

This 'N' That

by Betty Banks



On the case ...

That was our own Congressional Representative Tammy Baldwin you heard on C-SPAN's Newsmakers program just recently. She was being interviewed about the amendment she has introduced in the House of Representatives that would expand the non-discrimination act in employment to include gender identity as one of the protective classes. This was the first time in history that this was voted on. Tammy was extremely impressive as she fielded questions from interviewers. Our hats are off to this courageous legislator who is always looking out for her constituents.



Most valuable ...

Remember to seek out resources right in your Allied Neighborhood. Some of those include, the Wellness Center, Allied Learning Center, the Play and Learn Group, Joining Forces for Families and The Early Childhood Initiative. These service providers have much to offer and are staffed by your friends and neighbors.

The Great Caruso ...

Welcome to Cheryl Caruso. Cheryl is the new Family Resource Coordinator at the Boys and Girls Club and Family Center on Jenewien Road. Cheryl coordinates all the programming related to families and adults at the center. She is also the contact if you are interested in using the Boys and Girls Club for your upcoming event. Watch for more information on Cheryl in the March issue of VOICES, but until then, stop in and say hi!



Information Station ...

Remember to tune into the media that speaks to you and gives you a voice in this community. That's Heart and Soul Radio Show with hosts, Richard Brown and Betty Banks. They can be heard every Saturday evening from 6-8pm on WTDY 1670AM, The Pulse. Call in and share your opinions. They are bringing the airwaves into your homes and neighborhoods... And for the gospel crowd, Sunday morning is when you can chat with Pastors David Smith and Ernest Winters. Listen to Let's Go To Church to hear locals give testimony, interviews from Spiritual Sister on the Scene, Geraldine Simmons, and encouraging passages from the Bible by Mother Wisdom. Get your praise on before you go to the church of your choice. Turn that dial to 1670AM, 7-9am. That's 321-1670 to call in to both of these shows. Both programs are produced under heartfelt direction of Gaddi B. "Super Producer" Dan.



Flowers while they live ...

A picture says a thousand words. Enjoy the pictures of the Annual Accountability Awards Dinner found on pages 6 and 7 of this issue. Thirteen Programs and several individuals were honored recently at the Allied Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood Association's Triple A Banquet, also known as the Allied Accountability Award. The program included entertainment by Anthony Ward, the McNair Brothers, and Michelle. Words of encouragement were given by Pastor Richard Jones, and poems by Dominique and Alder Brian Solomon rounded out the evening. Award recipients included, The Odessa Program, Christ Memorial Lutheran Church, Madison Area Urban Ministry, Project5 Respect, Allied Partners, Rich Green from Kraft Oscar Mayer, Allied Food Pantry, Chikelia Gordon, Allied Learning Center, former Alder Ken Golden, Einstein Bagels, Sam's Club, Leslie McAllister, Club TNT and Leccia & Associates and Marcia Huemoeller from the Dane County Parent Council. Neighborhood Association President, Alice Howard expressed her gratitude to everyone and recognized them for helping build commu-

nity in the Allied Drive area. The delicious food was prepared by Vince Carey and was served by volunteers.

Feel free ...

Officer Carren Corcoan is the new community police officer for Allied Drive. She partners with Officer John Messer. Neighborhood officers work full-time in their assigned neighborhoods and are typically assigned to their areas for up to four years. During that time they become very familiar with their neighborhoods and residents. We will meet her in-depth in our next issue. Don't wait until a crisis time to meet them. When you see them in the neighborhood, stop, say hi and introduce yourself!

Education is the key ...

Are you in need of getting your high school diploma, or do you know someone who is? The MATC/GED program is going strong on Allied Drive. Under the direction of Pat Diehl, the program is housed in the Boys and Girls Club. For more information call **Pat Diehl** at **274-1303**.

Well Rounded ...

Tricia Butler is an eight year old in this community who is a budding athlete. Her love of sports is being nurtured and supported by those who care and love her. Soccer and basketball are two of her favorites. She attends Sunday School at Second Baptist Church and is a student at Abundant Life Christian School where she studies hard. Keep up the good work, Tricia!



Working for others...

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls Club and Family Center on Jenewien Road! They have received a grant which enables them to assist families and those in need to sign up for BadgerCare+. VOICES March issue will include an article about this state health insurance for families and kids. For more information until then call **1-800-362-3002** or visit **www.badgercareplus.org**.

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