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CW sets the pace and the standards!

The following are highlights from letter written by a visitor from Alabama, Ms. Honor Treadway-Boles, who works at museum similar to Colonial Williamsburg.

"We had a wonderful time visiting you this past Friday and Saturday (November 5 and 6). It was our first visit back in 30 years and we were amazed at how much has been added...we were really impressed with what you've accomplished."

"30 years ago I was a wide-eyed 11-year old. This time I was the greyhaired mama dragging her 21-year old sailor son proudly through our country's history from Jamestown to Williamsburg."

"In Montgomery, I'm the horticulturist and harpist at the N. Hill Street Historic District which is a 19th-century restoration project. You've started something that I hope many other areas of the country will follow. It's important to preserve our heritage and history. Something like Williamsburg makes history fun for our young people. My son didn't think he wanted to see 'a bunch of old buildings' but the entry hall at the Governor's [Palace] cured him of that!"

"N. Hull Street is small and has a long way to go, but you've given us and other historic districts something to live up to."

"I'm sure that everyone who has worked on Colonial Williamsburg is proud of what they've accomplished. But I have a feeling they've all had a good time doing it, too."

"We're hoping we'll get to come up again in the near future--not wait another thirty years!"

"Best wishes to you all this holiday season and in the years to come."

-Honor Treadway

CW in the news...

Don't miss CW on television during the Christmas season. ABC TV's "Good Morning America" features a set decorated with reproductions and adaptations from our folk art collection. It may be seen Monday through Friday, 7-9 a.m. until December 30.

The Learning Channel will feature the program, "Christmas in Williamsburg" twice on Christmas Day. The program will air twice, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Learning Channel may be seen on Warner Cablevision channel 21.

Can you read this?

If so, consider yourself lucky! Many Americans can't. If you know of such a person, encourage them to contact the Rita Welsh Adult Skills program.

Adult Skills provides free training in reading, math, GED preparation and special assistance for persons wishing to brush up on long forgotten skills. Students are assigned a volunteer tutor, who works with them on a one-to-one basis.

Registration will be held January 9-12 for the spring session, which begins January 23. It will take place in the basement of Bryan Hall at the College of William and Mary. New students may register anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. If these times aren't convenient you may call 253-4644 to make other arrangements. If you'd like to know more about Adult Skills, call Kelli Mansel Arbuckle at ext. 7116.

Section of Parkway to close

The National Park Service has announced that it will close a section of the Colonial Parkway, from the Rt. 199 exit to Jamestown, beginning January 3. According to Hugh DeSamper, senior director in Media Relations, the closing should have little impact on CW's operations.

Public contact employees should be aware of the project, however, in order to provide information to our visitors and guests. Persons travelling to Jamestown via the Parkway will be detoured on to Route 199 to Jamestown Road, which they will follow to Jamestown. This will result in increased traffic in that area, especially during the peak visitation season from April to October.

The project is scheduled to take at least a year to complete, according to the Park Service.

Food handlers' class

Food handlers in our hotels and restaurants may now take food handlers' classes and receive their food handlers' cards here at CW. Previously, food handlers had to go to the James City County building for the classes, which are required by law.

The classes are held twice every week, on Mondays at the Cascades and on Thursdays at the Lodge. HPI supervisors will receive an AUDIX message on Monday mornings informing them of the specific times for that week.

The class, which is mandatory for all employees who handle food, is an excellent opportunity for new food and beverage employees to obtain their food handlers' cards and for current employees to renew their cards. If you have not taken the class, talk to your supervisor. For more information, call Susan Steinhauer at ext. 7116.

AARFAC exhibit on the move!

"Treasures of American Folk Art from the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Center", AARFAC's travelling exhibit, will open at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City on January 26, 1989. Learn more about this important exhibition which celebrates 50 years of the folk art collection in Williamsburg and the exciting plans underway for a major addition to the AARFAC facility. Join Beatrix Rumford, vice-president, Museums, and Carolyn Weekly, director, DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Gallery, on January 4 at 4 p.m. or January 17 at 5:15 p.m. in the Hennage Auditorium for slide illustrated discussions of these projects.

Spinning classes

Do you have an antique spinning wheel in your home and don't know how to use it? Are you having problems finding that special yarn for your knitting projects? Spin your own! Avoid the winter blahs and ask Santa for spinning lessons!

The Spinning and Weaving Shop at CW will be offering classes this winter.

For beginning spinners, there will be a six-week class on Tuesday nights, January 10 - February 7, 7-9 p.m. A weekend class for beginners will also be held February 17-19, 7-9 on Friday evening and 9-5 on Saturday and Sunday.

Intermediate classes will be offered on Wednesday nights, February 22-March 29 from 7-9 p.m.

Classes will be held in the Deane Servant's Quarters located behind the Harness Shop on Prince George Street. Classes will be limited to six students, all equipment and supplies will be included in the class fee of \$75. To register, send a check payable to Colonial Williamsburg Foundation to Evelyn Black, Margaret Hunter Workshop. Call ext. 7109 for more information.

Those feet were made for walking...

Are you feeling house-bound and suffering a case of cabin fever? The Colonial Walkers have just the cure! Join us for a healthier life! We are planning a special afternoon walk outing for Saturday, March 11, so mark your calendars and we will tell you more later! Employees, retirees, and dependents are encouraged to join this group outing.

Do you need an incentive to walk? How about your very own **sweatshirt** with Colonial Walkers and the logo emblazoned on the back? Employees can earn this sweatshirt by walking for 25 hours between January 1, 1989 and March 3, 1989. We naturally encourage you to walk more! Forms for recording your walking hours are available in Room 132 of the Franklin Street Office Building. You can pick up one between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. After your first 25 hours, you will earn a coupon for

every 30 hours you walk. At the end of the year, the walker with the most coupons will receive a brand new pair of walking shoes!

Start walking now so that you can participate in the group walk on March 11 in your official sweatshirt!

To translate time into distance, consider that an average walker can do a mile in 15 minutes. Health experts recommend that you walk at least an half hour at a time, and that you walk at least three times a week. These recommendations are for beginners. More experienced walkers should increase both their time and distance.

Walking is considered to be the best all around activity which can be practiced throughout one's lifetime. Come, sign up! Join the Colonial Walkers for fun and fitness, not to mention the other benefits (like the sweatshirt)! Call Sue Houser, ext. 7029 if you have questions.

Converse with Jim Miles

What's happening in our hotels and restaurants and what's going to be happening over the next few years? What are the issues facing the hospitality industry locally and abroad, and how will this affect CW? What are the big projects that are in the works?

If you'd like to know the answers to these questions and more, come to the next employee conversations on January 9 and 13. Jim Miles, vice president and general manager of CW's Hotel properties, will discuss these and other topics relating to our hotels and restaurants and answer your questions.

All employees are welcome to attend the sessions. You are not required to stay for the entire session, but may come and go as you wish. The meetings will take place at these times and places:

Monday, January 9, 3-5 p.m., Lodge D & E

Friday, January 13, 1-3 p.m., Cascades Seminar C

This is your chance to learn more about our hotels and restaurants and the contribution they make to CW. Don't miss these informative sessions.

The Foundation library will be closed

**December 24 - December 26
and December 31 - January 2**

The library will resume regular scheduling on Tuesday, January 2, 1989.

Get your car ready for the holidays!

Wiz Auto Wash on Second Street is offering a 10% discount to all employees and dependents during the months of December, January, and February. You must show your valid employee or depen-

dents ID. This offer is not valid with any other discount.

Exercise Incentive Rebate

The Exercise Incentive Rebate is available to any employee who participates in a paid, structured, or organized exercise program. If you exercise for eight hours (minimum) a month you could be entitled to a \$5 rebate per month. This is a total of \$60/year. If one of your New Year's resolutions is to exercise, come by Room 132 and pick up an Exercise Incentive Rebate card.

1988 fourth quarter (October-December) cards are due by Friday, January 13, 1989.

Questions? Concerns? Call Sue Houser, ext. 7029.

It's great to see LESS of them!

Under normal circumstances, a statement like that wouldn't be appreciated but at a Weight Watchers meeting, it's considered a compliment!

The people who come to Weight Watchers have their own reasons for being there. Some come to lose ten or twenty pounds and keep it off; others come because their doctors told them to lose the weight or risk serious health complications later in life.

CW's next eight-week session of Weight Watchers At-work Program starts January 11, 1989. We meet Wednesdays from Noon to 1 p.m. The cost is \$67. Employees, retirees, and their spouses are invited to participate. Employees who attend all eight meetings will be eligible for a 25% rebate on the registration fee. The registration deadline is Wednesday, January 4, 1989. Checks should be made payable to CW. No cash please!

Questions? Concerns? Would love to join? Call Donna Whalen, ext. 7118.

Wanted: Employees interested in becoming members of CW's Recreation Committee

We need volunteers to coordinate the "Battle of the Stars" and the "Annual Softball Invitation Tournament" events.

The Invitational is held in September. CW employee softball teams compete against teams from local businesses.

The Battle of the Stars is held in October. It's a semi-serious athletic event, modeled after the "Battle of the Network Stars", staged to raise money for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

If you're interested, call Sue Houser at ext. 7029 or Carl Lounsbury, ext. 7654.

Ski trip planned for February 23

An all-day ski trip is planned for Thursday, February 23, at Wintergreen! Employees, retirees, spouses, and (if space is available) friends are encouraged to come and have fun--and its good exercise too!

Trip registration deadline is Friday, January 27, 1989 and the cost is \$46.50 (\$39.50 for transportation and ski lift ticket and \$7 for equipment rental). If you have your own equipment, you can use it and save some money.

Checks should be made payable to Colonial Williamsburg.

We leave Williamsburg at approximately 6 a.m. and return around 8 p.m. You will be responsible for your own meals.

If you are interested in joining this trip, please call Sue Houser at ext. 7029 for more information.

Hobby and Craft Show winners announced

Our annual Hobby and Craft Show was held on November 19 and 20 in the Lodge. Over 30 employees exhibited, giving us one of the finest craft shows yet. The following employees received ribbons for their talents:

In Mixed Media, 1st, Bob Groves, paintings; 2nd, Herb Watson, photography; 3rd, Elizabeth Perry Ripley, wood mosaics; honorable mention, Debby Davis and Cecelia Urutia.

In Needlework, 1st, June Tooby; 2nd Elaine Burrell.

In Woodworking, 1st, Robert Shafer; 2nd, Phil Moore; 3rd, Debby Davis.

In Food, 1st, Evelyn Dixon; 2nd Donna Tilghman.

In Crafts, 1st, Laura Viancour and Donna Monroe; 2nd, Iva O'Donnell; 3rd, David and Linda Cooper.

In Ceramics and Pottery, 1st, Edward Hall.

In Apparel and Accessories, 1st, David and Karen Salisbury; 2nd, Diana Freedman; 3rd, Terry Watson; Honorable Mention, Karin Goldstein.

Best-in-show honors were awarded to Leroy Graves.

Sketching classes for beginners and advanced students

Will Gwilliam and Kent Brinkley again will share their expertise and experience with willing sketching students! These classes are open to employees, retirees, and their spouses.

Beginners' classes are scheduled for Wednesday evenings, 5:30 to 7 p.m., for ten weeks beginning January 11, 1989. There is a \$12 fee to cover the materials (sketch pad, pencils, eraser, and eraser shield.) Class size is limited, so only the first 20 people who pay the registration fee can be accepted. Please make checks payable to Colonial Williamsburg.

The beginners' class will focus on technical skills including mental imaging, line perspective, isometric drawing, the use of shades, shadows, textures, and tones and composition.

The registration deadline for the beginners' class is Friday, December 30. Please bring checks to Sue Houser in

Room 132 of the Franklin Street Office Building between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Three weeks of advanced classes will be offered to students who are interested in moving on to pen and colored pencil sketching. These three classes will be offered on Wednesdays beginning March 22, 1989, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. More information about this class will be communicated in February.

If you have any questions about the beginners' or advanced classes, please call Sue at ext. 7029.

Bowling mini-league begins January 17

The first 10-week bowling mini-league of 1989 begins Tuesday, January 17, 1989. The league is open to teams made up of CW employees and spouses (if on the same team as the employee). These are four-person teams with at least one person of the opposite sex.

The cost of the league per night includes: three games at \$1.95, \$1.15 for shoes (if you rent them), \$.65 prize fund, and \$.25 for secretary/treasurer for a total of \$7.90 (\$6.75 without shoe rental).

Anyone interested in forming a bowling team can pick up a registration/roster form from Sue Houser in Room 132 of the Franklin Street Office Building between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Or call Sue at ext. 7029 and have it sent through the interoffice mail. There are always teams looking for bowlers, so if you're not on a team, call Sue. Luther Jenkins, bowling coordinator, will try to place you on a team. Team registration deadline is Friday, December 30, 1988.

All they want for Christmas is inter-office envelopes!

Amanda Drew, of Distribution, asks that all of us who have extra interoffice envelopes to please send any envelopes (bundled, via the interoffice mail, of course) to Amanda Drew, Distribution, Boundary Street. She needs these envelopes to keep our mail moving!

Calling all report binders...

Your going through your files and you come across reports that are bound together with plastic spirals. Don't throw them away! Send the plastic spirals to Valda Anderson in Multilith, Motor House. They can be recycled and used again!

Report ALL wages to the VEC

If you receive unemployment compensation benefits, the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) **requires** that you report **all wages** on a weekly basis.

These wages include cash tips, service charges, banquet income, regular wages, commissions, bonuses, back pay, severance pay and any other payments made by an employer. When your initial

claim is filed with the VEC, they will explain how to report these wages.

If you need more information, contact Iris Diggs, ext. 7047 or Ed Joyner at ext. 7043.

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