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Adventure House Welcomes Renate Woody

Members and staff of Adventure House would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest member Renate Woody.

She is excited about becoming involved in many of the Clubhouse activities. She has many ideas and suggestions to share with everyone.

Renate has chosen the Member Services unit to participate in. She has many interests outside of the Clubhouse. She enjoys being creative, making jewelry to sell and growing plants to make arrangements to sell as well.

We are glad she is here and when you see her around the Clubhouse give her a big Adventure House welcome!!!

By Diana Boswell

New T.E.'s for Adventure House

Adventure House has obtained two new T.E. positions at Fatz Café. Dexter Reed and Cheryl Jenkins were placed in these two positions.

Dexter's job consists of cleaning the restaurant and food prep of rolls and potatoes. He feels good about his job and it is great to be back to work.

Cheryl Jenkins's job is rolling silverware to assist the wait staff at the restaurant. She loves her new job and feels like a new person.

Stan Logan is the T.E. placement manager for these positions. He takes this responsibility seriously. He states that Dexter and Cheryl are doing a great job which makes his job as placement manager easier.

By Tim Willis



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What Clubhouse Means to Me

I, Cheryl Jenkins have been going to Adventure House for about a year and a half now. I go there Monday-Friday from 8am to 3 pm.

At first, I didn't like computers, but since I have been working with them here at the Clubhouse, I've come to like computers. I learned how to look up music on the computer, which is my favorite thing to do, and play games on it.

While attending here I've also learned how to socialize with others by meeting new people and making friends. The best thing that has happened to me is working in the Snack Bar. I love participating in the Snack Bar unit. I have been doing so well there. I assist in the Snack Bar. Fred Mead is the staff in the Snack Bar and he encourages me to try new tasks. I also strive to be the best waitress in the Kitchen Unit for our house lunch. I was happy when I had a T.E. (transitional employment) job provided by Adventure House. I worked at U.A. Thrift for about 2 to 3 months. Bryan Eaker was the one who helped me find a job

through the T.E. program here at Adventure House.

I usually attend Tuesday socials like Bingo, The Price is Right, and Corn Hole games, which I love.

I just wanted to let everyone know how well I'm doing at Adventure House and how much I love it here. Adventure House is a wonderful Clubhouse, a place to getaway to and brighten up my days. Thank you so much A.H.

By Cheryl D. Jenkins

Patricia Holland Passes Away

We will miss our very dear Patricia. She worked in the Member Services and would always keep me straight on the matters of money.

I first met Patricia in Louisville, Kentucky. She was my secretary at United Electronics Institute from which I graduated in Electronics Technology. She had a great memory; better than mine. When we met again here at Adventure House she told me about being in Louisville and told me how she remembered me from 1971.

All of Adventure House staff and members will keep her close in our hearts. She made a wonderful impact for all of us during her days here at Adventure House. All of us at the Clubhouse look up to her for her hard work and wisdom. I am sure she will rest in peace.

By Paul D. Pouchak
Members on Vacation

My Trip to Michigan

My name is Christopher George. I work in the Kitchen and Administrative units at Adventure House. This is my story of my vacation this summer. My trip to Michigan began on Saturday, the 26th of May, through Sunday the 10th of June. I visited my family and my great nephew Brendon who is now seven months old. I truly enjoyed my trip to see my family because I don't get to see them as often as I should. During my stay I saw my great nephew taking some of his first steps. He's growing up so fast. There were some days that I was home sick but I knew that spending time with my family was very important to them and myself. I love my family very much. When the day came for me to leave I gave my sister a big hug and we were on our way home.

I was really glad to be back to North Carolina. It was good to get back to my second home Adventure House.

By Christopher George

Down to the Beach

I went to Myrtle Beach with my daughter, her boyfriend, and my two grandkids for four days. I stayed in the

pool most of the time. Kim, Tony, and the boys went down to the beach to hunt seashells and walked downtown everyday.

They stayed up until 3am every night. I went to bed around 10pm and slept like a baby. What I got out of this trip was family time and relaxation. It was fun to get out of town and explore a different place.

By Phyllis Chitwood
A Member Off to Work

A T.E. position at Kendrion, washing boxes, was open. Shenika Massey was offered the job and accepted it. Fred Mead trained her on the job. With this being her first T.E. job, she caught on very well and has been doing great work ever since.

Other jobs she has had in the past were washing dishes at a nursing home and stocking merchandise in various stores. She said by far this is one of her favorite jobs she has ever done. She is glad to be back at work and is happy that Adventure House gave her the opportunity to get back into the workforce.

By Tim Willis
Welcome to Our New Homes

Adventure House introduced two members to their new homes this month. Shenika Massey and Richard Ingle both got apartments at Park Avenue Terrance.

Shenika Massey, 25, said this was the first time she has been on her own and she's loving it. The first thing she did was making sure that her place was stylish. A coffee theme kitchen and living room, and a black and grey flower theme in the bedroom and bathroom. She enjoys cooking and reading at her home. In the end she says, "Thank you Adventure House for letting me have this wonderful place to live."

Richard Ingle, 27, moved in with a smile on his face. Even though he misses having his family near by, he thinks moving into his own apartment was one of the best decision he has ever made. He filled his closet with DVDs and tapes because of his love of movies. "I love to collect and watch them," said Richard, "From Disney cartoons to Zombies movies." He also thanks A.H. for the opportunity to move in.

**By Shenika Massey
and Richard Ingle**

Adventure House Players News



My name is Sonja Nichols. I am here to talk about what we are up to in the Adventure House Players. My character in the play we are currently working on is based on the television show "Sanford and Son," and I play Aunt Esther.

I love being in the Adventure House Players. It is a lot of fun. We laugh and talk and support each other. My character in the play is fun and exciting. I am really enjoying my part and would not change a thing about my character.

The basis of the play, "Sanford and Son", is creative and the

people who have been cast are doing a wonderful job with their roles. I love getting to be creative in my betrayal of this funny character Aunt Esther.

The Adventure House Players has helped me with my coping skills and the ability to be with friends that support me and help me to feel comfortable: something I have never done before. I have overcome some of my fears, especially dealing with being anxious and having panic issues. I would have never have been able to speak in front of a group or be an actress in Adventure House Players without this program being available to me.

I would like to thank our director Stan Logan and all the other actors and actresses for helping me to overcome many of life's obstacles.

The other characters in the "Sanford and Son" play are Rollo, Lamont, Bubba, Fred and Grady, just to name a few. They are exciting characters. We will be performing this play sometime in September and is going to blow the audience away. This comedy based play was developed by the cast, Bryan Eaker, and written by Georgina Wright.

Gary Rogers, who is playing Officer Hoppy, and has a very funny line telling Esther that she must have been hit by an ugly stick. This is some of the great comedy you have to look forward to when the play is performed. I encourage everyone to come join us for Adventure House Players every week. There is something for everyone to do.

**By Sonya Nichols
(A.K.A. Aunt Esther)**