

GOOD LIFE GROUP HISTORY

Monthly meeting: initially started with teaching the Charting the Life Course philosophy and utilization of the tools.

It slowly evolved as members became more confident in their voice to civic group involved in advocacy and community engagement

January 17, 2017: START DATE

November 2017: first volunteer outreach with making dog and cat toys for C.A.R.E. Animal Shelter

December 2017: Pizza party and AF Holiday Door Judging party. Then group went to Maranatha Village and the group sang Christmas Carols and played the piano for after dinner entertainment for the residents.

February 2018: Sertoma Chili Cook off. Received Rookie award, 1st place in Community Category, 3rd place Overall Grand Champion

March 2018: wrote letters to our legislators

June 2018: Group volunteer at AF Ride On with cheering the riders and helping with serving lunch

October 2018: 1st annual Community Mixer with over 100 attendees

December 2018: Holiday pizza party and AF Door judging, Movie at the Alamo

February 2019: Sertoma Chili Cook off for the second year

March 2019: Group took a trip to Capital in Jeff City to meet with Legislators

April 2019: 2nd Annual Community Mixer – awarded Alamo Drafthouse the first Community Inclusion Partner award (80 attendees even during a tornado warning)

June 2019: Volunteered at Ride on and provided cheering section for the riders

August 2019: Volunteered for Springfield Public School by helping complete informational packets for students and parents involved with special education

September 2019: Rock the Vote – had Greene County Clerk come in and provide history and importance of voting and demonstrated the accessible voting machine

December 2019: Holiday party

February 2020: Sertoma Chili Cook off

March 2020: Took a group to the capital for Disability Advocacy Day and spoke with legislator. Provided one page postcards to Legislatures and information packets.

April 2020: Meeting's went virtual on Zoom. Introduction of Everyone (ask Bobbi & Kristi 1 question), Icebreaker game, Update on SAAM, (Sexual Assault Awareness Month) and Sertoma thanks & marketing for future. Patty Goss was a guest speaker with People

First, gave the group RVRC (Real Voices, Real Choices) Updates, brainstormed Ideas for a sign for the group and played the game " 2 Truths & A Lie. "

May 2020: Zoom meeting. Went over sign ideas with Richard White, with AIA, Yolanda a member, shared Caramel Corn Recipe, discussed that the Community Mixer was cancelled due to Co-Vid, discussed August Disability Employment Month Poster Contest. Introduced Crip Camp movie Online, Ride-on canceled, and discuss how to stay healthy physically and mentally.

June 2020: GLG Banner Overview with Richard, requested pics from members "living their good life", Go over officers; duties & expectations, and autobiographies.

July 2020: Officers autobiographies and pics for CONNECTING, pic's from members "living their good life" & place within domains, and mental health check in. Ended with playing the game hangman on taking care of your mental health.

August 2020: Rock the Vote! Guest speakers: Shane Schoeller (City Clerk) on "Overview of Voting. Shelby Butler (Community Outreach Coordinator) & Leah Shelton (Assistant Program Director) on "Civic Engagement & Advocacy and How a Bill Becomes a Law, and The League of Women Voters, Marjorie Bramer (Co-President) on the History of the League", Joan Gentry (The Chair of Voter Services) on "Overview of Services that the League Provides".

September 2020: Hispanic Heritage Month – Sept. 15th-Oct. 15th). 1st Guest from Ecuador, Sebastián Espin – Spoke on: Country (Size, Population, etc), His Cultural (Lifestyle, Family, Work, etc), Politics, Healthcare, Transportation, and his Accomplishments (School, Degree, Work)

2nd Guest, Yolanda Lorge from Grupo Latina Americano (A Service Organization). Spoke on: Hispanic Heritage.

October 2020: Virtual Halloween Costume Contest and Scavenger Hunt. Vice President, Jessica McDonough created the Scavenger Hunt List of items and our Leadership Team (Jan Kraft, Jennifer Larson & Julie Jones) judged our costume contest. October was the month that the invitation for zoom was approved for Arc ISI's to be downloaded on the tablets in the home so more members would have access.

November 2020: