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September 2003

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WALTER REED AUXILIARY

2003-04 PROPOSED PROGRAMS

September

Welcome Ice Cream Social
MG/Mrs. Kiley's home

October

Tea and tour of Washington
National Cathedral

November, Thanksgiving week

Deliver Thanksgiving meal to
Fisher House

December

Holiday Bake Sale

February

Evening dinner, with guests, at
Chef Geoff restaurant

April

Fundraiser event, TBA

May

Installation luncheon, Mrs. K's
Toll House

TBA

Joint Armed Forces Officers'
Wives Luncheon, date and guest
speaker have not yet been
announced.

TAKE A BREAK! join the Walter Reed Auxiliary for an Ice Cream Social

Date : First week of September
for more information call
301.721.0869 or 202.723.1311

Place: QTRS. # 1 WRAMC side yard
(Park in lot behind the Fire Station)

Rain Alternative—Building 41
(Park in Chapel lot)

A great opportunity to:

- ◆ Meet newcomers and old-timers
 - ◆ Sign up for activities
 - ◆ Suggest new activities
 - ◆ Get information on: ACS, AFTB, Red Cross, Craft Center, Play Group
- Start your own group: Dining Out, Book Club, Skiing, Golf, Gourmet Cooking—You are limited only by your own imagination!



Reserve your scoop by calling:
301-721-0869 or 301-922-1754

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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Open to all spouses of AD/Reserve/retired military and civilians of all ranks

Dress for the weather, cool and comfortable!

From our Advisor...

Congratulations! Change is never easy. For those of you who chose to send in your votes or those of you who responded to the telephone vote, thank you. These were not easy questions to resolve and it took careful thought, soul searching and for some a huge paradigm shift to make those changes necessary to keep the Auxiliary a viable organization.

Your Board is looking forward to working together with the general membership to rebuild, enhance and raise awareness of the Walter Reed Auxiliary within the hospital and the community. We are scaling back the number of general membership functions. We will structure the days and times to better accommodate as many of our spouses as possible. We are projecting and advertising our functions for the year to help you with your planning. We are going "digital" as much as possible to help with the expenses. We realize that there are a number of our members that do not enjoy electronic communications, never fear, we will still send you hard copies.

Great organizations are great at everything they do. This is a great organization and we are looking forward to a great year. See you all in September.

VIRGINIA COFFEE GROUP SCHEDULE

The Virginia Coffee Group meets monthly, usually on a Wednesday. Below are our first two activities. For future events, check future newsletters or call 703.978.3041, who is the point of contact for the group.

September

Our first coffee this September will be at 10:30 in McLean. Please come and catch up on our news. For more information and to RSVP call 703.978.3041.

October

One of our Maryland members has graciously offered to hostess a coffee for us at her home in Rockville. For more information or to RSVP call either 301.762.0334 or 703.978.3041. Plan to arrive at 10:30am. Travel time is approximately 45 minutes.



From our President...

Welcome to a new year with the Walter Reed Auxiliary. We are excited to start this year with a new name and new faces on the board. The changes to the constitution were passed and we are now the Walter Reed Auxiliary (WRA) and eager to include everyone in our fun and fundraising. Last year through our fundraising we were able to provide: necessities to those soldiers and families staying in Fisher House, televisions to those patients in rooms without televisions, infant layette packages to new army parents, and support for our residents of Knollwood, friends at Y-ME, and voices at NMFA. We look forward to carrying on these traditions of giving back to our community in 2003-2004. Let's not forget that we are also here for camaraderie. Several traditional and new functions are planned for this coming year. We hope that young and old will come join us on September 6th for the Welcome Ice Cream Social to meet new friends and see what WRA has in store for you.

Best Wishes,
WRA President

MARYLAND COFFEE GROUP SCHEDULE

ALL WRA members are invited to attend Maryland coffee group functions, no matter what state you live in. We always welcome our Virginia and DC friends! Most meetings are on Thursdays.

Point of contact for group is 301.762.0334.

October

Tour and lunch at Savage Mill historical shops. Fabulous window shopping. Numerous vendors in beautifully restored building selling antiques, clothes, collector's items on three floors.

We will carpool. Planning to arrive at Savage Mill at 11:00am. It is not far from Ft. Meade, off Rte. 32/Rte. 1. For more information or to RSVP call 301.762.0334.

December

Annual pot luck coffee, 10:00am a member's home in Rockville. Bring gift for Fisher House, labeled "adult male/female or child male/female." For more information or to RSVP call 301.762.0334.

March

Pot Luck salad luncheon at a member's home in Severn, MD, at 11:30am. For more information or to RSVP call 410.519.6191.

May

Our final coffee of the year will be at a member's home in Silver Spring, 10:00am. For more information or to RSVP call 301.384.6361.

WRA membership form

Membership in the Auxiliary is open to Active Duty, Retired, and Reserve members of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, their counterparts from foreign countries, the adult dependents and widows or widowers of those members, civilian employees, active or retired, and adult dependents of those same employees.

Dues are \$12 per year (\$6 per half year when joining after January 1, 2004). Dues are not tax-deductible. Checks should be made payable to Walter Reed Auxiliary. For information on where to send membership forms and payment, contact our Treasurer at 301.774.4312

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or on a committee, please contact our President at 301.721.0869.

Please type or print:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Street address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Sponsor's name and rank: _____

Department or office: _____

Birthday (month and day only): _____

Permission to publish above information in WRA directory (please initial): _____

Please send newsletters and written communication by:

____ email

____ US mail

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more information

See the WRA Web site at
<http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil>
Click on Societies/Auxiliaries

How should we communicate with you?

To save on expenses WRA plans to publish four newsletters this year, instead of the monthly newsletters of the past. You may receive your newsletter by mail if you so choose, and you would also receive update postcards whenever they are appropriate to remind you of upcoming events. The current newsletter will always be available on the internet at the WRA page of the WRAMC web site.

(www.wramc.amedd.army.mil Click on Societies/Auxiliaries) It would save much time and expense if you would choose to receive your WRA communication by email. In that case we would email you a link to the website whenever the newsletter is updated, and email you updated information instead of mailing you a postcard. You may also change your delivery option any time during the year if the current delivery method isn't working for you. Just call our Newsletter Chair at 703.280.4440.

WRA Board of Directors

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VA Coffee Group: 703.978.3041

Playgroup

Come play with us! Wednesday mornings at 10:00am. Meet other Moms and see the area. Please call 301-721-0869 for specific dates, directions, or just to let me know you're coming so we don't miss you among the toys.

Start September with the WELCOME LUNCH at HADLEY PARK at 11:00 (note the time change). A great park on Falls Rd., exit 5 off 270
Sept, week 2 Wheaton Regional Park
Sept, week 3 Candy Cane Park
Sept, week 4 DC Aquarium at 10:30 *RSVP* please
Oct, week 1 Xtreme Acro and Cheer at 12p
Oct, week 2 Brookside Gardens

See you there!

Child Friendly Bookclub

A bookclub dinner combination. We meet once a month from 4-6pm welcoming all who want a casual bookclub. The more the merrier, so call 301-721-0869 to find out what we're reading now, and when we meet again.