Assaria workshop tour new experience for participants

For those PRIDE Day participants wishing to forge the traditional learning experiences of the afternoon community development workshops, a new educational activity has been planned. The PRIDE community of Assaria has enthusiastically agreed to host a bus load of people to see, first hand, some of their more unique PRIDE projects. Assaria, located 30 miles south of Salina, has been in PRIDE for three years and has experienced several successful projects. A few include organizational development, recycling, and involvement in the Heartland SHARE (Self Help and Resource Exchange) Program. The tour (on charge) will depart the Salina Holiday Inn-Hotel on Saturday, October 23, 1993, from 3:30 p.m. and return at 5:30 p.m.

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PRIDE Day workshops focus on timely issues

PRIDE Day participants will have the opportunity to attend one of several concurrent workshops to be offered during the afternoon of PRIDE Day. The workshops and their presenters include: "Realistic Thinking Positive Action," presented by Tom Sirridge, Vice President for Communications/Resource Development, United Way of Greater Topeka; "Multicultural Collaboration Through Shared Functions," presented by Dr. David Darling, Community Development Specialist, KSU Extension Service, Manhattan; and "Involving School-age Youth in Community Projects," presented by Patricia Kelly, Executive Director, Kansas Office for Community Services, Topeka. In addition, a panel presentation and discussion entitled, "The Role of Community Volunteers in Rural Health Issues," brings together several health care professionals including: Steve McDowell, President of Rural Health Consultants, Lawrence, Dr. Rick Kellerman, Director of the Smoky Hill Family Practice Residency Program, Salina; Richard Morrissey, Director of the Office of Local and Rural Health Systems, Department of Health and Environment, Topeka; and Melissa Levy Hungerford, Vice President, Kansas Hospital and Association, Topeka.

Miss Kansas to perform at PRIDE Day

Lori Minzali, Miss Kansas 1993, will be featured during the entertainment segment of the PRIDE Day Banquet. Lori is an accomplished pianist and public speaker.

During her year as Miss Kansas, she will speak about the necessity of parental and community involvement in Education. Lori says, "It is parent's and the community's obligation to show our children the importance of education, by becoming involved through parent organizations, and utilizing resources of businesses and senior citizens."

The concurrent workshops cover PRIDE's special emphasis issues of leadership, health care, community outreach as well as the topic of youth involvement in community service. Following the concurrent workshops, the traditional and popular forum for the sharing of PRIDE experiences will occur.

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Metzger to deliver PRIDE Day keynote address

"Anything good does not come easy." Jim Metzger.

Jim Metzger, President of FINCOM, Inc., will deliver the keynote address at the PRIDE Day opening session. The title of his presentation is "The Power of One." He will approach the audience with a singular mission—to assure each man and woman present that they have the capacity to reach every reasonable goal through a carefully orchestrated format of dreaming, planning, knowledge, persistence, honesty, sacrifice and belief. He vividly charts the route to individual success through the utilization of the "Success Pyramid." Personal success brings happiness, but it takes a plan and happiness, like other things in life, is transitory. "Don't be impatient. Life's greatest rewards are for those who endure. Anything good does not come easy."

Video highlights community activities

Kansas PRIDE, Inc. appreciates the efforts of the many communities that sent in PRIDE slides. Thanks to the kind offer and expertise of one of PRIDE's sponsors, Western Resources, Inc., the production of a video, to be shown at PRIDE Day, should be exciting. "Kansans Building Better Communities" will be a seven-minute video depicting the many and varied PRIDE projects and activities that are being accomplished around the state. The video presentation will be set to music and be featured at the evening banquet and awards presentation.

Bring your camera to PRIDE Day

Communities are encouraged to bring their cameras to PRIDE Day. A location has been arranged, at the awards site, to pictures of your community representation as they walk across the stage to receive congratulations and a community achievement award. Pictures are very important for promoting your successful year through your local media as well as documentation for your 1994 PRIDE project book.

New special emphasis chosen for 1994

Leadership and rural health are the two special PRIDE Program emphasis for 1994 and beyond. PRIDE Day 1993 will be the kick-off date for these two major community development issues which replace the special emphasis of water conservation and waste reduction/recycling that have been the on-going areas of concentration for the past several years. Presentations during the opening session of PRIDE Day will be made on each subject area. Tom Stribig, Vice President, Communications Resource Development, with the United Way of Greater Topeka will speak on the topic of Volunteer Development: "The Key Ingredient." This leadership topic will be followed by a presentation on rural health, entitled, "Health Care Reform: Implications for Rural Kansas Communities." Speaking on this issue will be Steve McDowell, President of Rural Health Consultants, Lawrence, Kansas.

Dress to be casual

As a result of the positive response to dressing casual at the last two PRIDE Days, the attire will be the same this year. Anything and everything goes. Come relaxed, ready to learn and have fun.

Special activities planned for youth

The 1993 PRIDE Day will be an exciting time for all young people who attend. Following the opening session, which begins at 12:30 p.m., a bus will transport the youth to the Salina Nature Center where unique recreational events have been planned. At 3:15 p.m., a workshop entitled, "Involving School-Age Youth in Community Projects" will be conducted by Patricia Kells, Executive Director of the Kansas Office for Community Service. Following the workshop, and just prior to the 4:45 p.m. banquet and presentation of awards, the young people will be treated to a session entitled, "Pilgraging Your Potential" with Lori Minnix, Miss Kansas 1993. Lori has been actively involved in her community of Lawrence. Most recently, she served as a volunteer and spokesperson for V.I.T.A.L. (Volunteers Investing Time And Learning).