

Welcome to the 11th annual WCC end of season celebration. I'm Paula Head, chairperson of the WCC. Tonight we'll give out a record number of awards for overall and age group performances and to over 100 people who completed all eight races of the series, also a record number. While we're here tonight to recognize accomplishments from 2013 I also want to mention that the schedule for 2014 is set. You might have found the schedule cards on your tables, if not we encourage you to take one on your way out. We're once again offering the Carpe Viam special which allows you to enter all eight series races at once, at a discounted rate. This year this Carpe Viam is available for \$130, a savings of \$30 over the course of the year on pre-registration rates. You may have found forms for the Carpe Viam program on your tables, or you can go to the WCC website, wccchallenge.org. The deadline to take advantage of this offer is Friday, May 12. Also, be sure to check out the website for information on how to be a Wayne County Challenge series sponsor in 2014. We have developed sponsorship levels to give local businesses a chance to be a part of the Challenge. Be sure to act quickly though, because there is a limited amount of series sponsorship spots available.

2013 was another excellent year for the WCC. We had record turnouts at some of our races, an individual finisher record set and for the second year in a row we had almost 3,000 runners and walkers complete races. Due to the increase in the number of younger runners we added a new 9 and under age group so we'll be crowning champions in that group for the very first time.

In 2013 three races set attendance records for their events; leading them all was the Fireworks 5K, which had a WCC all time record of 555 finishers. To put this number in perspective this is roughly half the number of finishers for the entire series each of the first four years of the WCC, two of which had 9 races. Congratulations to race director Dave Snow on this achievement. Additionally, this year we had more people complete **all 8 races**, 112, than some races as recently as 2008 had total finishers.

While we're here to honor the accomplishments of some talented athletes I would also like to take a moment to recognize the impact these record numbers have on our community. The WCC is a collection of events put on by nonprofit organizations that benefit from the funds raised at each race. These organizations use these funds to provide valuable services and resources to our communities. So our increased turnouts at races are a win-win as more and more people strive to improve their overall health while also giving back to their community. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the race directors of each event and the organizations they represent:

Brian Schleeper – Girls Inc 5K – Girls Incorporated

Dave Snow – Fireworks 5K – Richmond American Legion Post 65

Brian Schleeper – Run with the Wolves 5K – IU-East Athletics /Alumni Association scholarship program

Paula Head & Amanda Nocton – Heartbreak Hill 5K – Hagerstown HS Cross Country Program/Athletic Hall of Fame

Ashley Mays – Flying Eagles 5K – Western Wayne Elementary PTO

Keith Morey – Fall Foliage 5K/10K – Cope Environmental Center

Ashley Stephens-Turkey Chase 7K-Community Action of East Central Indiana

Marshall Ma & Alisha Estabrook-Frostbite 5K – City of Richmond Parks & Recreation

Other WCC Committee Members

Rod Waltz - At Large Representative

Pat Bowers – WCC Treasurer

Thank you for all your hard work and making these events a success each year.

This year due to the high demand of my job, I am stepping down as chair of the WCC. I am leaving you in very good hands. Rod Waltz and Ashley Stephens will be your new co-chairs for 2014.

I would also like to give special recognition to someone that has played a large role in the success of the Wayne County Challenge. In the very early days of the challenge we had to record results manually. I remember using note cards and baskets to collect results at the Jubilee Days 5k. As the races grew, the manual methods we had didn't allow us to have results posted in a timely manner. Thanks to Bob Covington, we were able to take a step in the right direction. He developed a system that allowed us to turn around race results much quicker and much more accurately. He personally dedicated many hours to all of our events and producing accurate results for each race. In 2012, his system allowed us to easily transition into our new timing system. Bob, if you could come up to the stage, we would like to show you our appreciation by presenting you with this plaque. Thank you for everything you contributed to this organization. Let's give a hand for Bob Covington.

Now let's move to the awards

Before we get started, I would like to note, we are going to do pictures a little differently this year. If you would like to have your picture taken with you award, Amanda Nocton will be taking photos in the banquet room after the ceremony. Be sure to stop and strike a pose for her before heading out with your awards.

We'll start with the overall awards first. The awards for the Top-3-Overall Male & Female include personally inscribed plaques, along with Visa gift cards of \$50 for 3rd, \$75 for 2nd both sponsored by West End Bank, and \$100 for each of our Champions sponsored by MainSource Bank.

This year's third place overall female is Leslie Rogers. Leslie ran all eight races for the first time in 2013. She finished second in her age group at the Girls Inc 5K, with her best time of the year, 22:16. She then proceeded to win her age group in the final seven races. Congratulations to Leslie Rogers.

The second place overall female is Chelsea Halderman. This was Chelsea's first time participating in WCC races and she started off with an impressive debut year. She did not run the Girls Inc. 5K but ran the final seven races, placing first in her division four times, second twice and third the remaining race. She finished the year strong by running her best time of the year at the Frostbite 5K in 21:08.

Congratulations to Chelsea Halderman.

This year's overall female winner is Nicole Andreas. Nicole finished fifth overall winning her age group in 2011. She improved a spot to fourth overall in 2012, also taking her age group. In 2013 she didn't run the Girls Inc. 5K but won her age group at the next two races finishing fifth overall female at the Fireworks 5K and fourth overall at the IU East Run with the Wolves. She then improved a spot to third overall at the Heartbreak Hill 5K. She then won the last four races, including the Frostbite 5K where she had her second fastest time of the year despite only needing to finish the race to clinch the title. Congratulations to the 2013 overall female champion Nicole Andreas.

The third place overall male finisher is Richard Chew. Richard ran all eight races for the third time, also having achieved this accomplishment in 2005 and 2006. Richard is a long time participant in WCC races dating back to our very first year in 2003. But he saved his best year so far for 2013 when he dominated his age group by winning it at all eight races, including the Flying Eagle 5K where he had his best time of the year, 20:30. In case you missed that, Richard finished first in a very competitive age

group at EVERY race. Congratulations to Richard Chew.

The second place overall male finisher is Seth Prince. Seth finished second overall in the first two races of the year, including the season opening Girls Inc 5K where he scored his best time of the year running 16:44. He then proceeded to win the next five races he ran, missing the Turkey Chase. He broke 18 minutes at all seven races he ran, getting under 17 minutes in four of these races. Seth has been competing in WCC races since 2010, running two races in 2012 when he finished first and second overall. When Seth isn't busy winning WCC races he finished in the top 10 four times running for IU East and qualified for the NAIA national championships. Congratulations to Seth Prince.

The 2013 overall male winner is Jason Newport. Jason is no stranger to this award as this is the third time he has won it, also taking the top spot in 2010 and 2012. This was also the second straight year he ran all 8 races. Jason placed in the top three overall in all eight races, placing first twice, second three times and third three times. He ran his fastest time of the year at the season opening Girls Inc. 5K, clocking 16:39. Jason has been running, and winning, WCC races since our inaugural year in 2003. He has run a total of 30 WCC races, winning 13, placing second in 11 and third in 5 more. Somehow he managed to finish 6th in the other race but we'll let him slide on that one. Congratulations for the third time to Jason Newport, our overall male winner.

Now we'll move on to the age group winners. Each of tonight's age group awards are sponsored by First Bank Richmond.

The first ever winner of the female nine and under age group is Sydney Hardy. Sydney ran all eight races and placed in her division at each race, finishing first twice, second four times and third twice. She ran her best time at the Girls Inc. 5K in 27:37. She earned enough points to finish ninth overall in the female division, **at the age of 8**. Congratulations to Sydney Hardy.

The first ever winner of the male nine and under age group is Cole Farlow. Cole has been competing in WCC races since 2011 when he completed 5 races. In 2012 he ran in all 8 races and matched that feat again this year. He finished first in his division four times, second once, fourth twice and fifth once, earning enough points to finish 8th overall, **at the age of 9**. Congratulations to Cole Farlow.

The winner of the female 10-12 age group is Jenna Shelley. Jenna participated in her first WCC race this year and must of liked it, as she ran her best time of the year at the season opening Girls Inc. 5K and went on to run all 8 races. She placed in her division twice, taking the top spot at the Fall Foliage 5K. Congratulations to Jenna Shelley.

The winner of the male 10-12 age group is Austin Morgan. Austin ran three WCC races in 2011, then ran all 8 in 2012 finishing second in his age group. He once again ran all 8 this year taking the top spot in his division. He won his age group twice and finished second the other six races, getting his best time at the Girls Inc 5K, running 20:43. Congratulations to Austin Morgan.

The winner of the female 13-15 age group is Emma Keesling. This was Emma's first year participating in the WCC and she started off with a bang, running all 8 races, winning her division four times and placing second the other four. She had her best time of the year at the cold, icy Frostbite 5K running 23:08. Emma scored enough points to finish sixth overall in the female standings. Congratulations to Emma Keesling.

The winner of the male 13-15 age group is Gabe Beatty. This is the third straight year Gabe has won his

age group, and the third straight year he has run all 8 races. He finished seventh overall in 2011, improved to 5th overall in 2012 and was 10th overall in 2013...a pretty impressive stretch for someone who has many years of running ahead of them. He placed in the top four of his division at every race, taking the top spot twice. He had his best time of the year at the Flying Eagles 5K, running 18:39. Congratulations to three time age group winner Gabe Beatty.

The winner of the female 16-18 age group is Harley Jackson. Harley was new to the WCC this year and ran all 8 races, placing in four of them. She was the only one in her division who ran every race and had her best time at the season ending Frostbite 5K. Congratulations to Harley Jackson.

The winner of the male 16-18 age group is Andrew Hoover. Andrew has been competing in WCC races since 2010 when he ran 5 races. He ran 7 in 2011 and won his age group. In 2013 he ran all 8 races and won his division again, getting his best time at the Fireworks 5K. Congratulations to Andrew Hoover.

The winner of the female 19-24 age group is Mariah Seals. Mariah finished second in her age group in 2011 then took the top spot in 2012. She repeated that feat again this year, winning by only 15 points, the second closest age group. She ran all 8 races for the third straight year and finished the season off by getting her best time of the year at the Frostbite 5K. Congratulations to Mariah Seals.

The winner of the male 19-24 age group is Timothy Lowman. Timothy has been running WCC races since 2010, placing second overall in a race in 2012. This year he ran all 8 races and placed in his division at all 8, winning four times. He ran his best time of 17:55 at the Fireworks 5K and earned enough points to finish 5th overall male. Congratulations to Timothy Lowman.

The winner of the female 25-29 age group is Katie Carpenter. Katie participated in four races in 2012 but ran all 8 in 2013, placing in her division six times, including one first place. She had her best time of the year at the Flying Eagle 5K. Congratulations to Katie Carpenter.

The winner of the male 25-29 age group is Ronald Ross. This is Ron's second straight year winning his age group as he ran 7 of the 8 races. He took the top spot in the division 5 times, finished second once and third once. He had his best time at the Flying Eagle 5K running 18:46. Congratulations to Ron Ross.

The winner of the female 30-34 age group is Britni Gettinger. Britni was a newcomer to the WCC this year but ran all 8 races, placing first in her division twice, second once and third three times. She had her best time of the season at the Flying Eagle 5K. Congratulations to first time winner Britni Gettinger.

The winner of the male 30-34 age group is Andy Shepherd. Andy ran one WCC race in 2010, came back to run all 8 in 2012, placing fourth in his division. In 2013 he ran all 8 again and placed in the top four of his age group in every race, taking the top spot once. Congratulations to Andy Shepherd.

The winner of the female 35-39 age group is Christie Larsen. Christie ran the final two races of the 2010 season and hasn't missed a race since, completing all 8 in 2011, 2012 and again in 2013. She finished second in her division in 2011 and 2012 and took the top spot in 2013, in the age group tied with the most award eligible participants. Congratulations to Christie Larsen.

The winner of the male 35-39 age group is Dave Snow. Dave has been participating in WCC races since 2007 and has placed as high as second in his division, until this year. This is the fourth straight

year Dave ran all 8 races as he took the top spot in his age group five times this year. Perhaps his most impressive race of the year was the Frostbite 5K where Dave struggled through ice, cold and extreme sickness, and finishing 36 minutes slower than his best time of the year to clinch the age group crown. He earned enough points to finish 6th overall, running the Fireworks 5K which he also directs. Congratulations to Dave Snow.

The winner of the female 40-44 age group is Kathy Shelley. Kathy won her age group in 2012 and actually finished tied for the third overall female spot this year but lost a tiebreaker. She ran all 8 races for the second straight year, won her division seven times and finished second the other race. Congratulations to repeat winner Kathy Shelley.

The winner of the 40-44 male age group is Jesse Jaynes. Jesse has been running WCC races since 2010, finishing third in his age group in 2011 and second in 2012. He moved up to the top spot this year, running all 8 races for the third straight year. He placed in his division in all 8 races and had his best time of the season at the Flying Eagle 5K, running 21:14. Congratulations to Jesse Jaynes.

The winner of the female 45-49 age group is Melissa Moore. Melissa ran all 8 races for the second straight year, winning her division six times and placing second in the other two races. She had her best time of the year at the Girls Inc. 5K running 24:47 and finished fifth overall in the female standings. Congratulations to Melissa Moore.

The winner of the male 45-49 age group is Joel Flora. Joel has been competing in WCC races since 2007 and has finished second in his division twice, including once by one point. This year he took the top spot by running all 8 races for the third time. He ran his best time of 21:30 at the Girls Inc 5K and never looked back as he won his division three times, placed second twice and third twice. Congratulations to Joel Flora.

The winner of the female 50-54 age group is Sabrena Bartram. Sabrena began running WCC races in 2011 and ran all 8 for the first time in 2013. She placed in her division in every race, taking the top spot twice. She earned enough points to finish 10th overall in the female standings and take the age group tied with the most eligible participants. Congratulations to Sabrena Bartram.

The winner of the male 50-54 age group is Jeff Chambers. Jeff was new to the WCC this year and had an eventful debut as he won his division by TWO points over Dale Bolser, the closest of any group. He ran all 8 races, placing in five of them, including one first place. He had his best time of the year at the Flying Eagles 5K running 22:51. Congratulations to Jeff Chambers.

The winner of the female 55-59 age group is Patricia Ours. Patricia finished third in her age group in 2012 but took top honors this year, running every race for the second straight year. She placed in her division six times and had her best time at the Fireworks 5K. Congratulations to Patricia Ours.

The winner of the male 55-59 age group is Zach Rozele. Zach ran all 8 races in 2012, finishing second in his age group. This year he moved up to the top spot, running every race again. He finished in the top five in his age group in every race and was very consistent, running his best time of 23:49 at two races, 23:50 at another and 23:58 at a fourth. Congratulations to Zach Rozelle.

The winner of the female 60-64 age group is Cindy DeJong. Cindy ran all 8 races and placed first or second in her division in every race. She had her best time at the season ending Frostbite 5K where she ran over four minutes faster than her time at the season opening Girls Inc. 5K. She earned enough

points to finish 7th overall in the female standings. Congratulations to Cindy Dejong.

The winner of the male 60-64 age group is Tom Carrico. If we had a persistence award it would probably go to Tom as well. He has been participating in WCC races since our very first year in 2003. 2013 was his sixth straight year running all 8 races. Between 2008 and 2012 Tom finished second in his division once and third the other four times before taking the top spot in 2013. He finished in the top four in his age group in every race and is also the unofficial WCC photographer. Congratulations to first time winner Tom Carrico.

The winner of the female 65-69 award is Beverly Clark. Beverly finished second in her age group in both 2011 and 2012 before taking the top spot in 2013. She placed in the top three in her division in every race this year and earned enough points to finish 8th overall in the female standings. Congratulations to Beverly Clark.

The winner of the male 65-69 age group is Dick Smith. Dick ran five races, taking the top spot in his division in four of them and second in the other. He also volunteered at a sixth race. He had his best time of the year at the Fireworks 5K running 24:04. Congratulations to Dick Smith.

The winner of the female 70 and over age group is Pat Bowers. This is Pat's sixth straight year winning an age group award after taking it the last five in the 65-69 division. Pat has also run every race three times. Congratulations to **SIX TIME AGE GROUP AWARD WINNER** Pat Bowers.

The winner of the male 70 and over age group is Leland Nicholson. Leland is also no stranger to the podium as he won his age group in 2011. This was the third straight year he has run all 8 races as he took top honors in his division six times and second the other two. He earned enough points to finish as the fourth overall male, at the age of 72. Congratulations to repeat winner Leland Nicholson.

Let's congratulate all of our age group winners one more time. If any of you who did not receive one of these awards are wondering what it takes to make it up to this stage you may have noticed a common theme with many of our winners. We just gave out 36 overall and age group awards. 30 of these recipients, **over 80%**, ran all 8 races. The WCC tries to encourage participation and consistency and many of the people who were just up on stage are a result of both of these attributes. In a moment we will give out awards to the 112 individuals who participated in all 8 races, many of whom will be making their second trip up here.

But first we will give out our most improved runner award. This award goes to the individual who shows the highest degree of race performance over the course of the season. This year's winner ran September's Flying Eagle 5K almost 16 minutes faster than the season opening Girls Inc 5K in May. He followed that up by running his second best time of the year in less than ideal conditions at the cold, icy, snowy Frostbite 5K to close out the season. This year's winner is certainly no stranger to this stage as he has won his age group **six** times and ran all 8 races for the ninth time, **out of 11**, in 2013. I mentioned his name earlier for finishing second by two points in the closest age group competition so hopefully this award will serve as some consolation. It is my great pleasure to present the 2013 WCC most improved runner award to Dale Bolser.

I just want to add that you are an amazing inspiration. You have been through a lot these last couple years, and through it all you have stayed strong, held tight to your faith, and brought support to those who have had a similar path to yours. For those of you who know Dale, you know what a special person he is. For those of you have not gotten to him, I encourage you to do so. Thank you for being

you. Congratulations on your award, and we look forward to running in challenge with you for many, many more years to come.

We would now like to present certificates and shirts to the 112 runners who completed all 8 races. Thank you G101.3 and Generation Fit for providing the elite 8 shirts. Once again we have a record number of people receiving these awards and for the first time, have over 100 runners who completed every race. These individuals achieved an impressive accomplishment over the course of the season and should be commended for their dedication and commitment. We appreciate the support they have shown to the WCC and the organizations that put on and benefit from each race. Congratulations to each of you. Please come forward when your name is called to receive your awards and please remain on the stage so we can take a group photograph of all of you.

Amy Abney	Rick Duncan	Levon Jordan	Rick Robinson
Scott Abney	Aaron Ervin	Emma Keesling	Leslie Rogers
Ann Alcorn	Austin Farlow	Angela Ketron	Jamie Roth
Jake Barker	Cole Farlow	Brad Lambright	Zach Rozelle
Jacob Bartram	Joe Farlow	Christie Larsen	Phyllis Savoy
Sabrena Bartram	Stephanie Farlow	Jonathan Larsen	Colten Sawyer
Brenda Baumer	Linda Fischer	Kelly Lester	Jeff Schambers
Beth Beatty	Brian Fisher	Timothy Lowman	Logan Seals
Don Beatty	Joel Flora	Sherry Marcum	Mariah Seals
Gabe Beatty	Tracy Frech	Beth Miles	Debbie Searcy
Ray Blevins	Britni Gettinger	Clay Miller	Tiffany Sheley
Dale Bolser	Leslie Gettinger	Michael Mills	Jenna Shelley
Sarah Brattain	Belinda Gray	Elaine Moistner	Kathy Shelley
Jeremy Browning	Brian Green	Isaac Moistner	Kevin Shelley
Darcy Bryant	Tim Green	Melissa Moore	Andy Shepherd
Teresa Bryant	Ryan Gross	Skip Moore	Dave Snow
Toni Callahan	Amber Hall	Steve Moore	George Sowers
Katie Carpenter	Lori Hardy	Austin Morgan	Brad Stahlhut
Tom Carrico	Sydney Hardy	Josh Morgan	Rachel Stahlhut
Richard Chew	Jay Hinshaw	Alex Newport	William Taylor
Lisa Chiarella	Andrew Hoover	Jason Newport	Natalie Wampole
Beverley Clark	Bonnie Hutchens	Leland Nicholson	Tiauna Washington
Ben Climer	Robert Hutchens	Alysha Oglesby	Joe Wilmot
Chris Dargie	Harley Jackson	Patricia Ours	Reagan Wilmot
Randy Davis	Michael Jacob	Jason Owens	Jerry Winkler
Scott Deaton	Jesse Jaynes	Amy Paddock	Chuck Wolfe
Cindy Dejong	Parker Jaynes	Judy Pierce	Shelby Woodward
Chris Dingwerth	Juanita Jenkins	Brianne Puterbaugh	Candace Yount

Thank you everyone for coming out to celebration another wonderful season with the Wayne County Challenge. Congratulations again to all the award winners. I want to give a big thanks to our sponsors, First Bank Richmond, MainSource Bank, West End Bank, G101.3, Generation Fit, and Reid Hospital & Health Care Services. We look forward to seeing everyone again this season. Good night everyone and have a safe trip home.