



# KEEPING IN **THE LOOP** WITH CIRCLES

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Circles Laurel Highlands Region

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## WEEKLY MEETINGS

**Connellsville:** Carnegie Free Library, 299 S. Pgh. St.  
Mondays 5:00 – 7:00

**Markleysburg:** Union Chapel Church, Flat Rock Rd.  
Tuesdays 6:00 – 8:00

**Uniontown:** Adult Rec. Center 137 N. Beeson Ave.  
Wednesdays 5:30 – 7:30

**Penn State Fayette:** Beginning in June  
Thursdays 4:00 – 6:00

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH



## RECRUITMENT TEAM

The Recruitment Team is gearing up for the start of our newest location at Penn State, The Eberly Campus. Our meetings will be held on Thursdays from 4:00 to 6:00. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested in participating in Circles at Penn State, please contact Al Ambrosini, Recruitment Team Chair 724-366-4243 or Sue Ann Priemer, Circles Coordinator 724-437-6050 x3216 or 724-705-4054.

## BIG VIEW TEAM

Led by Chairperson Becky Ambrosini, our Big View Team is focusing on systemic barriers with our Leaders at Uniontown. Please contact Becky at [bambrosini@zoominternet.net](mailto:bambrosini@zoominternet.net) if you have any questions.

## SERVICES TEAM

The Services Team's April presentation is titled "Home Alone". Come to Circles in Uniontown on April 10<sup>th</sup> to find out more.

## JOBS AND EDUCATION TEAM

Maria Lovat is the chair of Jobs and Education Team. Contact her at 724-437-2721 x255 or [mlovat@fayettecti.org](mailto:mlovat@fayettecti.org) with any questions.

## COMMUNITY TEAM

Our Circles Community Team has been hard at work providing venues and food for all four of our meeting locations. Email Team Chair, Tina Shaffer, at [tk34@zoominternet.net](mailto:tk34@zoominternet.net) to find out how you can help.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SUZ & RANDY CHAMBLISS



I have said it before, and it bears repeating: When I joined Circles I had no idea I would meet such amazing people who I now consider great, lifelong pals! Every person at our weekly meetings is a joy to be around before, during, and after our lessons. Two important Circles attendees, for me specifically, are my matched allies, Suzanne and Randy Chambliss. They are both knowledgeable with Bachelor's Degrees in Business (Suzanne) and Administration of Justice (Randy). Not only are they smart, but they also have incredibly kind hearts. Since moving here in 1994 (him) and 2004 (her), Suzanne and Randy have assisted various local charities and a plethora of individuals with desperate needs. This year alone, they have aided me with childcare, moving, job searches, rides, and numerous household items. It is, of course, not required by Circles they do this for anyone. They go above and beyond because they genuinely care while never asking for anything in return. Randy is a ten year U.S. Marine Corps veteran and former Scout Master with the Boy Scouts of America. Nearly a decade ago, he received a diagnosis of a rare and incurable cancer. Despite this devastating revelation, Randy never allows his medical hurdles to halt his enjoyment of life. He's a self-proclaimed "kid at heart." They have two adult children (Chris and Scott) that live away from home in addition to two fur-babies (Toby and Lola) filling their days with love and joy. Over the past couple of years, Randy and

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Suzanne have been renovating their home here in Uniontown. Both continue to give back in many ways. And, "SuZ" (as we call her) states, "Circles has been a unique opportunity to develop strong and purposeful relationships with people I likely would not have met otherwise." Randy is now quite excited to volunteer with the Circles at Penn State Fayette location. My allies are far more than my helpers. They enrich my life at every turn. Suzanne's green thumb has indeed planted a seed of attachment in my heart. I will forever be grateful to call them my friends.

by April Yeager

## I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPIER!

Times have changed. Nowadays, we are in an era where technology is ever prevalent worldwide. In keeping up with this trend, I cannot help but notice, as I scroll through social media before bedtime, many people are consistently suffering from heavy feelings of negativity. Undeniably, things are going to go wrong in *all* of our lives. These can be minor or huge setbacks. One of the more difficult aspects of any tragedy is that we never know just when it is going to happen. And, I think the most significant obstacle is often finding "the silver lining." But, there *always* is one. You are here, you are alive, and you are most certainly enough! Therefore, I challenge everyone to look beyond unsettling circumstances. Feel the deepest of sorrows and just let it all pass. Unpack your baggage, but do not live in sadness forever. You do deserve feelings of happiness and positivity. I know first-hand that life is so much easier when we make the daily choice to be jovial. The good and bad times only last as long as we allow both moods to thrive. I call upon my community to extinguish the flames of pessimism. Let us be the lights in our lives' Circles!

by April Yeager

## GIVING BACK

This is a new section to our monthly newsletter. "Giving Back" is all about our Circles individuals giving back to our community and helping others. Since it is impossible to list all the daily support, calls, rides, and genuine friendship, perhaps we can at least mention a few:

Nicole Nicholson, Pam McKay, Dave Priemer and Sue Ann Priemer volunteered along with Rita Masi and Marlene Kolosky for the Poverty Simulation held at Penn State Fayette on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Kim Wells would like to thank Heather Wasler, Marie Lewis and her Circles family for all the support given to her and her family during the month of March.

## THANKS TO OUR DONORS

A special THANK YOU to our donors who helped support Circles Laurel Highlands last month:

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Mitchell and family, Bruderhof Community, Third Presbyterian Church, Joyce and Stanley Wolfe, Debbie Mills, Dave and Connie Herring, Dave and Sue Ann Priemer

## SUCSESSES!

Terrance recently secured employment as a stepping stone to his ultimate goal of driving truck. Congratulations Terrance!

Although Nicole's vehicle has needed some major repairs last month, she is pleased to say that her frugal financial management kept her from tapping in to her emergency fund. The car is fixed and back on the road. Way to go Nicole!

Tim Clements is healing quickly from his recent surgery. Hope to see you and Jeanne back at Circles soon!

April now is the proud owner of a car! Congrats April! Hey, can I get a ride.....? : )

Maddie is glad to have Daddy home and doing well since his recent surgery and hospital stay.

## SPOTLIGHT ON TINA SHAFFER



Many of us know Tina as the quite, calm presence in the room. To us, she is Circles Laurel Highlands Region's Community Chairperson who helps our community teams with organizing meals, childcare and meeting locations with a smile on her face. By day, she is an office administrator with Laurel Machines, and at home she is the proud Mom of two grown Daughters. Thank you Tina for your dedication to Circles!

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