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conference leaders, school administrators, teachers, laypersons, and anyone who needs or wants to know how to recognize and/or help someone who is being abused. The emphasis of the Summit is training members and leaders how to respond to abuse victims in our churches and in the community. It will cover child and adult abuse, sexual abuse, how to respond, legal issues, and much more. Get the poster/bulletin insert here. Up to four CEUs for Social Work available. MORE; Register

The Oshkosh Instep4Life 3-Day Pathfinder Challenge will be a fun event sponsored by the NAD Adventist Health Ministries during the International Pathfinder Camporee in Oshkosh, Wis. in August. Currently, more than 40,000 people are registered to participate.

Sign up your club for the Oshkosh Instep4Life 3-Day Pathfinder Challenge. Starting on April 15, Pathfinders and club staff competing for their club must register. The first 1,000 registrants will receive free giveaways each day they complete in the challenge (limit of 2,000 Pathfinders total per day, max). Club registration deadline is May 31. MORE

Noah, the book, not the movie – As controversy swirls around the just-released Noah movie starring Russell Crowe, a newly released book offers a Bible-based account of the famous ark builder and addresses questions about God raised by the story of a devastating worldwide flood. The book contains five chapters from Patriarchs and Prophets, one chapter from the Desire of Ages and three chapters form the Great Controversy. There is an introduction and thought questions between each of the three sections. MORE

CALLED -To plant a church for second generation immigrants

Juanfer Monsalve, a recent seminary graduate, was asked by Georgia-Cumberland Conference to plant a church for second generation Hispanics in Chattanooga. Because Pastor Monsalve’s church doesn’t fit into either a traditional Spanish or Anglo church plant, he has few models to draw from. When given an opportunity to hang out for a weekend at Epic second generation church plant in Chicago, Monsalve immediately accepts. Watch through Juanfer’s eyes as a brand new church takes shape in Chicago designed from the ground up to be a contemporary multicultural...
discipleship factory. Juanfer sees the Seventh-day Adventist message repackaged with new relevancy, authenticity, and vulnerability. He returns to Chattanooga with a refined vision and inspiration knowing that he is not the only one in the world planting churches for second generation immigrants.

REACH: Alignment Within the Church
Bringing ministries together to advance the mission of the church

Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) Empowers Lay Members to Share Christ - In the beginning, in 1947 when ASI was first formed, members were usually organizations dedicated to education or health. As more technological mediums for gospel ministry became available, the types of organizations varied more and more. Current ministries include the Family First Radio, led by Linda de Romanett. It's a talk-radio format and over the years there have been more than 500 baptisms because of that radio ministry.

Edgemont Video, in Mountain View, Ark., provides IT services, repairs, sales, and video production services. They invite their customers to the Adventist church-sponsored monthly cooking classes and Country Life Natural Foods Co-op. "A good number of our contacts from these health outreach ministries have trusted us enough to come to church services and other meetings because they consider us friends," says Chip Doss from Edgemont Video. MORE: Southwestern Union Record, February, 2014. Learn more about ASI, the members, and this year's international convention..
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists® : 4-9-14 Adventist mission pilot Roberts dies in plane accident in Indonesia

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Longtime missionary to Africa, Southeast Asia flew thousands of relief flights

April 09, 2014 | Sentani, Papua, Indonesia | Gay Deles/Kevin Costello/Teresa Costello

Adventist Aviation-Indonesia pilot Bob Roberts and his wife, Jan.
[photo courtesy Adventist Mission]

An Adventist Aviation-Indonesia (AAI) mission plane piloted by veteran pilot Bob Roberts crashed upon takeoff this morning at the AAI headquarters in Papua, claiming his life as well as those of several passengers on board.

Witnesses said that the plane, a Quest Kodiak, appeared to have trouble lifting off just before it slammed into a bridge at the end of the runway. An official cause has yet to be determined by crash site investigators.

Roberts' work included delivering food, medicine and urgently needed supplies as well as transporting sick and needy passengers to and from the many isolated mountain villages of Papua. He was well known throughout the islands and had flown more than a thousand relief flights.
Roberts and his wife Jan, originally from the United States, have served AAI for more than 20 years in Papua. The couple previously served as missionaries in the African countries of Ethiopia, Tanzania and Zaire (now Congo) from 1976 to 1992. They have three grown children.

"He died doing what he loved best," Jan said.

Roberts is remembered by Darron Boyd, Adventist Mission and Evangelism coordinator in Papua, as someone who brought hope in his small aircraft to those in remote areas. Despite the often extreme terrain conditions that made his work challenging, Roberts had a love for his mission. "If they're really sick..., we fly them for free," he said in an Adventist Mission video report last year. "Those are the kind of things that make you glad you're a mission pilot. Helping people who would not have hope otherwise. That's why we're here."

Jonathan Kuntaraf, director of the Adventist world church’s Sabbath School and Personal Ministries department said he was saddened by the death of Roberts, who was serving in his home country. "He and his wife are very dedicated people. Together we worked to raise money for the education of underprivileged children in Papua. Please pray for the family during this challenging and difficult time."

Watch the feature video, "Called to Fly," of Bob’s mission work in Papua.

The Indonesian state of Papua is home to 2 million people and 20 language groups. It is also home to the East Indonesia Union Conference, which has 763 churches and more than 101,000 church members.

Adventist News Network
4-9-14 Adventist Church joins amicus brief in support of ‘parsonage allowance’

Challenges ruling that clergy tax-exempt housing allowance is unconstitutional

The Seventh-day Adventist Church joined an amicus brief filed today in a United States Federal Court of Appeals challenging a November ruling that the "parsonage exemption" is unconstitutional.

The Adventist Church joined in the “friend-of-the-court” brief to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, said Todd McFarland, an associate general counsel for the Seventh-day Adventist Church headquarters.

The brief was led by Church Alliance, which is a coalition of more than 30 denominations that work together on common legislative and legal issues, primarily dealing with employee benefits, McFarland said.

The group is challenging a November ruling by a U.S. district judge that the clergy exemption for paying taxes on income designated for housing is unconstitutional.

Adventist Church leaders say that pastors may make a decent living wage on a "base pay" basis, but depending on where they live, their cost of living adjustments are usually drastically behind and not commensurate. The parsonage exclusion gives them the ability to deduct their housing expenses from their taxable income.

In her ruling, Judge Barbara Crabb said the parsonage exemption violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, which prohibits Congress from making a law “respecting an establishment of religion.”

The parsonage exemption, Crabb said, benefits “religious persons and no one else, even though doing so is not necessary to alleviate a special burden on religious exercise.”

In an interview, McFarland said the religious coalition doesn’t believe the exemption violates the Establishment Clause, noting that the tax code contains other similar exemptions.

“This exemption in fact serves to strengthen the separation between church and state by keeping the government out of church decisions, ecclesiastical matters, and treats all churches and religions the same,” McFarland said.

Other exemptions, McFarland said, include teachers and professors working for educational institutions, military personnel, employee lodging for the convenience of the employer, as well as certain tax-payers living abroad.

Judge Crabb’s November decision was the result of a suit brought by the Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation, which advocates for the separation of church and state. The foundation sued the U.S. Treasury secretary
and Internal Revenue Service commissioner over the exemption, which was passed by Congress in 1954. Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code permits a “minister of the gospel” to designate some compensation as a housing allowance and exempt it from income tax.

Her ruling, which she said would not be enforced pending appeal, has the potential to dramatically impact how religious groups compensate their ministers. Many have long depended on the tax benefit for the compensation package for their clergy in the United States.

Adventist Church officials in North America said the parsonage allowance significantly helps pastors to be able to live and minister in the large urban centers where the most people live.

“Not having this benefit would drastically impact ministry, especially for the pastors living in these large people centers, which are high cost of living areas,” said Ivan Williams, director of the Ministerial Department for the Adventist Church’s North American Division.

McFarland, the denomination’s attorney, estimated the after-tax benefit to Adventist ministers is between 5 and 10 percent of their total compensation package.

McFarland said he didn't think the matter was likely to end with the 7th Circuit's decision.

“We anticipate this case to potentially end up in the U.S. Supreme Court,” he said. “Both sides have too much at stake and are too invested in this. Whoever loses is going to want to see it reviewed at a higher level.”

Ansel Oliver, Adventist News Network
SWAU's Chan Shun Centennial Library celebrates 20 years
Friday

Ceremony at 11 a.m. in Meadows Gallery

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A crane lowers the dome onto the clock tower of the Chan Shun Centennial Library in April 1994. The observation room in the clock tower is the highest point in Johnson County.

Southwestern Adventist University's Chan Shun Centennial Library will celebrate its 20th birthday with a ceremony at 11 a.m. Friday in the Meadows Gallery. (Courtesy Photo)

After 20 years of reading, it's time for a new chapter.

Southwestern Adventist University will celebrate the 20th year of its Chan Shun Centennial Library with a commemorative service at 11 a.m. Friday in the library's Meadows Gallery.

The four-story library, whose clock tower and observation room is the highest point in Johnson County, was dedicated by the board of trustees in April 1994, and currently houses more than 100,000 print books.

The library commemorates the university's founding in 1893, representing alumni and community members who pledged funds and resources to build and furnish the space.

It replaced Findley Memorial Library (1961-1994), Penuel Hall (1921-1961), and the university's first administration building (1895-1921) as the library's home.

On a clear day, the Dallas skyline is visible from the observation windows.

The library bears the name of entrepreneur Chan Shun, who with hundreds of other donors, contributed to the well-being of Christian young people through the library.

"The decision to build the library was intended as a statement on the importance of academics on this campus," professor emeritus Karl Konrad said.

The library continues to be a hub of learning for both university students and Johnson County residents.

As technology changes the landscape of learning, the Chan Shun Library continues to provide print and online resources. In addition to the 100,000 print books available, the library also offers over 30,000 e-books, 90,000 full-text current journals, magazines, and newspaper titles in print or electronic format, educational video and classical music collections, an online periodical index for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and a full range of media access devices.

It is also home to the Ruth King McKee Curriculum Library, an education resource for students and educators of Johnson County.
A light reception will accompany the celebration.

The Chan Shun Centennial Library is located on the Southwestern campus at the corner of North College and W. Magnolia Street. To learn more, contact Librarian Cristina Thomsen at 817-202-6732.
Perhaps introductions to WWU are in order

By John McVay Walla Walla University

When we moved to Walla Walla seven years ago, it didn’t take long for our family to feel at home. That may have been because ever since I was a child, I had heard glowing reviews of Walla Walla from my father, who graduated from what was then Walla Walla College in 1950.

My parents loved living here, and now my wife, Pam, and I have come to love it too.

In the relatively short time we have been here, I often meet people who have never been on the Walla Walla University campus or who know very little about Seventh-day Adventists, the church organization that owns and operates the university.

Perhaps introductions are in order. So consider this column an introduction for those of you who wish to know a little more about WWU.

The school has been in existence since 1892, the year it opened its doors to 100 students.

The early Seventh-day Adventist pioneers who founded Walla Walla College, as it was known then, could not have done so without the gift of land and financial support from early city leaders who believed it was in the best interest of the city for the college to be established.

At the time, the Seventh-day Adventist denomination had been organized for just 30 years, having emerged out of the religious revivals of the 1840s with a fresh focus on Jesus and His Second Coming.

I remain amazed that in the middle of a Depression and with just 1,500 members in the Northwest, the church decided to found a college. It was motivated by a desire to foster Christian character and a commitment to service among the youths of the church.

Today WWU enrolls more than 1,900 students. And, we are motivated by that same mission.

We express it this way: We are a community of faith and discovery committed to excellence in thought, generosity in service, beauty in expression and faith in God.

While most of our students are Seventh-day Adventists, many students from other backgrounds join in support of that mission and become part of a worldwide educational system. It is one of the largest sponsored by any church group, with 7,800 schools (including 120 colleges and universities) training 1.6 million students.

If you were to spend a few days on the WWU campus, you would see our mission marks much of what we do.

Our calendar is a little unusual. Come sundown on Fridays, the pace of work slows down. And the pace of worship and fellowship picks up as we celebrate Sabbath together. The gymnasium and the ball fields will be vacant. And the church will be full.

And if you go to our cafeteria to enjoy a meal, you’ll see marks of a commitment to health in the vegetarian fare on offer there.

You will see students leading in a wide variety of ministry and worship activities throughout the week, gathering for a weekly chapel service, and attending brief worship services in our dormitories. You will listen to vigorous conversations on all the important topics of the day, including ones about faith and how to make a positive difference.
in the world.

If you don’t guard your pocketbook closely, a new student friend may invite you to contribute to this year’s student association fundraising project, to build an orphanage in Peru.

The Walla Walla Valley has been a great place for WWU to grow and thrive through the years. Thank you for being such great neighbors and supporters of WWU.

John McVay is president of Walla Walla University.
Washington Adventist University Celebrates 110th Anniversary During 2014 Alumni Weekend

Washington D.C. (PRWEB) April 04, 2014

Washington Adventist University will celebrate its 110th anniversary during the 2014 Alumni Weekend to be held April 10-13, 2014. WAU's annual alumni weekends are a time for celebration and reflection of past graduates, departmental or program anniversaries, and the University's history as a faith-based liberal arts institution. The weekend will include socials gatherings for honor classes, anniversary celebrations for departments and programs, the Alumni Awards ceremony, outings in downtown Washington, D.C., and the annual WAU Family Fun Festival.


Schedule Highlights: Kick-Off Social - Thursday 40th Anniversary Banquet for the Respiratory Care - Thursday D.C. Cherry Blossom Tour - Friday Reflections Vespers - Friday Edyth T. James Department of Nursing Alumni Breakfast - Saturday Worship Service - Saturday Worship in the Park - Saturday Academic Department Open Houses - Saturday Alumni Awards Banquet - Saturday WAU Missions 5K - Sunday Family Fun Festival - Sunday (featuring Josh Wilson)

The Office of Alumni Relations, along with partners such as Eventos Management, are excited to welcome all alumni and guests to campus during this exciting and growing event.

Washington Adventist University is a private liberal arts institution located in scenic Takoma Park, MD. Founded in 1904, it is owned by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and offers a Christian education to nearly 1,500 students of all faiths, through eight graduate and 32 undergraduate programs. Its vision is to produce graduates who bring competence and moral leadership to their communities. The 2011 edition of U.S. News & World Report ranked the University among the best regional colleges in the northern region and as one of the most diverse institutions of higher learning in the US.

Eventos Management was founded to fill a need in providing a complete event service tool to both event planners and attendees. By combining event registration, hotel bookings and flight reservations all in the same platform, Eventos provides the most complete and comprehensive event management tool available. Not only does Eventos operate on robust technology, we make sure that we work with each client to maintain that level of customer service that you expect and deserve. We dedicate ourselves from beginning to end to do all in our power to ensure that your event happens smoothly, that we provide the necessary services, and that you and your attendees are happy with the outcome.

For more information on the weekend and to purchase tickets to events please visit WAU Alumni

Read the full story at http://www.prweb.com/releases/2014/04/prweb11735481.htm
Community comes together to provide free tutoring services

© Tracy Empsall, a senior at UNCW, volunteers her time from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. (Source: WECT)

WILMINGTON, NC (WECT) - Budgets, grants and funding are not issues for the after-school tutoring group that gathers at St. Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The group consists of public school children of all ages and UNCW students that serve as tutors.

Tracy Empsall, a senior at UNCW, volunteers her time from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday. Empsall helps students learn to read, write and do mathematics.

"There are plenty of centers through YMCAs and everything that are set up in these big beautiful buildings, but there's no way for students to get there. We came to them," said Empsall.

She said that all resources including computers, books and a basketball hoop have been donated by various members of the community.

"We're in the middle of their community. We're in the middle of their neighborhood, and it's easier for them to get here and they come," Empsall elaborated.

The UNCW student said that crime and gang activity have increased the need for after-school safe havens like the tutoring spot.
"That's what this really started off as-a safe friendly environment for them to come after school rather than for them to be out in the neighborhood doing who knows what," Empsall said.

Sanaya Stuckes, a fifth grade student at Gregory Elementary School, has been visiting the tutoring clinic for extra homework help during the week.

"Basically you get your work done instead of just thinking you're going to play around," said Stuckes.

Empsall said that up to 16 kids utilize the program. Parents are happy to have the service available.

"Because they're college students and because they're well-trained, they can help them," explained parent Brendella Alford, whose daughter attends the tutoring clinic.

"My main objective is to get them excited because when you get them excited about learning, everything else is going to follow," Empsall explained.

The group hopes that funding eventually finds its way to the tutoring program.

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Date & Location: May 1-4, 2014. General Conference Headquarters: 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Description: A training event to teach church employees and laypersons how to respond to abuse victims in our congregations and in the community.

Who Should Attend: Church and school administrators, pastors, teachers, and laypersons are invited to attend.

Register today: AdventSource

Featured Speakers:

"Not in my Church!" Drs. Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, NAD Family Ministries Directors

"Exploring Resilience Factors and Long-term Health Issues" Katia Reinert, NAD Health Ministries Director

“The Ostrich Syndrome – Addressing the Global Challenge of Preventing Child Abuse in Adventist Ministries” Arthur Blinci, VP Chief Risk Management Officer, Adventist Risk Management, Inc.

“Responding to Allegations and Managing Sexual Misconduct Claims” Bob Burrow, Manager, Legal Services Adventist Risk Management, Inc.

“Lessons Learned from NAD Sexual Misconduct Claims” Dr. William Chunestudy, educational response specialist

“Lifelong Results of Child Abuse,” “Teaching Children About Good Touch, Bad Touch” Mary Jo Sandholm, Forensic Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

“Ministering Hope to the Hurting Heart” Roberta Fish, LCSW

“How to Spot Abuse and Abusers” Christopher Bradford, MPA, co-facilitator of a batterer intervention program in the Charlotte, NC region

"The God Who Sees" Dr. Ron Flowers, former General Conference Family Ministries Director

"Why She Stays, When She Leaves" Mable C. Dunbar, Ph.D., L.P.C.

"Christian Abuse Response Education" (four hour first responder training) Rene' Drumm, PhD; Tricia Foster, MSW; Stephanie Sheehan, MA, Southern Adventist University Social Work Department

SPECIAL FEATURE: SONSCREEN AWARD WINNING FILM "THE HIDEOUT" WILL BE SHOWN THURSDAY, MAY 1 AT 7 P.M.

DOWNLOAD THE PROMOTIONAL POSTER

NOTE: Up to four Continuing Education Units (CEU's) in Social Work will be given from Southern Adventist University for those who would like to receive them.

Schedule:
Thursday, May 1, 2014
5:00 pm-7:00 pm - Registration
7:00 pm-9:00 pm - Opening Session

Friday, May 2, 2014
8:00 am-8:00 pm - Devotional & Seminars
Saturday, May 3, 2014
9:00 am-5:30 pm - SAU First Responder Training & Sermon

Sunday, May 4, 2014
8:00 am-12:00 pm - Closing Session

Click here for a detailed program schedule.

Registration Fee: All fees are per person. Please plan to register early with AdventSource/PlusLine since no registrations will be taken on-site.

$99 Early-bird now through February 27, 2014
$149 Regular February 28, 2014 through April 24, 2014
$40 Sabbath Only now through April 24, 2014

To guarantee your place, please register ASAP. You may register online or call PlusLine at (800) 732-7587. AdventSource/PlusLine will process registrations for this event through April 24, 2014.

Paying by check? 1) Please complete and print each online registration page with your personal information and registration details. 
2) Mail each completed registration page with your check or money order made payable to AdventSource to the address listed below.

Special Note: Failure to provide each completed registration form with your contact telephone number will delay the processing of your registration.

AdventSource/PlusLine
5120 Prescott Avenue
Lincoln, NE 68506-5433

Mail-in Registrations: All registrations sent by mail must be received by noon Thursday, April 24, 2014.

Please visit www.adventsource.org for further details regarding lodging, transportation, and meals.
Welcome! > Adventist InStep for Life Events >

**OSHKOSH INSTEP4LIFE 3-DAY CHALLENGE**

Sign up your club for the *Oshkosh Instep4Life 3-Day Pathfinder Challenge*. Starting on **April 15th**, pathfinders and club staff competing for their club must register. **First 1000 registrants will receive free giveaways** each day they complete the challenge (limit of **2000 pathfinders total** per day max). Club registration deadline is **May 31, 2014**.
DAY 1 - Wednesday August 13, 2014 - 5K Run/Walk

The 5k run/walk event is the first of the three InStep4Life 3-Day Challenge events offered to you by Health Ministries at the North American Division. We welcome you all to Day #1 of this wonderful event, and hope that you will participate with a happy heart. Each participant will count 1 point towards their club, regardless of winning. Pathfinders and club staff can participate and win points for their club.

DAY 2 - Thursday, August 14, 2014 - Boot-Camp Challenge

Participants will test their muscular strength and endurance, and take part in three exercise challenges on Day #2. These challenges include the maximum number of push-ups, sit-ups, and burpies per minute. Each club must choose 1 person to represent them in each challenge (male or female). Each participation will count 1 point towards their club. This event is great for verbal encouragement, so do not be shy to cheer on your favorite individuals and teams! Winners will gain extra points. Pathfinders and club staff (depending on availability) can participate and win points for their club.

DAY 3 - Friday, August 15, 2014 - 1 Mile Run

On Day #3 you will be participating in a 1 mile race. Each team can have as many people participating. Again, each participant will gain 1 point towards their club. See below for awards for participants and clubs. Pathfinders and club staff can participate and win points for their club.

FREE GIVEAWAYS

First 1000 pathfinders registered for each day will be eligible to receive free giveaway
Day 1= Event T-shirt
Day 2=InStep pedometer
Day 3= InStep4Life Pin

** Pathfinders or staff participating at least 2 of the 3 days will receive a cool Oshkosh InStep4Life 3-day Challenge PATCH! (pictured above QR Code)

INDIVIDUAL AND CLUB PRIZES

Day 1 - 5k Race

Individual prizes:
Top 3 overall (male and female) will win trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the 5K race by the following age categories: <13 yo, 13-15 yo, 16-18 yo, >19yo. (12 trophies total)
Top 150 participants (75 males and 75 females) will receive medals as follows:

- 50 top times (25 males and 25 females) will received a Gold medal
- Next 50 top times (25 males and 25 females) will receive a Silver medal
- Next 50 top times (25 males and 25 females) will receive a Bronze medal

Register Your Pathfinder Club Today!

Directors: Please sign up your club below once. Then go register your club participants by clicking HERE. Just look for your club name and click "join"! As director you may sign up all your participating club members younger than 18. Only those older than 18 can sign up on their own. Only those registered by name on the above link will be able to participate.

**Attention Pathfinder Club Directors:

- Once you submit the form above, please register your club participants under 18yo right here. Only those signed up by name on this link will be able to participate. Deadline is July 15 or sooner upon availability.
- Any pathfinders and club staff can register (there is a limit of 2000 participants per day, so register your club participants by name today to secure your place).
- For Day 2 select up to 3 pathfinders or staff (staff may register and participate upon availability) for each of the 3 boot-camp challenges. Select a male or female that can do the most push-ups, sit-ups and/or burpies per minute (you may have the same person doing more than 1 exercise if needed).
- A free webinar will take place in May and June to answer discuss how you can
medal
  - Next 50 top times (25 males and 25 females) will receive a Bronze medal

Club Points:
- Each participant counts 1 point towards their club (must finish the 5K)
- The 150 medalists will gain extra points for their club (Bronze=1 Silver=2 Gold=3 points).
- The 3 top performers (by age) will gain extra points for their club (Bronze=5 Silver=10 Gold=15).
**These points will count towards the final total points for each club at the end of the 3-day challenge.

Day 2 - Boot-Camp Endurance and Strength
Individual Awards:
This event awards highest number of push-ups per minute, sit-ups per minute, and burpies per minute. Only 1 representative per club for each type of exercise is allowed to participate. The top 3 performers per exercise will receive trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (9 trophies total). Top 150 participants (males or females) will receive medals in each category:
  - 50 top times in push-ups, sit-ups and burpies per minute will receive a Gold medal
  - Next 50 top times a Silver medal.
  - Next 50 top times a Bronze medal.
  *Males and females can compete for these 150 medals.

Club Points:
- Each participating club accumulates 1 point per exercise challenge.
- The top 150 medalists will add extra points to their club (Bronze=1 Silver=2 Gold=3 points).
- Top 3 performers per exercise challenge will gain extra points for their club (Bronze=5 Silver=10 Gold=15).

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prepare your pathfinders for each challenge and accumulate the most points.
- Click here to like our facebook page and get updates about the Oshkosh InStep4Life 3-Day Challenge.
- Registered Club directors/staff must show by 7am or sooner each day of the Challenge to pick up their club packets/giveaways. A "no show" by 7am will forfeit their giveaways and participation in favor of others in the waiting list. The activity will begin promptly at 8am.

FOR INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION CLICK here or on the logo below.

QR Code for Individual Registration Site
**These points will count towards the final total points for each club at the end of the 3-day challenge.

**Overall 3-Day Challenge Awards**
- **Top 10 Clubs** with highest overall scores (points accumulated for participation each day) will be awarded $500 each and receive a trophy.

- All pathfinders or club staff that participate on at least 2 of the 3 days will get a COOL InStep4Life 3-Day Challenge PATCH! (pictured above the QR Code)
ASI Empowers Lay Members to Share Christ

By Jessica Fields, ASI communication assistant

E.A. Sutherland and Percy Magan founded Madison College in 1904 in Madison, Tennessee. The college began as a self-supporting Adventist institution, and over the years, it expanded, establishing more self-supporting institutions around the country. In 1947 these units formed the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Self-Supporting Institutions, or ASI. ASI members at that time were usually organizations dedicated to education or health. Over the years, as technology increased, making available more mediums for gospel ministry, ASI membership began to include other types of organizations, such as Adventist business owners and professionals, in addition to self-supporting ministries. In 1979, ASI changed its name to Adventist-Laymen’s Services and Industries, which it still uses today. Here are some thoughts from ASI members with ministries and businesses in the Southwestern Union.

Linda de Romanett, an ASI member from Family First Radio, believes that the most important aspect of ASI is the networking that happens between members. Linda says, “At ASI meetings, as well as in their publications, members learn about all sorts of ministries that they would never otherwise know about. ASI helps to keep Seventh-day Adventist self-supporting ministries connected. Through them we can hear about evangelistic opportunities that we can be a part of or help with.”

Family First Radio reaches out to communities by spreading the gospel through talk-radio, which features mainly sermons. De Romanett affirms, “Family First Radio has been a ministry of ASI for many years. We have had over 500 baptisms because of our radio ministry. Recently, a lady who was suicidal changed her life and was baptized.”

ASI’s motto is “Sharing Christ in the Marketplace.” Its philosophy promotes a daily partnership with God, and a lifestyle much like Christ’s ministry on earth. Its members are encouraged to seek the experience of God’s love in their own lives, and to share that love with individuals that they encounter during their daily activities. Members of ASI are enthusiastic about active participation in the church’s mission to spread the gospel of Christ throughout the entire world.

Even for-profit businesses associated with ASI embrace this mission. Edgemont Video is located in Mountain View, Arkansas. Although it is a small community, folk music and art draw a great number of tourists. This company provides IT services, repairs, sales, and video production services for the area. Chip Doss from Edgemont explains, “Edgemont Video puts us into businesses and homes. As we serve the needs of the community, hearts are touched, as well. Our church has been conducting monthly cooking classes and sponsoring a Country Life Natural Foods Co-op for years. We have had the joy of inviting our customers and contacts to these service-related outreach opportunities. As we interact with clients in the community, we have opportunities to dialog with them about what they have been learning. They meet the same person who solved their computer problems loading their food order or the person who scheduled their service demonstrating how to make a vegan meal. Friendship evangelism is an old cliché but we find that in our community friendship is an integral ingredient in witnessing. A good number of our contacts from these health outreach ministries have trusted us enough to come to church services and other meetings because they consider us friends.”

ASI’s vision statement reads: “Unswerving honesty in business principles and practices, unflagging participation in the various ministries of the church, unwavering positiveness toward church leadership, unhesitating provision for the needs of others, and untinging focus on the Christ they represent in the marketplace.”

When asked to explain how ASI works hand-in-hand with the church, Chris Holland, secretary and treasurer of ASI said, “ASI provides an association of supporting ministries, business people and professionals who desire to help the church accomplish its mission.” ASI provides an opportunity for them to support the mission of the church, and provide encouragement, training, and experience to share Christ in the marketplace, using the talents and skills that...
God has given them. “From a very practical sense, ASI works with the church by being connected to the church,” Chris explained. “The North American Division provides ASI with an office, secretary/treasurer, and administrative assistant so that there is a direct connection to the church. That direct connection provides opportunity for collaboration with the church in its missionary activities.” Chip Doss believes that ASI-member business owners and professionals should become creative as they seek to represent Jesus to their contacts.

Many ASI ministries are self-supporting, such as Ouachita Hills Ministry, a private Adventist academy and college in Amity, Arkansas. In addition to their media ministry, the student and staff lead mission trips and other forms of outreach. They send students regularly to door-to-door literature evangelism programs. This not only helps students pay for their education, but also helps to financially support the ministry. They have even canvassed ASI books. While canvassing, students encounter many souls who are hungry for the gospel, and some who are even on the verge of death who need a last-minute encounter with Jesus Christ.

ASI holds inspiring annual conventions. Members, supporters, and friends gather to encourage one another and exchange ideas that will help them in their ministry goals. At the convention, networks are formed, friendships are formed, and ASI members help each other to accomplish goals that one individual or organization could never accomplish alone. The convention is intended to inspire and equip all who attend in spreading the gospel to their community and to the world. De Romanett said, “The yearly convention is the most mission-oriented and spiritual of any Adventist conventions I have attended. It is very motivating and inspiring.”

The 2014 convention will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from August 6 to 9. More information regarding the convention can be found on ASI’s Web site at www.asiministries.org/convention. In addition to the annual convention, ASI is divided into different chapters, which hold their own chapter meetings. The Southwest spring chapter meeting will be held from March 27 to 29 at the Scenic Hills church in San Antonio, Texas. ASI’s membership, although divided into chapters, is still recognized at the national level. There are also ASI members abroad, as well as special interest groups.

ASI members receive discounts on registration at ASI conventions. Members also receive a free netASI Web site. In addition, members have access to resources such as the Inside ASI magazine and ASI connections e-newsletter. Members are provided with field-tested evangelism tools, such as New Beginnings and Abundant Life. The fellowship and networking opportunities for members are phenomenal. For more information about membership, including categories and benefits, please visit: www.asiministries.org/membership. ASI empowers lay members to share Christ.