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Go Green Notes...

DID YOU KNOW...

...Cigarette butts take an average of 25 years to decompose. DISPOSE OF BUTTS PROPERLY. Better yet, stop smoking!

Stienstra, Tom, *San Francisco Examiner*, 9/13/96.

COMPACT FLORESCENT LIGHT BULBS STILL AVAILABLE—Stop by the Office of Community Service to pick up a FREE CFL to use in your dorm room or at your desk, while supplies last.

WEB SITES TO NOTE

www.idealbiter.com for daily ecofriendly tips in your email box

www.plantabillion.org Thanks to Dr. Deb Otis

<http://www.freerice.com/> Thanks to Terry Heinze

***UPCOMING SERVICE ACTIVITIES...**

(Scroll down for details. To volunteer, sign up in the Office of Community Service or reply to this email. You will receive confirmation of your request closer to the project date. Thank you.)

Fall 2008

Mondays starting Sept. 8: CKI (Circle K) meetings, 4:30, Pearce Hosp. Ste.

Mondays starting Sept. 15: Neighborhood Tutoring, 3:30, Heritage UMC

Mondays starting Sept. 15: Mindful Marlins at Seton House, 4:30

Every other Wednesday starting Sept. 10: Cooking for Kids, 6:30, Kitchen

Saturdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 11, Children's Spanish Reading Hour, 11 a.m., Norfolk

Sept. 2-4, Voter Registration Drive, campus

Sept. 4, First Trail Club Meeting, campus

~~**Sept. 6,** Cleaning in Punge~~ CANCELLED

Sept. 8, Mindful Marlins starts

Sept. 8, Neighborhood Tutoring Orientation

Sept. 10, Cooking for Kids starts, campus

Sept. 11, Winter Homeless Shelter Manager Information Mtg.

Sept. 12, Tidewater Fibre Recycling Center Tour, Chesapeake
Sept. 13, Children's Spanish Reading Hour starts, Norfolk
Sept. 13, Handler for Pet Adoption, Greenbriar Petsmart, Chesapeake
Sept. 13, Wesleyan Walks: Out of the Darkness Walk, Mt. Trashmore, VB
Sept. 15, Neighborhood Tutoring starts, Virginia Beach
Sept. 17, Wesleyan Night at the Democratic Party of Virginia Beach Field Office
Sept. 20, CKI Northampton Boulevard Clean Up, Norfolk
Sept. 20, Children's Spanish Reading Hour, Norfolk
Sept. 20, Wesleyan Walks: Sickle Cell Walk
Sept. 27, Marlins Make a Difference Day, Hampton Roads
Sept. 27, Children's Spanish Reading Hour, Norfolk

***MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**

Nov. 6, 1st Blood Drive
Jan. 2-23, Winter Session: Service in a Global Context--Ghana
Jan. 4-11, Winter Homeless Shelter
Feb. 17, 2nd Blood Drive
Feb. 28, Special Olympics Basketball Tournament
March 28, Spring Marlins Make a Difference Day
April 22, Last Blood Drive

*For the most up-to-date service calendar info, check www.vwc.edu/service

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ON THE CALENDAR...

ELECTION 2008—VOTE!!!

...**Sept. 2-4, Voter Registration Drive at the Fish Tank**—The Black Student Union and the and Equality Alliance are sponsoring a Voter Registration Drive by the aquarium in Batten. If you are **not** registered, you may go to www.voteforchange.com to register. If you **are** registered and are from out of town, be sure to obtain your absentee ballot. The deadlines for obtaining and returning absentee ballots can be found on line at www.voteforchange.com also or at the Election bulletin board near the mailroom thanks to the Office of International and Intercultural Programs.

...**Sept. 17, Wesleyan Night at the Democratic Party of Virginia Beach Field Office**—Sign up for experience working on a campaign. The Community Service Office will take you to the local headquarters of each party this month. In addition, representatives from the Democratic and Republican parties will be on campus in the Grille area periodically leading up to election day. Stop by to find out how you can volunteer to be part of the election process.

...**Sept. 18, Election 2008: What's At Stake**--Despite all of the noise of politics and campaigning, elections bring us to reflect more intentionally on major issues that face the United States. In this series some VWC faculty members will be lecturing, some will use a panel format, but all will focus on moving beyond the "election noise" and show—

in a nonpartisan way—what key issues face the country, where serious disagreements exist in how to address those issues, and how the academy can illuminate both the issues and the disagreements in important ways. All lectures will be held on Thursdays from 11:00-11:50 in the East Boyd Dining Center. All lectures are free and open to the public. Sponsored by VWC Honor Societies. Any questions, call 455-3406.

- Sept. 18, “US Foreign Policy and Middle East Politics: What’s at Stake?”
- Oct. 2, “Three Perspectives on the Environment: What’s at Stake?”
- Oct. 16, “Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration: What’s at Stake?”
- Oct. 30, “The Economy, Taxes, and Income Distribution: What’s at Stake?”
- Nov. 4, Mock Election

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HISPANIC OUTREACH—Join the Spanish Honor Society Sigma Delta Pi for two new outreach programs to the area Hispanic community. For more information about these projects, contact President Vanessa Botsford at ymbotsford@vwc.edu.

...Saturdays, Sept. 13-Oct. 11, *Children’s Spanish Reading Hour at the Kirn Memorial Library* in Norfolk near MacArthur Mall for one hour beginning at 11 a.m.

...Wednesdays, Oct. 1-Nov. 19, *Brick by Brick: Build a Foundation* is a volunteer effort to teach English as a second language to a small group of Spanish-speaking citizens. The class goes from 5 until 7 p.m. in Blocker 213. To learn more, contact Sarah Tytler, slytler@vwc.edu.

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VOLUNTEERING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS—The Office of Community Service offers numerous opportunities to volunteer in our public schools near to campus. Check out these offerings!

...Marlin2Marlin: A Partnership with Bayside High School—Be a tutor and a mentor to young adults in this after-school academic program on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-4:30. Additionally, work with these college-bound students to plan a visit to campus in the fall and again in the spring. You could be the difference that sets these students on the path to success! For more information, contact Program Coordinator Carmen Dawkins at cjdawkins@vwc.edu.

...Marlins Read at Diamond Springs Elementary School—Help kindergartners and first graders develop a love for reading in this one-on-one program at their school. Dates and times to be announced. Express your interest by contacting Program Coordinator Leon Spinner at ltspinner@vwc.edu.

...Tennis Clinic with Bayside Middle School Students—Marlin Tennis Player Imee Bautista is offering a free tennis clinic to Bayside Middle School kids at Virginia Wesleyan College on Saturdays in October. To help, contact Imee at igbautista@vwc.edu.

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...**Neighborhood Tutoring** resumes on Mondays starting Sept. 15 at Heritage United Methodist Church on Baker Road adjacent to the Wesleyan softball and baseball fields. Sessions go from 3:30-5:30 each week. No experience necessary, just a big heart for helping kids achieve. This student-led program is in its 12th year providing homework help and educational games to elementary school children. For more information, contact Program Director Ashley Roland at aeroland@vwc.edu.

WESLEYAN WALKS—Club President Keianna Simon is committed to providing opportunities to combine charity and fitness. She has scheduled two opportunities to exercise and raise money for a cause this semester. For more information, contact Keianna at kmsimon@vwc.edu. Limited transportation is provided.

...**Sept. 13, Out of the Darkness: The Walk to Prevent Suicide** at Mount Trashmore in Virginia Beach

...**Sept. 20, Sickle Cell Walk** at Norfolk State University

Sept. 4, FIRST TRAIL CLUB MEETING—Come find out how you can help preserve and maintain the beautiful trail system on our campus. Grounds Supervisor Kathy Bartkus will walk interested students through the process of forming a club at 4:30 on Sept. 4 in the Batten Student Conference Room. All are welcome. No reservation is necessary. Just show up.

Sept. 6, Gleaning in Pungo—CANCELLED (no produce and chance of rain)

Sept. 8, MINDFUL MARLINS CONTINUES—Sarah Tytler and Dr. Steven Emmanuel are resuming Mindful Marlins at Seton House this semester, with the possibility of expanding to another youth crisis facility. Join them on Mondays at 4:00 to help girls in crisis find inner peace. To arrange a ride, email Sarah at slytler@vwc.edu.

Sept. 10, COOKING FOR KIDS RESUMES—This popular food preparation program resumes every other Wednesday starting Sept. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the campus kitchen. Food from the Southeastern Virginia Foodbank is prepared by volunteers, trayed and sent to after-school programs in the Kids Café network. Space is limited. For more information, contact Coordinator Michelle Neunzig at mkneunzig@vwc.edu.

Sept. 11, WINTER HOMELESS SHELTER MANAGER INTEREST MEETING—Our annual Winter Homeless Shelter is not far away. Planning NOW ensures a smooth, safe experience for all guests and volunteers. Student Shelter Managers are key to this operation. Managers must be mature, responsible, well organized, willing to take charge of a specific area of shelter operation and available to spend at least two overnights. Anyone interested in serving as a Shelter Manager should come to this meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Batten Student Center Conference Room. For more information, contact Diane Hotaling at dhotaling@vwc.edu.



Sept. 12, TIDEWATER FIBRE RECYCLING CENTER TOUR—Find out where all your recyclables go. Join us for this fascinating tour of the area recycling facility in Chesapeake. Van leaves at 1:30. We'll be back by 4:30.

Sept. 13, HANDLER FOR PET ADOPTION, GREENBRIAR PETSMART—Join Librarian Meagan Storey as stray dogs and cats are put on display for adoption. Volunteers must be comfortable handling a pet in a remote location. Transportation is provided. Space is limited. The van leaves Wesleyan at 9:30 a.m. and will return at 5 p.m. Get your pet fix! Sign up today.

Sept. 20, CKI NORTHAMPTON BOULEVARD CLEAN UP—The first of four clean ups this year starts at 9 a.m. and begins at Lake Wright Hotel at the end of Wesleyan Drive and moves on both sides of the road to the Norfolk Airport Hilton. Once you see the volume of trash people throw from their cars, you'll never tolerate anyone littering again! For more information, contact Circle K President Eric Miller (ermiller@vwc.edu). You do not have to be a member of CKI to participate.

Sept. 27, ANNUAL FALL MARLINS MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY—Once again Wesleyan students and staff will be showing the Hampton Roads community how much we care by fanning out to five different non-profit agencies on Marlins Make a Difference Day, Sept. 27. Join us from 9 until noon to serve and from 1 to 2 p.m. for lunch to celebrate your good works. Placements in the areas of Youth, Health and the Elderly, Animals and the Environment will be announced soon. For more information, contact Brad Jones at bsjones@vwc.edu.

OTHER STUFF...

...SERVE AND TRAVEL TO GHANA. Sign up for HUM 150/Winter Session: Service in a Global Context during Winter Session and have the experience of a lifetime. The cost is \$4500. A deposit of \$275 is non-refundable. Attend an information session on Sept. 11, 4:30, Clarke 118, to learn more, or contact Lena Johnson, Office of International/Intercultural Programs. Participants will be doing community service tasks for locally run organizations. Each student will be able to choose the field of work in which they wish to help that best suites their own abilities and inspirations. The students will be able assist with caring for infants, teaching children, teaching English, assisting teachers, working towards women's empowerment, sharing their professional skills/experiences, observing and assisting local health professionals, and assisting teachers of special education. The possibilities for each student are endless. The students are traveling through Cross-Cultural Solutions, an independent, registered 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. For more information: www.vwc.edu/academics/oip/studyabroad/WinterSession2009StudyAbroadCourses.php

STOP SMOKING CAMPAIGN NEEDS VOLUNTEERS—Nurse Mary Cureton seeks students to help develop and implement a smoking cessation program. See Mary in the Health Service Office for more information.



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CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL...

...Circle K meets every Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Pearce Hospitality Suite. All are welcome to attend to learn more about this service organization.

...Upcoming Circle K events include first meeting—Sept. 8, making cards for hospitalized children; B.Y.O.B.(Bring Your Own Banana)/ Info Night—Sept. 17, Ice cream social while learning about Kiwanis; Northampton Blvd. Clean-up with Adopt-A-Street—Sept. 20.

...For more information about Circle K, write circlek@vwc.edu or Club President Eric Miller at ermiller@vwc.edu

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL...

...To learn more, write to Leslyn Shaw at lashaw@vwc.edu.

RELAY FOR LIFE...

...For more information about Relay events, contact Katie Zitz at khzitz@vwc.edu.

WESLEYAN WALKS...

...For more information about this club, contact Keianna Simon at kmsimon@vwc.edu.

OPTIMISTS CLUB NOW FORMING. See Coach Fran Amasia in Athletics for more information.

CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS...

(To sign up for any of the following opportunities, call the Office of Community Service at 455-3216, send an e-mail request to dhotaling@vwc.edu, or stop by the office in Batten 25, unless another contact is noted.)

POLITICAL PARTIES SEEK VOLUNTEERS: To help the local Democratic Party, contact Brian Boose at 320-4155. To help the local Republican Party, contact Seamus Owens at 817-7000 or seamus.owens@gmail.com. There is a specific need for folks to canvass neighborhoods.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED: Serve as an election official for the City of Virginia Beach. You will be paid for working all day at the polls. Must be a registered voter, available from 5 a.m. until results are in, and attend a training. For more information go to www.Vbgov.com/voter or call the Voter Registrar's Office at 385-8683.

KUDOS to...

...**The Brothers of Phi Kappa Tau** for launching our service year once again as volunteers for the MDA Telethon on Aug. 31: Lee Cebula, Andrew Charbonneau, Christopher Eacho, George Florence, Ryan Gillespie, Kevin Granger, Terrence Heinze, Kirk Jeter, Kuong Lam, Corey Lewis, Ryan Metz, Scott Montgomery, Andrew Ray, Patrick Shahayda, Daniel Taber, Scott Tetzner, Mike McCoullough, Rob Johnson, Bill Rueblmror,

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Step Up!

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