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HOLIDAYS AT THE ACADEMY

by Naomi Treece

I am so glad to be a member of the Academy at Glengary. I recently spent December 25 and January 1 with members and staff. This really helped me enjoy the holidays as it gave me something fun to do with



Naomi Treece

great people on the holidays. I only have one close relative in Sarasota, and she isn't comfortable enough at present due to the pandemic to socialize. If the Academy hadn't been open on the actual holidays, I most likely would have been home alone and miserable. On December 25, the Academy served a wonderful holiday meal including ham, turkey and all the fixings. They offered this mid-day as was the tradition in my family. I stayed to help clean up and enjoyed the day enormously. On New Year's Day, the Academy offered a brunch with a fun game of Holiday Jeopardy. The holidays themselves are difficult for me since I lost my daughter a few years ago. I always think I would be spending this holiday time with her and miss her so very much. The Academy gave me the opportunity to enjoy good food with good people on those days which would have been very difficult for me.

WELCOME Swathi Kona

I was born in Ohio but I've lived in Florida for most of my life. I live with my parents and my older brother, my dog Pluto, and my kitty named Millie. I also have an older sister who is away at college.



Swathi Kona

My mom found the Academy at a time when I wasn't doing so great. At first, I wasn't so sure about it. But I've gotten used to it. It's cool that there are people here that are all different ages and from different backgrounds.

When I'm at the Academy, I stay busy. I like to work in the graphic design team. I also cover the front desk in the morning. I usually get here early, right when the Academy opens. I'm excited to be volunteering at the Academy and learning new skills that I can put on a resume. I'd like to work with animals someday. I'm learning how to drive which I'm also excited about because I will have more independence.

THE 2021 NUMBERS ARE IN

35 New Members

Members 37
Employed 37

395 Visitors Toured

3,224

\$260,119

Collective Member Earnings

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GETTING TO KNOW GETTEL

Some might remember back in the spring when Mr. Jim Gettel, President of Gettel Automotive, Inc. visited. He was particularly inspired by our employment programs and wanted to know how Gettel might join the ranks of our employment partners. This week moved us closer to potentially seeing this realized.

Fixed Operations Manager Fred Bartholomew visited with four of his managers from three of their dealerships. They toured the Academy, observing our bustling workday, and then they sat down to discuss their business needs and how the Academy might meet those needs. It turns out, they have several positions that might make the perfect Transitional Employment site for us.

Our approach to a new employment partner is always slow and steady. Next, we will visit the dealerships and observe the prospective jobs. We want to see the physical environment and meet the managers who will provide direct supervision. Many details go into ensuring that transitional jobs meet both the needs of our members and the needs of the employer. So, while this exciting prospect isn't going to happen overnight, we can feel confident that when and if it does, it will be mutually beneficial for both Gettel Automotive and the Academy. Our hope is that, together, we can be a *vehicle* of change.



(left to right) Diane Beimann, Fred Bartholomew, Lou DeLong, Charley Rahe, Wendy Hernandez and Academy member Aaron Collmer.

JUST A FEW OF OUR SUCCESSES IN 2021

- Gecko's Hospitality Group is our newest employment partner
- Implemented Fine Dining Day
- Added a daily continental breakfast
- Introduced Flourish database to collect statistics
- Began the Art of Recovery publication (out this spring)
- Successful livestream "Live from the Academy" telethon
- Produced powerful "10 Days of Gratitude" video series
- Increased garden size by adding more planter boxes

All events take place on-site at the Academy and through the Zoom app. Watch Slack for Meeting ID and Password.

NOTE: Morning meetings begin at 8:45 a.m. on Mondays - Thursdays.

↑ Monday, January 10

Typing with Rima - 8 a.m. Morning Meeting - 8:45 a.m.
Individual Team Meetings - 9
Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Individual Team Meetings - 9:15 a.m. Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Meeting - 1:15 p.m. Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m. Graphic Design/Multimedia Workshop - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, January 11

Morning Meeting - 8:45 a.m. Individual Team Meetings - 9:15 a.m. Academy Meeting - 1:30 p.m.

Mednesday, January 12
Morning Meeting - 8:45 a.m.
Individual Team Meetings - 9:15 a.m.
Newsroom Meeting - 11:45 a.m.
Menu Planning Meeting - 11:45 a.m.
Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Meeting - 1:15 p.m.
Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:20 p.m. Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m. Multimedia Project Planning - 2 p.m. Wellness Wednesday Workshop - 3 p.m.

Thursday, January 13

Morning Meeting - 8:45 a.m. Individual Team Meetings - 9:15 a.m. Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Meeting - 1:15 p.m. Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m.

Friday, January 14

Morning Meeting - 9 a.m. Individual Team Meetings - 9:30 a.m.

Writer's Workshop - 11 a.m.

Graphic Des/Multimedia Team Meeting - 1:15 p.m. Bus & Tech/Culinary Team Meetings - 1:30 p.m. Spanish Workshop - 3 p.m.

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