

Dec. 09

The Town Hall Register

News of the Association For Independent Living

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AFIL welcomes new residents:

Chris Wintle
Billy Holmes
Julie Stanwick
Preston Dill
Jason Walsh
Ryan Wilson

Upcoming Dates:

Jan. 25, 2010, AFIL
Board Mtg. 6:30
p.m.

April Dabney

Basketball
Tournament,
Jan. 30, 2010.

Region 10 Basketball

Classifications,
Feb. 13, 2010.

Region 10 Basketball

Tournament,
Feb. 26, 27, 2010.

Must Go Weekends:

Reminder, the 2010
year's schedule is
posted on the web.

Where have we been?

Yes, it is true – our last newsletter was in April 09 and covered the March for Respect and the 3rd Annual “Beautify AFIL Day”. This publication will serve as our “catch-up” newsletter. The AFIL family would like to share some of the highlights and happenings of the recent past months. The monthly newsletter will reconvene with the January 2010 issue covering AFIL December activities. The new publisher will be our Program Coordinator, Crystal Richardson.

There has been a HUM of activities. First off, our garden produced a ton of cherry tomatoes. They were delicious and most residents could not stop themselves from plucking one off the vine when walking around the courtyard.

Residents and staff enjoyed a train trip to Fort Worth and a visit to Sundance Square on a beautiful day in May. What a great place to eat lunch!

AFIL’s Open House held in June was a huge success. We had over 50 families visit and tour our facility and grounds. AFIL residents, parent volunteers and staff all provided 1:1 attention with answers to the many questions from potential residents and families.

The annual Resident Council Breakfast for officers was held again at Denny’s for a breakfast meeting on July 11. Council Officers representing AFIL attend monthly community safety meetings at Bachman Recreation Center. The Officers are: Melissa Johnson, President; Simon Richman, Vice-President; Rebecca Dunning, Secretary, and Kelly Sandstrom, representative. Meetings were held August 19, September 10, October and November Transition Fairs, and will meet again January 2010.



Newly elected Resident Council Officers 2009/2010

Left to right: Ms. Leah, Jason, Melissa, Simon, Rebecca, Ms. Nancy

(not pictured is Kelly who took Jason’s position)

Next Must Go is Dec.
24-27. Merry
Christmas!



AFIL Photo Shots”



Catholic Schools Volunteers



Newbies Julie & Billy with Vivian



DCCCD Volunteers

You all are the best!



Ms. Crystal works with newcomers
Julie, Billy and Ryan



Swimmers at State Meet



Swim Coach Weber & Simon at annual party



Lover's Lane United Methodist Sign Choir signing "I love you".

AFIL residents: Chris Wintle, far back, Rebecca Dunning, row 2, #5

Not pictured Amy Hursin

Area and State Swim Meets

AFIL/SIIL Region 10 Swimmers have been busy. The area meet took place in August at the Frisco Natatorium. The State Meet was held at Texas A & M University.

Congratulations to ALL of our athletes.

The season ended with the annual Swim/Christmas Party this year held at Ghatti Land December 7, 2010.

Community Appreciation Lunch

AFIL held its annual Employer/Community Partner Appreciation Lunch on Wednesday, October 28th. This was our best turn-out ever. Approximately 30 folks were in attendance from our resident's employers, volunteer sites, and agencies such as DARS. A special thank you to all of our partners in the community and what they do for AFIL and its residents.

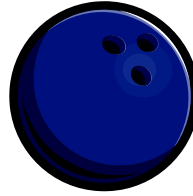
College Football!

The AFIL gang attended the Homecoming Football Game at SMU on Saturday, November 7, 2010. They beat Rice! SMU is going to Honolulu for a bowl game. Preston (new resident) is employed as a trainer for the team and will accompany the team to Hawaii! How Cool is that?!? Good Luck SMU!



AREA 10 Bowling Tournament

The area 10 bowling Tournament took place on Saturday November 14, 2009. It was a full day of bowling: 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Residents enjoyed a fun-filled day – lunch was included after all. Congratulations to our Bowling Athletes. Saturday, December 19, is the annual Christmas breakfast with Santa & the Coaches. Thank you to the head Coaches (Dave and NaNa) and all the assistants. We appreciate you!



Dinner Theater (The Wizard of Oz)

On Thursday, November 19, Bachman Recreation Center's Drama Club presented a dinner theatre of "The Wizard of Oz". The following residents were cast as Dorothy (Kelly Sandstrom), Tin-man (Anthony Montgomery), Scarecrow (Chris Wintle), the Wizard of Oz & Uncle Henry (Ryan Wilson), Professor Marvel (Ryan Shanks), the Wicked Witch of the West (Amy Hursin), the Good Witch of the North-Glenda (Alisha Garrett), Lion (Preston Dill) and stage hands/curtain call Ginger Burtis and Mitch McPhaul. AFIL residents, staff, parents, families all enjoyed the performance.

Happy Holidays from all of the AFIL Staff!

