

Love Notes

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TCC To The *RESCU*!!!!

Well, it FINALLY happened, Folks... The men WON our Battle of the Sexes game at our September RESCU Group Class! Perhaps it had something to do with having two NEW men on their team. First-timers, Andrew Stith and Juan Green were supporters for the men of RESCU. Meanwhile, their significant others, Tanisha White, who will become Tanisha Stith on the 27th of next month, and Marnitta Green who will celebrate 12 years of marriage, also next month, were great supporters with the ladies.

Every second Sunday evening at 6:30PM The Couples Club meets for RESCU Group. RESCU is Relationship Enhancement Support Class for YOU!!! Married, Engaged, and Dating couples from The Couples Club and other couples that they may invite gather together on a monthly basis in support of one another to learn and discuss better ways to communicate as couples.

Every month, RESCU opens the evening with a home-cook meal prepared by Myra Jemison or Fannie Terrell, who are both magnificent cooks!!!

After we eat, there is always a "Battle of the Sexes" friendly Game Challenge! This can get VERY competitive to see which sex gets to hold the trophy and take pictures at the end of the night

And have Bragging Rights for the rest of the month!!!

Gentlemen, hate to say it, but the ladies are pretty much the City Champs for MOST of 2018!!!

Disclaimer:

If there was something newsworthy omitted in this issue, please DO NOT charge it to the heart of the current temporary acting Love Notes Editor. Please forward any submissions, corrections, suggestions, or missing information to marvelousfaith@gmail.com to be included in a future issue of Love Notes. Most such things are just unintentional oversights.



Finally, we end the evening with a discussion led by a

couple or a guest speaker. We have had some GREAT topics over the past year including Finances, Communication, Intimacy, and so much more with so much more to come!!!

Every month we also offer a 50/50 Raffle! Buy raffle tickets for just \$1 each or 6 for just \$5! You just never know when you might be the WINNER!!!

Need childcare? No worries! TCC has teens available to provide FREE childcare during RESCU!!! We just ask that you RSVP to 216-309-1636 especially if you need childcare.

RESCU currently meets EVERY 2nd Sunday from 6:30-8:30pm in the Lower Level of Simpson Metro-West United Methodist Church, 8519 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, 44102.

Next RESCU will meet:

Sunday, November 11, 2018

6:30PM

8519 Clark Avenue

Cleveland 44102

(Lower Level)

Presenters: Ephraim and Anju Abdullah

Topic: "Marriage is BUSINESS"

So come on out and have a great home-cooked meal, play a FUN game with other couples, and learn something new...no matter what, just COME!...and feel free to BRING ANOTHER COUPLE!!!

Cost is *JUST \$15 PER COUPLE!!!*

Save the Date!!!

The Couples Club's Annual
2nd Tyme Around Prom
Saturday,
April 27, 2019

Place to be announced

Dinner, Dancing,

Contests, Prizes,

Prom Court, Prom Pictures,

DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!!!!

TCC LINE DANCE!!!

Saturday, November 3, 2018

6-9PM

Tickets Available for a

\$7 Donation

Get YOURS TODAY!!!

3hours of Line Dancing,

Refreshments, and FUN!!!

25 Severance Circle

Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

Happy Anniversary!!!!

September

Mario and Sheryl Wicks

October

Marvin Smith & Faith Lloyd-Smith, 15

Jerome & Juanita Black, 17

Juan & Marnitta Green

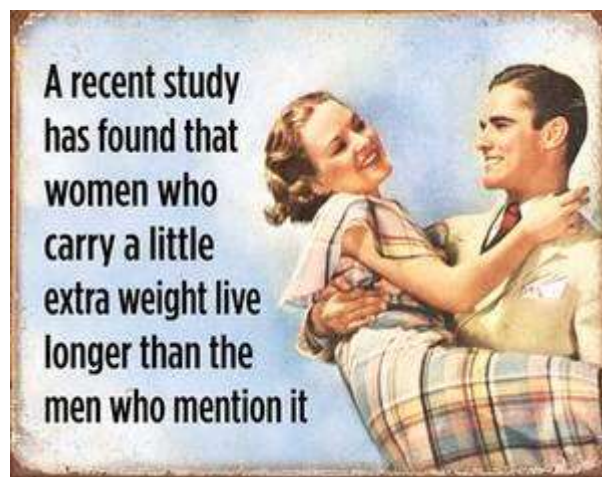
Glenn & Threatha Rutland, 24

John & Doris Cannon, 26

Phillip & Tina Jackson, 27

BEST WISHES to new
TCC members, Andrew Stith and
fiancée, Tanisha White on their
upcoming October 27th, 2018
NUPTIALS!!!!

Relationship Humor



Describe Me Dear!

Wife: "How would you describe me?"

Husband: "ABCDEFGH IJK."

Wife: "What does that mean?"

Husband: "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and hot."

Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about IJK?"

Husband: "I'm just kidding!"

Diamonds

By ChrisP

in [Relationship Jokes](#)

Girlfriend just told me she doesn't care what she gets for Christmas as long as it has diamonds in it.

A pack of playing cards it is then.

Last Word

When me and my wife have arguments I always have the last word. Usually those words are 'Sorry, you're right'.

Credit Card

My credit card was stolen yesterday but not sure if I should report it. The thief is spending a lot less than my wife normally does.

Shopping

By Ted44

When shopping I always hold hands with my girlfriend. People think it's for romantic reasons but it's actually for economic reasons.



Prayer Changes Things

In past issues of Love Notes, this was a common article, "Prayer Changes Things". We just want to remind all couples to pray for one another. Pray for all of the couples on our mailing list. Those that you meet at events and outings, pray for them by name. We don't have to know specifically what is going on in their lives but just know that the enemy seeks to steal, kill, and destroy our relationships so we all need prayer and support. Remember to keep all of the couples associated with The Couple's Club in your prayer list. Pray for their relationships, their families, and that God's will be done in their lives. If you would like your special prayer requests listed in this newsletter, please submit them to marvelousfaith@gmail.com before the 20th of each month. Our club's theme scripture is Galatians 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of the Lord." We are our brothers and sisters keepers!

Check us out on the WEB!!!

If you are not a member of the TCC Facebook Page, be sure to go to the page and request to join! All of our events are updated on that page as well as great tips and discussion happens on there! JOIN US .on the "Book"!!!

Spotlight On A Couple.....

Meet the Starks!



Couples Clubbers, meet **Billy and Monica Starks!**

Together, this couple boasts a total of 10 children, 15 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren!!! Still at home with them, are their two teen daughters, Faith and Joy who served as childcare providers for RESCU this year.

While Billy is currently a retired veteran, Monica was recently blessed with a promotion at Cuyahoga Community College, where she is now a full-time Sociology Professor, a position that she thoroughly enjoys. In her spare time, when not working, being wife and mom, or planning events for the Monica A. Starks Foundation, Monica also finds time to update The Couples Club's Facebook Page.

The Starks attend Holy Spirit Catholic Church, where Father David serves as their Priest.

Since the Starks joined The Couples Club last year, they have hit the ground running! Together they serve on the TCC Planning Committee working diligently. They have hosted a Committee Meeting at their home, have agreed to chair the TCC Retreat Committee, and already have great plans in store for this October 2019 event!

The next time you attend an event with The Couples Club, look for Billy and Monica, strike up a conversation with them...you will be GLAD that you did!

Marriage Mentors

If you are having some problems in your relationship and just need someone to pray with you, meet with you and your spouse, talk with you on the phone, or perhaps double date with some time, consider a Marriage Mentor. Are you a dating or engaged couple that is interested in the above services? You too, may benefit from a Marriage Mentor. Contact us at 216-309-1636 if you feel the need for a Marriage Mentor.

“Be a Blessing” Scholarship Fund

We are looking for couples or individuals who are able to be a blessing to other couples. If you are able to provide a scholarship to an event for a couple that maybe has young children, a young couple just starting out, an older couple on limited resources, PLEASE, contact us and be a blessing to another couple! Scholarships could be used for TCC Annual Events like the Prom or the Retreat or even just for Date Nights. Pray about it and please help if you can. We will list “funders” in each month’s newsletter if it is okay with that “funder”. Thank you in advance.

MSG-is Men’s Study Group

Men of The Couples Club and 3MB-Men Mentoring Men and Boys ages 18 years old and older meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at 6:30PM to read and discuss the book, “The Prayer of Jabez”. Call 216-322-1059 for more information and to RSVP. Light meal provided.

Men’s Night Out

For the past couple of years the men of 3MB and The Couples Club have gathered on the 3rd Saturday evening of every month to just hang out. The men have gone out to eat at Famous Dave’s, gone Bowling, and sometimes to shoot pool. Call 216-322-1059 to find out about next month’s event, to RSVP, or to share idea suggestions. We are also seeking a **COORDINATOR** for this outreach who would choose our monthly activity and be the contact person. Call 322-1059 if interested!

Ladies, don’t feel left out!

Min. Lesa Hamlett of Greater New Zion Baptist Church offers an awesome Women’s Bible Study on the 4th Saturday of every month from 2-4pm. Refreshments and great fellowship provided free of charge! Call or text 216-309-1636 for more information.

VIC TCC Members are Very *Invested* Couples!!!

Throughout 2015, The Couples Club learned the importance of INVESTING in your marriage and relationships. We learned that relationships require intentional efforts made by both parties.

This year, we would like to offer EVERY member of The Couples Club to become a V.I.C. member! There is currently no cost to join TCC or to be a member....but to become a V.I.C, Member, couples can **INVEST** just \$10 each month at RESCU Group! Investing in your relationship through The Couples Club has some fringe benefits to it!!! V.I.C. members have discounted rates to TCC events, will receive a set of “Classic” TCC t-shirts after their third month as V.I.C. members, and other special benefits as well!

Speak to any one of The Couples Club’s Committee members to find out how you too can boost your TCC status to V.I.C!!!

2018 Sponsors and Supporters

The bible tells us in the book of James that we “have not because we ask not”. Marvelous Faith Ministries as a whole has embraced this concept and has been blessed in many ways by the time, gifts, and talents of so many over this past year and the by following supporters in 2018:

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VIC TCC Members

Marvin Smith & Faith Lloyd-Smith, John & Doris Cannon, Larry & Myra Jemison, Ceylon & Folami Triplett, David & Fannie Terrell, Mike & Katherine Colvin, Billy & Monica Starks, Larry Davis & Lisa Terrell

MFM Board of Trustees:

Ephraim Abdullah, Howard Tony Strowder, Faith Lloyd-Smith, Marvin Smith, David Terrell, Fannie Terrell, Jonetta Scott, Andrew Stith, Peniel Adams, (Todd Kennedy, pending)

Let's "HIT THE ROAD, JACK!!!"

TCC has connection with lots of Lorain County couples who do not get to participate in RESCU as much as they would probably like to. There is an old saying, "If Muhammad can't come to the mountain, let the mountain come to Muhammed!" **RESCU, March, 2019** will be held in **Oberlin, Ohio!** Get ready for a GREAT RESCU in March!!!

Start putting your nickels away! TCC is looking forward to the TCC RESCU Cruise in October, 2020!!! Start saving NOW, details later!!!

Another Save the Date!

TCC's Valentine's Family Bowling Party will be held at the Maple Heights Lanes on **Sunday, February 17, 2019!** Tickets are just \$12 and will include 3 hours of bowling, shoes, food, beverages, and will be available in November!

"Men Mentoring Men and Boys"

Men Mentoring Men and Boys affectionately known as "3MB" is an organization which provides male youth and Men with a sense of brotherhood in the efforts to prevent them from spiraling to negative activities such as gang involvement, alcohol, drugs, premarital sex, and various peer pressures by exposing them to a higher power and with weekly discussion groups, bible study, community service, and recreational activities.. Mentors and members desire to make a difference in each member's life by assisting each other in managing problems and reinforcing positive values, giving them the opportunity to adopt those positive values and apply them to their lives so that they can become productive males in the community.

3MB Kickback, Fridays 6:30-9pm,
8519 Clark Avenue, Cleveland 44102

Men's Study Group, 2nd & 4th Thursday 7-9pm
at The MoMu House, 1882 Beersford Road, East
Cleveland, Ohio 44112

Men's Night Out, 3rd Saturday of every month, 7pm



The **3MB MoMu Project** is currently accepting applications for new program participants.

MoMu is Moving On & Moving UP:

- Residential Project
- Targeting young men ages 18-30 years of age
- Home Renovation Project
- Provides Weekly Independent Living Skills Sessions
- Provides Weekly Faith-Based Study Sessions
- Weekly Recreation Activities
- Weekly 3MB Kickback Facilitation for Youth
- Monthly Men's Night Out
- Community Service Projects 1-4 times monthly
- College Tours and Exposure to Trades and Higher Learning Institutions and Opportunities
- Provides Job Readiness Skills Sessions
- Assists with securing and maintaining Employment
- Annual Wilderness Camping Experience

MoMu Project Participants receive all of the above, bed, meals, cable TV, and FREE WiFi services.

For more information or to schedule an interview, call:

216-309-1636



Cleaning out your home?
Getting rid of old "clutter"?

3MB can **HELP!!!**

3MB will come pick up your bagged clothing, blankets, towels, linens, shoes, purses, books, games, toys, household items, dishes, and even small appliances, all at NO COST TO YOU!!!

Give 3MB a call at **216-309-1636**
to schedule your pickup!!!



PS: Don't forget to TELL A FRIEND!!!

3MB Kickback



Some of the men and boys of 3MB

Every Friday evening at 6:30pm, men and boys of all ages meet at Simpson Metro-West Church, 8519 Clark Avenue, Cleveland 44102 for “3MB Kickback”. The evening opens with 20 minutes of physical fitness, 10 minutes of leisure reading, followed by a family style dinner time, followed by 45 minutes of table games like Uno, Connect Four, Checkers, Chess, Go Fish, Dominoes, and so many more! Winners of these games and some other participants receive 3MB Mega Bucks that they can use to purchase items from the 3MB Store. The night ends with the 3MB Man UP Discussion Lesson.

Have a young man in your life that needs positive male role models? Feel free to call 216-309-1636 to schedule an interview and orientation.

Likewise, are YOU a positive male role model or know someone who has the potential to be one? You should give us a call as well! We would love to share ways that you may be an asset in the life of a boy, young men, or even your own peers! Give us a call at 216-309-1636.

Vision: Empowering male youth to become positive productive adults while inspiring men to become effective leaders in the community, to assist in filling the gap of the absentee fathers by providing optimistic male role models.

Mission Statement: To teach and educate male youth and men to make wise decisions and good choices by providing them with mentors, leaders, training, and support through hands-on learning experiences, spiritual education, group discussion, life skills training, social skills, and recreational activities.

Relationship Tips....

In The Couples Club it is our motto to “Keep the Fire Burning” and “Re-Kindle the Old Flame”! Sometimes we may need a few suggestions or “Tips” on unique ways to do just that! Here are a few that we would like to offer you in this issue of “Love Notes”:

- 1. Bake each other a cake...*
- 2. Book a romantic weekend getaway....*
- 3. Have a single rose delivered to your mate’s place of employment...*
- 4. Take a road trip...*
- 5. Rent a bicycle built for two....*
- 6. Walk barefoot in the grass together....*
- 7. Dress alike and go out for a walk....*
- 8. Wash the car together and get each other wet on a HOT day....*
- 9. Have a picnic lunch in the park and “people watch” together...*
- 10. Take a one day class together!.....*
- 11. Workout together....*
- 12. And most importantly...PRAY TOGETHER!!! Nothing is more intriguing and even sexy than a man praying for his wife/significant other!*

These are just a few things to “keep that fire” burning in our relationships. Try them and feel free to send us a few of your own to marvelousfaith@gmail.com, for us to print in next month’s issue of Love Notes!

Remember, “the same thing it takes to get her/him, is the same thing it takes to keep them.”

The Couple’s Club

Mission Statement

As Christian couples, we seek to unite and fellowship on a monthly basis in support of one another. We desire to have good, clean and wholesome fun in the name of Jesus. We seek to witness to unbelievers in a non-threatening, non-judgmental way, leading by example. We are non-denominational. All are welcome regardless of age, race, religion, nationality, color, or creed. Our key goal is to nurture our relationships and “Re-Kindle the Flame”.

Our Motto is: Just COME and BRING another couple!

Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

(Galatians 6:2, KJV)