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## Get Involved with Rotaract

By Michael Triplett

This semester Rotaract is offering plenty of chances for the student body of Wilkes Community College to get involved. Rotaract is one of the only civic service clubs at the college. It not only looks great on a resume, but can help fulfill your sense of civic pride through the various charitable projects planned.

All club members are asked, as well as anyone interested, are asked to come to the club meetings on November 9 at 12:15, and December 7 TBA in Alumni Hall room 1110

Upcoming projects include:

**Clean Sweep:** October 20, 2006, at 12:00 we will meet in front of Thompson Hall. We will pick up litter along Collegiate Drive to be followed by lunch at Sagebrush. Lunch will be paid for by Rotaract.

**Angel Food Project:** The Club will assist Angel Food Ministries, a nonprofit and non-denominational organization, with handing out low-cost food to families. The dates for participation are October 21, 2006; November 18, 2006; and December 16, 2006. Participating club members will meet at 8:00 a.m. on the dates listed above. Anyone interested in helping should contact Rotaract.

**Walden Caboose:** Club members will decorate the caboose for the upcoming holidays. Members and any one interested in participating should meet at Walden Caboose at 4:15 on November 27 and 2:30 on November 28 to complete the decorating process.

**Walden Caboose Christmas with Santa:** This event takes place on the day of the town Christmas Parade. Santa visits with each child and the child has his/her picture taken with Santa.

**Angel Christmas Tree:** Rotaract sponsors three children from the community Angel Tree. This project involves buying Christmas presents requested by the children.

So, if you are reading this and would like to get involved with Rotaract, come join us! Membership applications can be picked up in the office of the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services, or you can e-mail Michael Triplett at michaeltriplett@wilkescc.mailcruiser.com, Jennifer Bauguss at jenniferbauguss@wilkescc.mailcruiser.com, or Cindy Smith at Cindy.Smith@wilkescc.edu for additional information. Come join us and get involved!

## New Club on Campus: Southern Culture Organization (SoCO!)

If you are interested in exploring ways that the culture of the South stands out from other American cultures, consider participating in the newest club on campus, SoCO,--which stands for the Southern Culture Organization.

The Wilkes Community College club SoCO was established this fall as a means for interested students, faculty, and staff to learn about and participate in activities related to the culture and history of the Southern states, with a particular focus on the Appalachian region. This purpose will be met in these ways:

Students who are currently in Club Advisor Julie Mullis's HUM 122 class are automatic members of the club. Meetings are held once a month at 1:00 on Wednesday afternoons during the first 30 minutes of a class session. Students who have previously taken a Southern Culture class or who plan to are encouraged to join. However, anyone on campus who is interested in the subject matter may join as well.

Instructor Julie Mullis suggested the formation of this club after realizing that the topic of Southern Culture seemed to appeal to so many members of the campus community. "Former students would often ask if they could retake the HUM 122 class or at least join the class on fieldtrips and for guest presentations," explains Mullis. "Also, faculty and staff members also mentioned that they wished they had time to take Southern Culture, so I thought that this would be a way to open activities up to more folks." The current president April Lookabill is a student from Mullis's Spring 2006 Southern Culture class.

Already the club has been approached by the Wilkes County Heritage Museum to consider a training program to teach members to lead public school and general public tours at the museum. Fort Defiance Historic Homesite has made a similar request.

For more information, email Julie Mullis at julie.mullis@wilkescc.edu.

## Prostate Screening

By Rebecca Harper

Members of the WCC Medical Assisting Program assisted with a prostate screening on Friday September 27, 2006. Dr. John Hettiarachchi, the Rotary Club, Wilkes Regional Medical Center, and the Wilkes County Health Department all came together to make this screening possible for the male residents of Wilkes County. Amanda Farmer, Jeanine Herman, Deanna Call, and Jennifer Canine took the morning shift while Judy Johnson, Rebecca Harper, Kayla Adams, and Cortney Jarvis worked the afternoon shift. The students helped the participants fill out forms and passed out educational materials on prostate cancer awareness. Student volunteers also directed the participating individuals through the screening process and helped serve refreshments while they waited. All student volunteers worked the "front line" of the process and their efforts contributed to the successful screening of 70 male participants. This was an excellent learning experience, not only for the community to heighten their awareness and become more knowledgeable of the importance of prostate screenings, but also for the Medical Assisting volunteers who got to experience firsthand what it is like to work in a health care setting. For more information visit [www.prostateinfo.com](http://www.prostateinfo.com) or [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com).



Medical Assisting Club members involved: Jennifer Canine, Cortney Jarvis, Deanna Call, Judy Johnson, Kayla Adams, Amanda Farmer, Jeanine Herman, and McLean Harper.

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