

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

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CALENDAR

SOUTHSIDE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Today Event

Winners Circle Men's Breakfast, 8 to 9:30 a.m., Piper's Café, 172 Melody Ave. in Greenwood...

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

Sunday Meetings

JCCC 12 & 12, 1 p.m., Johnson County Community Corrections, 1071 Hospital Road, Franklin
American War Mothers Indian Creek Chapter 108 with Gladys Graham, 3 p.m., 1071 W. State Road 252, 1 mile east of Trafalgar
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
Johnson County Shrine Club, 6 p.m., 751 W. King St., Franklin
Johnson County Schools Parent Share Group, 6:30 p.m., Earlywood Education Center, 500 Earlywood Drive, Franklin

Bargersville Activity and Festival Association

7 p.m., Bargersville Senior Citizens Center. Information: 422-9721
Johnson County Garden Club, 7 p.m., Christina House, 1435 Christian Blvd., Franklin. Information: 736-3724
Divorce and grief support groups, 7 p.m., Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road. Child care provided. Information: 881-9336
Humane Society of Johnson County, 7 p.m., Alva Neal Building, 550 E. Jefferson St., Franklin; second floor meeting room. Dr. Andrew Mills will discuss lasers and their use in veterinary medicine. Information: 346-7001
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 Business Networking Group, 1 p.m., Ann's Restaurant, 77 W. Monroe St., Franklin. Information: 201-4278
Clark Township Homemakers, 10 a.m., Rocklane Christian Church, 4430 E. Rocklane Road, Greenwood
Franklin Rotary Club, noon, Franklin College campus center
Greenwood Kiwanis Club, 6 p.m., Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood
Greater Whiteland Community Businesses, 6 p.m., Jessen Funeral Home, 729 U.S. 31 North, Whiteland. Information: 535-6880
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
Greenwood Night Stitchers, 6:30 p.m., Arms Building at Greenwood Village South, 295 Village Lane, Greenwood. Information: 882-7471
Alzheimer's Association support group, 6:30 p.m., Franklin library, 401 S. State St. Information: Carrie Schroeder, 736-6141
Trafalgar Weight Watchers, 6:30 to 7 p.m., Trafalgar Christian Church (next to elementary school). Information: 878-5161
Franklin Business Networking Group, 7 p.m., D & D Club, 18 E. Jefferson St. Information: Jess, 201-4278
Emotions Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pebble Creek Community Center, 225 Pebble Creek Drive, Greenwood. Information: 859-9569
Johnson County Democratic Women's Club, 7 p.m., Christina House, 1435 Christian Blvd., Franklin. Information: 738-9305
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 7 p.m., Smith Valley Baptist Church, 4682 W. Smith Valley Road. Information: 535-7468
Bargersville Masonic Lodge 679, 7:30 p.m.
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 Drive, Franklin. Information: 888-6709

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

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 Meneff 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
Compassion 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 St. 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
National Osteoporosis Foundation southside support group meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month except December, January and February at Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. Information: 885-8255

Girl wonders how to confront teen stereotype

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 14-year-old girl who often hears negative comments directed at teenagers as a whole. The other day I was sitting in a bookstore, quietly reading, when an employee commented to a customer that "some teenagers were just in here. That's probably why the display is a mess!"

I have heard other strangers make remarks about teens being lazy, slovenly, apathetic and rude. If these comments were directed at specific ethnic or religious groups, they would be regarded as discrimination, so I want to know if my saying something to these people would be appropriate, and also why ageism, clearly a hurtful form of stereotyping, is acceptable when it's directed at young people. I am tired of being followed by store owners and watching other passengers on the bus grab their belongings and scoot away when I come near them. What should I do?

— SICK OF AGEISM IN SAN FRANCISCO
DEAR SICK OF AGEISM: Although times change, human nature does not. While I agree that many upstanding teens get a bad rap, it might interest you to see this 5th century B.C. quotation attributed to Socrates: "Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for their elders, and love chatter in places of exercise. They no



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble food and tyrannize their teachers."

In your case, I don't think scolding or lecturing the offenders would be helpful. Any intelligent person knows that the vast majority of teens today are honest, hardworking, law-abiding and upstanding. Therefore, if you are being followed around by store owners, and bus passengers grab their belongings and scoot away when they see you, it's time to take a critical look at how you present yourself. Is there something about your appearance that could be considered weird or threatening? If the answer is "maybe," then it's time for a makeover. DEAR ABBY: I was married last weekend in a small family

setting. It is the second marriage for both my husband and me. My father left right after the ceremony, took Mom with him, and missed our wedding reception in order to watch a college football game. He had never met my in-laws before.

I am furious and embarrassed, and I'm not sure how to get over the hurt of knowing a game he could have taped on his VCR was more important than being with me at such an important event.

Can you give me any advice? — WOUNDED BRIDE IN NEBRASKA

DEAR WOUNDED BRIDE: Your father either dropped the ball, or he was sending a message to you and your new in-laws. Perhaps he is still upset over the failure of your first marriage. Or he may not like your new husband.

But the way he chose to show it was cruel and insensitive and has probably created a rift where he had an opportunity to build a bridge. Sad for you, but sadder for Dad.

Try to forgive him, concentrate on building a successful marriage, and do not look to your parents for approval. If you do, you will only leave yourself open to more disappointment.

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

ASTROGRAPH

Your birthday: Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007

The year ahead is likely to offer a number of opportunities that will be of a material nature. Your possibilities for adding to your holdings look very encouraging, provided you do your part to take advantage of what's being offered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Conditions that have hampered the bettering of your financial wherewithal could start to brighten up a bit. Gains are coming from two separate sources and are up for grabs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Some tough circumstances may draw you into a partnership arrangement you didn't want. But even if the conditions aren't optimal, it does have advantages if each is cooperative.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Someone whose help you might need once again in the near future is waiting for you to reciprocate in some manner for his or her previous aid. Honor your obligation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be hesitant about putting yourself out for friends or associates, because you're the one who is likely to eventually end up benefiting the most for what you do for others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions look exceptionally good concerning a project that has suffered a loss of progress lately. If you get back to it now and are tenacious, you can make up for lost time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A joint venture in which you're involved

will not suffer from a lack of ideas, but it could from a lack of coordinated effort. Find a way to blend your individual schools of thought.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An endeavor that really never has reached its potential still has some life left in it. It's possible you'll resurrect it and accomplish that which you failed to do previously.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep in mind that an agreement is only as good as the intent of the parties involved, especially if you are engaged in negotiating something you hope will have success and longevity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An ambitious objective for which you're striving can be successfully fulfilled, provided you do not throw obstacles in your own path. Focus on success, not negative possibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone you know on a social basis could be helpful to you in a business matter that has you concerned. However, you must let this person offer assistance at his or her own volition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could discover that a certain challenge, which has been intimidating you lately, is only a paper dragon after all. There is a lesson to learn from this experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) An associate isn't apt to mind if you use one of his or her ideas, but the person most certainly will be miffed if not given proper acknowledgement. Be sure to give full credit to your source.

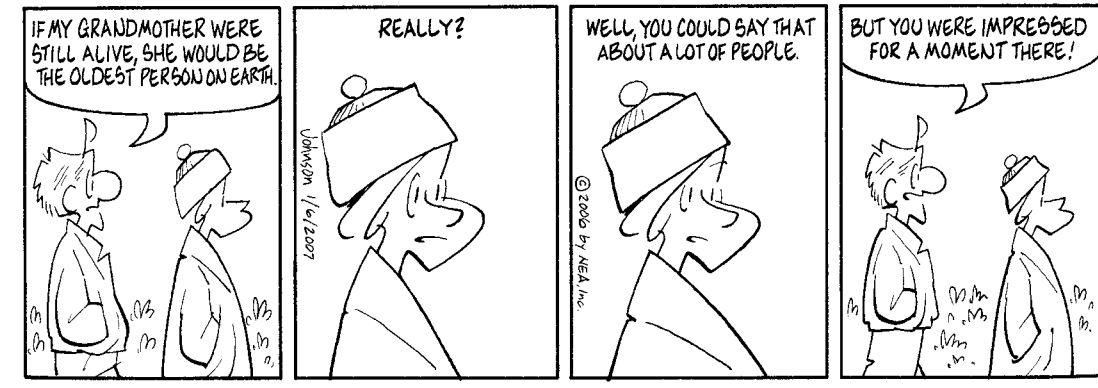
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