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First Adults Trip to Whitwell, TN



Next stop was the Holocaust Museum, The museum started in 1998 by Whitwell Middle School, primarily the 8th grade class as a effort to teach tolerance, acceptance and understanding. Housed in an authentic box car from Germany. High five for Pam for organizing the trip!

Curtis Freed

"Excited" "Expectant" "Noisy" Those were the words several travelers used to describe the mood of the 46 persons headed for Whitwell, Tennessee. Destination Butterwillow Civil War Dinner Theatre.

Thanks to the careful driving of our own Bill Chaney we arrived at our destination comfortably and safely at 10:20 am. Lunch was served; a typical Confederate White House menu with your favorite beverage - Blockade-Runner tea and Mr. Lincoln's coffee.

Next the theatre: A 2-person show in which the actors represented a brother and sister from Sequatchie Valley during the Civil War. One was an officer of the Union Army, the sister was true to her Southern heritage and the Confederacy. A great history lesson.

Larry Yarborough

One of the more moving experiences for me occurred on the way home. The movie, "Paper Clips," was shown. This is a documentary on what happened at the Middle School in Whitwell, TN when an eight-grade student group began a study of diversity. Because the community is mostly white and most residents rarely moved from the county - a teacher suggested they study the Holocaust and the murder of six million Jews. Students had a difficult time comprehending what six million meant and one group decided to began collecting paper clips to better understand the extent of the crimes committed during Second World War against the Jewish people. At first, the task of collecting six million



paper clips became overwhelming, but with the exposure of media for what they were doing - persons from around the world began sending paper clips to the

school. Ultimately more than the number of paper clips were collected and then the decision was “what shall we do with them?” After research, a boxcar which carried the Jewish people to extermination camps was found in Berlin and brought back to Whitwell. It became a repository for the millions of paper clips. One unique gift came from a children’s class in Germany - a piece of luggage containing handwritten apologies to Anne Frank. It is on display in the boxcar, too. Our group made its last stop at the school and walked through the “museum boxcar” and there was a spirit of reverence as we thought about its meaning.

For me, this was a movie about an experiential educational experience. It was a study to help students understand the hurtful nature of prejudice, the indifference and hatred to persons who are different, and that such thinking leads to crimes against humanity. The students and the Whitwell community learned from this study to practice tolerance, love, and acceptance to persons who were different from themselves. It was a good reminder to me, too.



Jim Shull

As the folks sitting close to me know, I really enjoyed the humor in the play! I was moved and impressed by the Holocaust Museum especially in a small town in Southeast Tennessee. It is amazing what can be accomplished with a worthy cause and determination and hard work.



Bill Powell

Buttonwillow was our first trip with the group, and we really enjoyed it. Everyone was really kind and friendly. Steve Gibson was an interesting and entertaining fellow. He did a great job with the performance, as well as the lady who assisted him. The food was good and the whole trip was enjoyable. Both of these subjects are very painful for me. The Civil War was a time of terrible suffering for all America. It was a time of great sorrow, and grief, and starvation. I thought how they would have loved the meal I consumed. The Nazi Holocaust, was horrible beyond words. I guess we must always remember these terrible times, so they won't be repeated. I realize what a wonderful age I have lived through, a time of plenty, and I have experienced very little hardship. I thank God for this nation, America, and the blessing of being born here. Keep up the great work, we appreciate you.



Letty Gossett

Loved every minute of the first adult trip to Whitwell. The lunch was mammoth and so southern! The drama was informative, enlightening, and oh so funny! Then the trip to the children's holocaust museum at Whitwell Middle School was icing on the cake. Am in process of making reservations to take my son and two granddaughters on December 9th, a Sunday afternoon lunch and performance. Thanks, Miss Pam! You always do it right.

Sleep Sweet Volunteer Highlight: Sam Talley and Frank Leebern

Lisa Wilson

When an organization like the Nashville Predators Foundation selects a nonprofit to help fulfill their mission to serve children, it's a big deal! Sweet Sleep is thrilled to let you know that the \$5,000 given to us by The Preds (as we affectionately call them in Nashville) is hard at work. We are building beds for vulnerable children in Middle TN with the Belmont University freshmen, HCA employees, and the Predators organization on three different occasions.

The construction of the beds doesn't happen without advanced planning, which is where this month's volunteer spotlight shines on Sam Talley and Frank Leebern. These two gentlemen have given the equivalent of a full-time job to the task of planning, organizing, picking up and cutting lumber, and directing the construction. Having completed three bed builds, Sam and Frank have generously committed

their time, talent and treasure to make sure formerly homeless children in our community sleep in a comfy bed this winter. Our heartiest and deepest thanks to you both!

Lisa Wilson chose these gems for the Sweet Sleep Madeline Metcalf Volunteer of the year award to be presented at our Night of a Thousand Dreams dinner on October 25 at the Bedford.



WIDOWS OF WORTH

HEAR THE STORY OF ONE WHO LED A SECRET LIFE

Four times a year a group of women meets after church for food and fellowship. This group is known as WOW, Widows of Worth. They enjoy fellowship around the tables adorned with seasonal decorations and delicious food prepared by a group of caring friends.

Sunday, October 21, thirty women met to hear Evelyn (Mrs. Glynn) Clark, tell the story of her secret life. She worked on a secret project in Oak Ridge, known as Secret City, just prior to the end of WWII. The purpose of the project was to enrich the uranium needed for the atomic bomb.

Evelyn met her husband, Glynn, who was part of the Special Engineer Detachment stationed at Oak Ridge. She describes Glynn as “the love of my life for more than 70 years”.



PAM'S Corner



Our trip to Buttonwillow Civil War Dinner Theater was a fun and entertaining experience. We had 46 participants, which included 6 guests and 11 first timers. It was good to go a second time, and to discover they actually have 6 versions of their

performances. The preferences are Christian based and featured on the travel channel. Joe Nave was a great tour guide who invested time reading about the Dinner Theater and Whitwell Middle School Holocaust Project and sharing with us before the visit. The amazement of the Holocaust Project was the eighth grade girl who asked, "What does 6 million look like". Another student suggested they collect clips to represent the Jewish people exterminated by the Holocaust. As of today, the students have collected over thirty million clips and over thirty thousand letters from all 50 states, over fifty foreign countries, and all of the seven continents. For generations of Whitwell students, a paper clip will never again be just a paper clip. Instead, the paper clip will be a reminder of perseverance, empathy, tolerance, and understanding. "Changing the World . . . One Class at a Time."

A worthwhile visit.

Pam

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Ken and Fran Casey
11-1-58

Gene and Dot Farley
11-29-57

In Memoriam

Lila Boyd
Dora Ester (Dody) Howard

Join us for *A Country Christmas Brunch*

Friday, December 7, 2018 | 10:00 AM | Room 150
Please plan to join us as we begin the holiday season with Christmas songs shared by Sam Sanders and Lisa Spencer. Afterwards, we will enjoy a special time of storytelling by Dr. Lena Watkins, a friend and colleague of Dr. Greg Patterson. Our meal will be prepared by Angie Poore, Food Service Director and her team. The menu will include, but may not be limited to: bacon, eggs, hash brown casserole, grits, gravy, fruit, juice, and coffee for a cost of \$8.00 per person.

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 7: A Country Christmas Brunch

March 21: Second Harvest Food Bank



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