



International Alliance of Guardian Angels Richmond, VA Chapter

COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS

Guardian Angels clean up Henrico cemetery

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HENRICO, VA (WWBT) – The Woodland Cemetery is a much cleaner place tonight, thanks to the Richmond Chapter of the Guardian Angels.

The Cemetery has suffered years of neglect and is overgrown, but today volunteers paid some much needed attention to the historic cemetery, picking up garbage and getting the site ready for visitors.

The Guardian Angels say they'll be coming out every month to keep the cemetery clean.

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Ok, so we are now well into 2012 and things are going very well. We've seen a very nice reduction in major crimes in this area. With the hot weather hitting us now, we'll have to continue working closely with the Richmond Police Department to keep these numbers down. We'd like to give a special thank you to Major Steve Drew and Lt. Greer Gould for all their support and assistance.



UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY DAY

April 21, 2012

We are Highland Park. A community of all ages whose greatness has yet to be fully realized.



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POETRY BY
JUNIOR GUARDIAN ANGELS
Zaid Rahman

TEENAGE MIND

So many thoughts running
 through my head, it hurts so
 much to think

I sit down and hope I find this
 one person I always knew I'd
 meet

So I think and I wonder but
 then again the confusion is oh
 so hard on all my emotions

Thinking about how hard it
 would be, does she love me,
 will she always be there for me
 like I want to be there for her

This is too crazy but then
 again, it's right

I hope that one day my mind
 can make up itself but until
 then my body will stay in this
 world doing so wrong and
 wishing to do something so
 right

THE HEART

The heart is weak to love and
 strong to hate

My heart is now dead to love
 filled with hate and rage

But there still might be some
 light left down there for
 someone and something

The heart is weak to love and
 strong to hate

TRAINING

Giving more thanks to Anthony McLean and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for our CERT Training. Several of our Richmond Guardian Angels members received training last year. We now have four more GA's who are part of the Richmond CERT Team.



Martial Arts and Raven Tactical Training continue for all patrol team members. We continue to train on Wednesday evenings at the First Baptist Church Gym on Monument & Boulevard or at Kevin's Dojo on Paterson Avenue on Tuesdays and Saturdays

NEW GUARDIAN ANGELS

We want to welcome the following new members to our family

Saevon Hudson
 Corey Entzminger
 William Bey
 Michael Waddy

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



We now have 196 members in the Highland Park Neighborhood Watch.

Our Highland Park NW meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in combination with Councilwomen Ellen Robertson's Community meetings.

"The law of a few – 20% of the people do 80%

of the work." We need 20% of Highland Parkers to come together and stand up for a better community. With 20% of us working together we can accomplish all the goals we talk about in our community meetings – from reducing crime to building more respectful youth.

UPCOMING EVENT

Richmond Guardian Angels Sponsors the
First Annual Breast Cancer Walk for Early Detection



The "Time to Live" Breast Cancer Awareness Walk is not a fundraiser, this is a door-to-door, face-to-face walk – the personal touch. During the Walk we will:

Distribute breast health information

Stress the importance of early detection

Make those without health insurance aware of health care resourced to them

We are working with several prominent agencies to bring this walk to Richmond including VCU/Massey Cancer Center, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, Cross Over Ministry, Virginia Department of Health, Fan Free Clinic, Bon Secours and Capital Area Health Network.

We are also working with the following churches: 21st Street Baptist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Fresh Anointing Cathedral, Morning Star Baptist Church, Richmond's First Baptist Church and Second Baptist Church.

Please join the walk, please visit www.komencentralva.org/timetolivewalk
or call Jo White at (804) 937-6836

JUNIOR GUARDIAN ANGELS



The future of our communities is truly built upon the training, guidance, and security of our youth. Neglected, abused, bullied, or corrupted, our youth only turn to violence and brutality to solve their problems. There is no question that the structure of our economy and society has provided youth with less stability and fewer role models, guides, parenting, and adult supervision. The Guardian Angels youth program helps to provide the needed structure, guidance, training and other prevalent skills to succeed in today's society.

Along with neighborhood clean ups, our Junior Guardian Angels participated in Self-defense classes, youth adopt-a-street program and junior debates



JUNIOR DEBATES

Most of our Juniors participate in our Junior debate sessions which are held weekly on Thursday evening. We are looking forward to part 2 of "The New Jim Crow VS The New Black Identity" debate. Part 1 of this debate was held on December 9th. Part 2 will be held at the Richmond City Jail and will be moderated by Sheriff C. T. Woody. You don't want to miss this so give us a call.



Richmond, Virginia Chapter
Members

Commander
Jo White

Assistant Commander
Thomas Cox

Patrol Sergeants
Tom Kirkland
Kevin Cain
Jason Pheifer

Sargent of Arms
Ali Abri
Lukas Settle

Self Defense Specialists and
Tactics Coordinators
Tom Kirkland
Kevin Cain

Director of Communications
Henry Gonzalez

Other Patrol Team Members
Lorraine Wells
Ishmal Saleem
Samuel Huang
Zaid Rahman
William Bey
Saevon Hudson

Barton Heights Captain
Karen Link

Other Guardian Angels
Members outside of Patrol
Casey Landes
Anita Douglas
Michael Waddy
Corey Entzminger

DARE TO CARE

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Happenings



Personality: Jo E. White

Spotlight on founder of the Richmond Guardian Angels

Jo E. (for Eloise) White believes in being a proactive citizen.

"If people don't show an interest in their own community, then it will be difficult for others to care," she says.

That's why the soft-spoken, 51-year-old is the founder and commander of the Richmond Guardian Angels, an offshoot of the famed New York anti-crime organization.

By wearing the trademark uniform of a red beret, red jacket and white shirt, she says the Richmond Guardian Angels are showing a willingness "to stand up and help where needed," instead of sitting on the sidelines as others do.

"We are not the police," the bespectacled Mrs. White says firmly, clearly defining the role of the local Angels.

"We are in close contact with the police, but we are not the police. I don't want us to be viewed as police or vigilantes."

Instead, she wants her group to be seen as citizens willing to go into the community to keep an eye on what is going on and inform police about conditions to help officers do a better job of protecting residents.

That's a principal reason she leads the Richmond members on walking patrols in uniform for two to three hours on Friday and Saturday nights, primarily in Highland Park on North Side.

"Police can't be all places at all times, and neither can we. But a few extra sets of eyes and ears certainly helps," says Mrs. White, the wife of a Richmond native and Army veteran.

She also wants this group to be known for its community service. So under her leadership, the Guardian Angels also take part in an array of other activities — ranging from a cemetery cleanup to supporting health initiatives, youth programs and job initiatives.

Mrs. White takes on her duties despite a busy schedule as the full-time partner in a Richmond construction business.

She got involved with the Angels three years ago when she teamed with another resident, Thomas Cox, to start a Neighborhood Watch for the Highland Park area.

Mrs. White was ready to do more after gunshots in a Highland Park neighborhood park raised concern.

At the request of the area's City Council representative, Ellen F. Robertson, 6th District, she and Mr. Cox began talking with police about organizing a citizen patrol group.

Mrs. White says that being from New Jersey and familiar with the Guardian Angels' work, she contacted the Angels' national office and sought permission to start a chapter in Richmond. It was granted, and she launched the program in June 2010.

She says that the New York headquarters has been very supportive, including supplying the trademark berets, jackets and shirts for Richmond members without charge.

The community response also has been "very positive," she says. "The only people that seem to be against us are the people who are not doing the right things anyway."

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



Our Baltimore Chapter, headed by Commander Marcus “Strider” Dent, is the supporting Chapter for Richmond. We share several activities including training, patrols, quarterly meetings, oh, and yea...fun.

THE PROTECTOR *FEBRUARY 14, 2012*



Alliance of Guardian Angels

Some of our Chapter include:

New York City, NY
Atlantic City, NJ
Baltimore, MD
Chattanooga, TN
Chicago, IL
Cleveland, OH
Dallas, TX
Detroit, MI
El Paso, TX
Hartford, Conn
Honolulu, HI
Houston, TX
Indianapolis, IN
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Las Vega, NV
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Madison, WI
Miami, Dade Co. FL
Minneapolis, MN
MS Gulf Coast
Nashville, TN
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York, PA
Africa
Australia
Canada
Europe
Japan
Italy
Israel
Korea
Mexico
New Zealand
Philippines
South America

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

June 2, 2012, Breast Cancer Walk

May 2012, Debate Part 2 “The New Jim Crow” VS. The New Black Identity”

September 2012, Long Walk To Freedom

Every Wednesday, Training 7:30 Karate or Jujitsu, 1st Baptist Church Gym or Kevin’s Dojo on Paterson Avenue.

Every Thursday, Youth Debate, 3007 Meadowbridge Avenue.

“DARE TO CARE”

Our Mission: Providing peaceful solutions to safeguard neighborhoods, schools and cyberspace from bullying, gangs, and violence. Empowering individuals, especially at-risk youth, to prioritize academic achievement and become role models for their peers.

The Alliance of Guardian Angels is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1979 in New York City, New York. Our mission is to provide positive role models for today's youth and work toward promoting community safety and betterment for the good of society overall.



Guardian Angels.....Taking Back Our Streets.

From Chapter Commander Jo White
and the Richmond Guardian Angels Family

Have a blessed spring!!!

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