

The Game of Life

By: Erin Bennett

Junior Auxiliary of Vicksburg, MS launched their first ever “The Game of Life” at Vicksburg High School. This new service project was launched in September to reach high school teenagers and give them a real life experience on what it’s like to budget a monthly income with living expenses. The one day event reached almost 400 students and involved over a dozen local businesses who donated their time and resources to make the event possible. As students rotated through the gym they were given a packet that included an assigned career and their income. They then went around to different stations where they had to pay taxes, housing, utilities, daycare, etc. Depending on the choices they made, their bills fluctuated. For example, if they purchased a house, their insurance and utilities cost more than if they chose an apartment. They paid for these expenses by learning to write checks. At each station there was a volunteer from a local business to offer real life knowledge, such as insurance agents, grocery store employee, car dealership personnel, and accountant. The event was a huge success. The students enjoyed a fun day that made them think about how their decisions affect their lifestyle. The chapter plans to continue this event again in the spring and also at other local high schools.



2015 – 2016 Provisional Members

Standing Left to Right– Julie Carr, Bonnie Henry, Jennifer Ratliff, Keriann Sharp, Sarah Figarola, Emily Crow, Elyce Curry, Alex Downey, and Laura Beth Strickland. Seated left to right- Lauren Different, Laura Kidder, Jessica Ashley, Angela Marshall, and Ellen Amborn.



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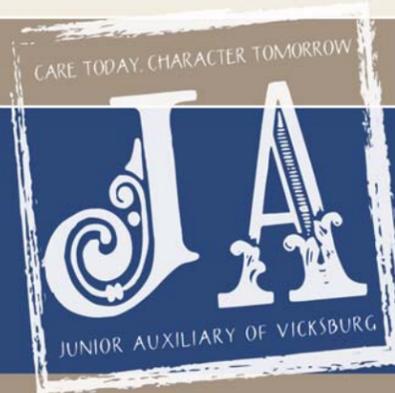
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Save the Date!

Birdie, Bogey, & Boogie for Kids Golf
Tournament will be held on
Friday, April 08, 2016.
For sponsorship or team information,
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Newsletter of the Junior Auxiliary of Vicksburg



Junior Auxiliary of VICKSBURG

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President’s Message

Happy Fall, Ladies!

When we began the JAV year this past May, during our time of organization and planning, I challenged this year’s membership to “choose purpose over perfection.” We spent time at our board and chapter retreats setting goals and making action plans to ensure a successful year. Proverbs 3:6 continues to serve as a reminder to find God’s purpose in our goal setting, planning, and service to others.

“Listen for GOD’S voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he’s the one who will keep you on track.” Proverbs 3:6

Our service projects continue to flourish due to the volunteer efforts of our members and the tremendous support of our community partners and sponsors. This summer, Camp Silvercloud was held at Warner Tully YMCA Camp, and our campers and high school counselors were excited to have an overnight camping experience. We have also started a partnership with Make-A-Wish Mississippi to help grant wishes for children in our area. With the start of a new school year, we once again implemented many successful projects such as READ, TEACH, and CAP Center Mentoring. We also developed a new project, The Game of Life, which gives high school students the opportunity to learn life skills such as writing checks and managing a budget. Throughout the JAV year, we continue to enjoy working with the children at the Warren County Children’s Shelter, as well as Good Shepherd Community Center and are also able to meet many needs in the Vicksburg Warren School District and in the community through our ongoing project, Community Outreach.

At the beginning of October, we were excited to welcome 14 provisional members. Each of these ladies came highly recommended, and we know they will continue to enrich the lives of the children in Warren County throughout their membership in JAV.

I am honored to serve as this year’s JAV President. I continue to be amazed at the passion and dedication of each of our members, and our chapter thrives on the support and encouragement of our past members. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful organization.

Love,

Margie Heltzel
2015-2016 JAV President



All board members attended the 2015 AEC in Birmingham, AL.

2015-2016 Service Projects

CAMP SILVERCLOUD

Members implement an overnight camp during the summer at the Warner Tully YMCA Camp for children with special needs.

CAP CENTER

Members mentor students referred by the CAP Center on a weekly basis at their school to encourage and provide a positive role model.

CHILDREN'S SHELTER

Members provide hands on activities, host parties, and babysit on a weekly basis for the children at the Warren County Children's Shelter.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Members meet needs in the community and work with the VWSD social worker to fulfill special requests as well as stocking the pride closet. A benevolence fund is included to assist families in times of need during emergency/disaster related situations. Members also work with Make-A-Wish Mississippi to help grant wishes.

JAV CARES

Members partner with Good Shepherd Community Center to provide children's activities, resources, education, and support during their time at the center. Members also assist with tutoring, holiday parties, and any other needs that arise.



READ
(Reading for Enrichment and Development)

Members promote literacy and enhance a love for reading by reading in classrooms as well as providing children with books several times throughout the school year.

TEACH
(Teaching Educational Activities Can Help)

Members hold tutoring sessions for elementary students focusing on performance based standards. Members also hold "The Game of Life" to teach teenagers real life responsibilities such as writing checks and managing expenses.



JAV CARES members Shannon Lyons, Lindsey Bradley, Bridget Jones, and Christin Matthews hosted a "Water Day" for the children at Good Shepherd Community Center in July.

thank you ...

The 8th Annual Shopping Extravaganza was held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the Outlets of Vicksburg. Money raised from this event goes towards funding the service projects of Junior Auxiliary of Vicksburg that benefit the children of Warren County. Junior Auxiliary of Vicksburg would like to express our gratitude to the Outlets of Vicksburg for allowing us to partner in this wonderful community event.



JAV members Lindsay Mixon, Jennifer Walker, and Jordan Amborn are presented with a check from Mani, Marketing Director at the Outlets of Vicksburg.



Shopping Extravaganza 2015

Camp Silvercloud: BIGGER & BETTER

By: Carolyn Bradley

This year's Camp Silvercloud was bigger and better than ever! Thanks to a partnership with the YMCA, we were able to provide special needs children in our community with a true summer camp experience. Campers spent two days and one night at the YMCA's Camp Warner Tully. It was AMAZING! Campers enjoyed various activities including archery, canoeing, arts and crafts, hiking, and swimming during the day and a campfire with s'mores at night. Camp ended with the annual talent show where each camper showed off their unique talent. It was a jam-packed two days of fun and adventure enjoyed by all.

Of course we couldn't run a successful camp without the help of the dedicated teenagers that volunteered as camp counselors. Each of the campers was paired with a teenage counselor.

The pair did everything together at camp providing a unique and rewarding experience for both camper and counselor. These partnerships are so heartwarming and play a big part of their camp experience. We also had help from a fabulous



group of ladies known as the Southern Belles who helped cook and serve all meals. Finally, the Junior Auxiliary of Vicksburg is very grateful to life member Mille Wolfe of the YMCA for all her help and guidance in such a huge endeavor and to everyone who played a role in making camp this year so wonderful. All the hard work was worth it!! Camp Silvercloud received rave reviews from campers and parents, as well as counselors and members! Everyone is excited for and looking forward to next year!



2015 JAV Chapter Retreat

JAV members took part in the Chapter Retreat at Tara Wildlife in August. This years focus is "Choose Purpose Over Perfection." Members made new goals in an effort to help better our community.



Matthew Campbell and Tim DeRossette at the 2015 JAV Charity Lunch.



Charity Lunch 2015

Junior Auxiliary of Vicksburg, with support from the Hinds Community College Culinary Arts Vo-Tech Program, served over 800 lunches at the JAV Charity Lunch at Hinds Community College in Vicksburg on Thursday, October 22, 2015. Nearly 600 meals were delivered to businesses throughout the community. Vicksburg Warren School District students in the Culinary Arts Vo-Tech Program, under the direction of Tim DeRossette and Matthew Campbell, were instrumental in making this event a success. This year the menu consisted of red beans and rice with sausage, corn on the cob, cornbread, and dessert.

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