I've successfully integrated our product with your network.' Panel 2: Dilbert says 'It might look as if all I did was run a cats cable through a shoebox full of twigs and leaves.' Panel 3: Dilbert asks 'Is that all you did?' and the sales engineer replies 'A cats cable would be overkill.'

GRAND AVENUE

Three panels of Grand Avenue comic strip. Panel 1: A boy says 'Good morning! I'll be giving my oral history report on Walt Disney.' Panel 2: A man says 'I've decided that Mr. Disney's work speaks for itself! So hit the lights, we're watching cartoons!' Panel 3: A man asks 'Does the fact that I brought popcorn rate a P.G.?' and another man replies 'Parental guidance suggested?' and 'No, passing grade.'

ARLO & JANIS

Four panels of Arlo & Janis comic strip. Panel 1: Arlo says 'When a ring was all there would be.' Panel 2: Arlo says 'And now, with tones for you and for me.' Panel 3: Arlo says 'There's always that call that befuddles us all.' Panel 4: Arlo says 'Was that the phone or was it TV?'