

Cameron's Corner

Youth Council members,

As we all know, it is once again time to start gearing up for executive board elections and appointments. Elections will be held at the 3/12 meeting.

Positions and their responsibilities include:

President: presides over member and executive board meetings, orchestrates major projects and events, addresses City Council meetings twice a year, notifies members via phone if they are removed from Council, notifies members about meetings and events and conducts the election.

Vice President: maintains order in member meetings, presides over meetings in absence of the president, administers and oversees committees and may create special committees as needed.

Secretary: documents the minutes of member and executive board meetings, is responsible for members signing in at meetings and notifies members when they are close to being removed due to absences.

Finance Chair: manages Youth Council's fiscal needs, keeps track of Penny Wars, tally points and total money, counts money raised through Krispy Kreme Fundraiser and oversees the Finance Committee.

Promotions/Marketing Chair: researches and proposes prospective projects to the executive board, assists with recruiting members for projects and events, oversees the development of the monthly newsletter, publishes marketing literature on behalf of Youth Council for the Leisure Times and City Circular and coordinates with the Promotions/Marketing Committee to take photographs at events.

Social Chair: plans socials, researches and proposes prospective socials, hosts social events and oversees the Social Committee.

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SENIOR spotlight

A Concord High senior, **Rebecca Skahen** has been a part of Concord Youth Council for three years. Last year she served as Secretary, and she is currently on the Green Team and social committees. She chairs the Community Free Clinic, where she also volunteers.

When asked to describe her experience on CYC, Shaken said, "I really learned what type of person I am as far as how involved I can be and what I can do personally to help my community."

In CYC she has gained leadership skills, made friends across the county and was given countless opportunities that she never would have had otherwise.

Outside of school and CYC, Rebecca dances at Cabarrus Dance Academy and has been a counselor at Camp Cherrio every summer. She will attend Wake Forest University, planning on applying to Business School. She is taking her future day by day right now, but her dream is to attend law school and become a corporate attorney.

Cameron Watson, a senior at Northwest Cabarrus High School, has been a member of Concord Youth Council for two years. Currently serving as President, he has learned how to work with other people within the community and give back to the citizens of Concord, all while creating friendships with people he wouldn't have met just at school.

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Cameron, cont.

The self-labeled "dog fanatic" says his favorite event is Dogs' Day Out because he "absolutely loves dogs".

Cameron has been accepted in to UNCW, High Point University and Wofford College and hopes to hear from first choice Furman University.

He plans on double majoring in either political science or philosophy and business/economics.

Cameron has a very high interest in politics, so he hopes to work in corporate law or elder law and possibly enter politics down the road.

He will always have his experiences from CYC to help him remain a leader after high school.

J.M Robinson senior, **Molly Walker**, has been a part of City of Concord Youth Council for 3 years. She serves as Secretary for the 2011-2012 school year and was chair of Stars in the Park this past summer.

Molly was recently awarded winner of this year's Carolinas Carrousel scholarship, an organization that hosts a scholarship pageant every year in Charlotte. Molly, along with approximately 60 other girls from North and South Carolina compete for the ultimate scholarship prize.

Not only has Molly been crowned Carrousel Queen, she was also *continued on page 3, Molly*

This is YOUR newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of *Community Ties*, the City of Concord Youth Council newsletter. We hope this monthly newsletter will be beneficial, informative and engaging as we attempt to better connect with one another.

As much as we want to keep all of you informed, we also want YOUR input, YOUR feedback, and YOUR opinions! Have an idea for an article? Know of another person in Youth Council who has accomplished something great? Let us know - this is YOUR newsletter, and we want you to have a voice!

The process is simple - contact Rachel Jones, Editor of *Community Ties*, with your idea and who knows, you could become a published "reporter"!

The key to a successful organization is collective involvement and participation, and we want to offer every one of you the opportunity to influence your peers and contribute to Youth Council in a new way.

If you feel more comfortable with written words than verbal speeches, perhaps you might find your niche writing for *Community Ties*! We would love your contributions - so send 'em our way! We're anxiously awaiting your creative ideas!

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Promotions/Marketing

Birthdays!!!!

January:

Alexandra 1/21

Hamilton 1/9

Kena 1/17

Matthew H. 1/14

Sarah H. 1/14

Sarah A. 1/16

February:

Alexas 2/7

Danielle 2/15

Macayla 2/20

Jake 2/24

Community Ties

Cameron, cont.

When considering an office to run for, evaluate your best and worst attributes then decide on the position that is most cohesive with your personality.

In addition to choosing the proper position, the executive board is accompanied by a higher level of expectations starting with the application process, which includes a series of intuitive questions.

I look forward to seeing the executive board aspirants step out to continue Youth Council's tradition encompassing strong leadership and feverish devotion to further ameliorate our community! Cameron Watson, President

Email Debbie by Midnight 2/29 if you are interested in serving on the 2012-2013 executive board. Be sure to let her know what position you are interested in. littlefd@concordnc.gov



Youth Council members recently attended the SYC Teambuilding Conference in Greensboro: Andre Aguiar, Danielle Aguiar, Cameron Watson, Harmony Houston, Molly Walker, Alex Johnson, Mercedes Fernandez, John Eury and Sarah Aldridge.

Church of God Children's Home Project

by Harmony Houston, chair.

On Saturday, January 12, 2012, several Youth Council members took a trip in the cold rain to spend a few hours with youth ages 11-17 who live at the Church of God Children's Home in Concord. Activities included dancing to the Wii, playing video games on the Xbox, and playing basketball and ping pong in the gym. As chair of this project I didn't know what to expect but I am glad that all those in attendance enjoyed themselves. We hope to do this more often.

senior spotlight

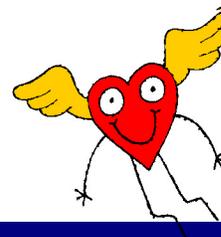
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selected to be a part of Girls Nation. This program is a week long political conference in Washington, D.C., where two girls from every state participate in a "mock state government."

While at Girls Nation, she met President Obama, toured the White House, and visited all of the war memorials in Arlington Cemetery. This August, Molly will be attending Duke University, where she will major in Political Science and Government. She plans to go to Law School and obtain a PhD in Political Science. A job with the federal government is in her future plans. From all her past accomplishments and future ambitions, Molly Walker is thankful for City of Concord Youth Council. "Youth Council has taught me better leadership and effective communication skills, self-confidence, and a greater appreciation for city government."



FEBRUARY 2012



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 City Council 6pm OCT 7:15pm	10 OCT 7:15pm	11 OCT 7:15pm
12 OCT 1:45pm	13 Meeting 7pm/Police Concord Rotary presentation	14  V2S Location TBD	15	16	17 OCT 7:15pm	18 OCT 7:15pm
19 OCT 1:45pm	20 CFC Times vary	21	22	23	24 OCT 7:15pm	25 OCT 7:15pm
26 OCT 1:45pm	27 Meeting 7pm/Fire Station #9	28	29			

KEY

OCT: Old Courthouse Theatre, 49 Spring St. NW, chairs: Kena Patel & . Sign up at the link below.
www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F45A4AB229-oldcourthouse

CFC: Community Free Clinic, 528 Lake Concord Rd. NE, chair: Rebecca Skahen

V2S: Valentines to Seniors, location TBD, chair: Madison Linker

February Projects & Committees

by Dylan Bossard

Old Courthouse Theatre

Throughout the month of February, you will be able to serve as an usher during the *To Kill A Mockingbird* performances. The event is chaired by Kena Patel and Danielle Aguir. Check out the calendar for performance dates and times, then sign up through the Sign Up Genius link listed in the key below the calendar.

Valentines 2 Seniors

We'll take the valentines we make at the 2/13 meeting to assisted living home residents. Time and location have not been determined so you will find out more information and can sign up at the 2/13 meeting.

Madison Walker, chair



Green Team

The goal of this environmental committee is to promote awareness throughout the community and focus on improving Cabarrus County school's environmental policies. We are currently working on upcoming projects so if you are interested in joining, please contact Dylan Bossard or Sarah Aldridge. We could use representatives from First Assembly and Ivydale Christian Academy.

Dylan Bossard & Sarah Aldridge, chairs
 Committee members: Tristian (Cox), Rebecca (CHS), Alexas (CC), Danielle (JMR), Madison Linker (NW), Jairus (FYC), Kelly (MP), Will (CANNON)