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### **Arc of Orange County's Festival of Trees Kickoff – 5:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 9 – Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel**

Please join The Arc of Orange County at our 2010 Festival of Trees Kickoff on March 9. The kickoff will celebrate our success in 2009, as well as provide an opportunity to thank our sponsors, designers, artists, volunteers and everyone who supported our Festival over the past two years. Also, please note that in 2010, we are moving to a new location for the Festival - The Sheraton Chapel Hill Hotel located off of 15-501. To RSVP for the Festival kickoff, contact Pat Richardson at [prichardson@arcofororange.org](mailto:prichardson@arcofororange.org).

### **1360 WCHL: Marry Me, Ron Stutts!**

1360WCHL is giving away a FREE wedding, commitment, or recommitment ceremony! One lucky couple will have the chance to get married, renew their vows, or commit to their partner in grand style, as part of our special promotion called MARRY ME, RON STUTTS! The newly-opened Great Room at Top of the Hill will provide the setting for the ceremony and reception. The Great Room will be fully staffed, with food and alcohol for up to 100 people! But that's not all! From start to finish, WCHL and our partner sponsors of Marry Me Ron Stutts are taking care of almost EVERYTHING... So, how can you get your chance to win all of this? It's simple...just read over the contest rules (<http://marrymeronstutts.com/Rules.html>), and then fill out the entry form (<http://marrymeronstutts.com/Form.html>) before March 12, 2010. We'll have a big party at Il Palio Ristorante at the Siena Hotel to announce the winner on March 15, 2010!

### **Calling all Volunteers! - Community Day at Vineyard Square**

The Home Trust has teamed with graduate students from the UNC Department of City and Regional Planning to participate in the first Home Trust Community Day! On Friday March 19, 2010, beginning at 9 a.m., our crew of students, Home Trust staff, homeowners and supporters, will spend a day planting flowers and trimming bushes at the Vineyard Square community located on Sonoma Way in Chapel Hill. This event is a great way to learn more about The Home Trust and beautify a Home Trust community. We are in need of volunteers! To volunteer please contact Tamara Watson at [twatson@communityhometruster.org](mailto:twatson@communityhometruster.org).

### **Project Safe Girls Intensive Training**

Interested in learning "realistic" personal safety and self-defense? Project Safe Girls, a new division of The Realistic Female Self-Defense Company, will be holding an intensive five hour training session for females ages 15-23 on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm to 6:30pm at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce. Through this program, participants learn the basics of safety awareness and prevention, characteristics of healthy relationships, teen dating

violence, rape, stalking, how to verbally and non-verbally de-escalate a potentially violent situation, human trafficking, physical self-defense (not Martial Arts), and more! After completion of the program, participants will feel empowered and understand how to use their minds and bodies to escape a dangerous situation. The cost of the training is \$100, and will provide participants with skills that they will have their entire lives. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." For more information please visit our website, [www.projectsafegirls.com](http://www.projectsafegirls.com) and/or to register for training, please contact Bethany Corbin at [Bethany@projectsafegirls.com](mailto:Bethany@projectsafegirls.com). Space is limited to 15 participants.

### **Field Day for Children - First Day of Spring Celebration**

Presented by The Tumble Gym of Southern Village; Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 4:00

Market Street at Southern Village is pleased to announce a Field Day for Children to celebrate the first day of spring. The Tumble Gym in Southern Village is presenting the event, which will feature a dozen active and exciting games for children to try, and small prizes presented to each child who completes the activities circuit. For more information, contact Beverly Carr at [bcarr@ncarolina.com](mailto:bcarr@ncarolina.com).

### **Winmore 5K – 8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 27**

Winmore Neighborhood will hold a 5K fun run through beautiful neighborhood and wooded trails at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 27. Proceeds will benefit The Childhood Trust: serving the needs of traumatized children in our community. Entry fees are \$12 for a 1 mile walk, and \$15 for a 5K run. Entry fee includes a T-shirt for the first 100 entrants, breakfast for all participants, and family games and activities. Register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), or show up at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, March 27. The Winmore 5K is sponsored by Bagwell Holt Smith Jones & Crowson, P.A.; Greater Chapel Hill Association of REALTORS; Pam Herndon, State Farm Insurance; Harrington Bank; and Chapel Hill Magazine. For more information, contact [todonnel@bhspa.com](mailto:todonnel@bhspa.com).

### **Triangle YPN Speed Networking – 9 p.m., March 17 - Vespa**

Announcing the St. Patty's Day NC YPN "Business and/or Pleasure" Speed Networking/Dating Event! Next Wednesday March 17th at 9PM EST at Vespa Restaurant and Lounge in Chapel Hill. Whether you are looking for a new accountant, lawyer, or someone special to pinch, join other Triangle Young Professionals in a fast paced and fun speed networking/dating event. You'll have 3 minutes to get your elevator pitch out about who you are and what you do.

Generous Drink specials and Door Prizes will be overflowing. General mingling at 9PM and the speed round starts at 9.30! Start your St. Patty's Day festivities at Vespa! Bring lots of business cards and look your best, in this economy it pays to expand your network and dating options! Brought to you by Interactive ReMix and White Rabbit Marketing. Just show up or RSVP at [mattm@interactiveremix.com](mailto:mattm@interactiveremix.com).

### **Project Graduation**

On June 12, 2010, approximately 800 seniors will graduate from Chapel Hill High, East Chapel Hill High, and Carrboro High Schools! That evening, the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Project Graduation celebration will be held at the UNC Student Union. A long-standing tradition, Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol-free, fun and safe opportunity for all graduates to celebrate their accomplishments with each other. Many parents, teachers and administrators volunteer their time throughout the year and are present at the event. Most importantly, this all-night celebration keeps our students off the roads on Graduation Night-an evening notoriously dangerous for our kids to be in cars. More than eighty percent of the graduates from our schools attend this memorable event. Project Graduation is free of charge to all graduating seniors to encourage their maximum participation. All expenses of for this event are paid for by **tax-deductible donations** so that the entire evening of entertainment, food, games, prizes and scholarships is a free celebration for each graduate and a guest. Project Graduation of Chapel Hill-Carrboro is a 501©(3) Non-Profit Organization. For more information, visit [www.projectgraduationchccs.org](http://www.projectgraduationchccs.org).

### **Recognizing and Preventing Human Trafficking**

March is National Women's History Month. The Orange County Commission for Women (CFW) will celebrate Women's History Month on Saturday, March 27, 2010 in the theater at the Seymour Senior Center, located at 2551 Homestead Road in Chapel Hill from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The CFW will commemorate Women's History Month by focusing the County's attention on the issue of human trafficking at this year's event—"The Community's Role in Recognizing and Preventing Human and Sex Trafficking." The short film "Dreams Die Hard" will be viewed in which four survivors of human trafficking in the United States tell their stories. The film will be followed by a panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Donna Bickford, Director of the Carolina Women's Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The panelists will also engage the audience in conversation about the issue. For more information, contact Jennifer Galassi at (919) 245-2302.

### **Chapel Hill Spring Garden Tour**

Saturday, April 17, 2010 10AM – 4PM, Sunday, April 18, 2010 11AM – 4PM. Tickets available March 2010 at ticket outlets, 919-962-0522 for more info. Ticket vouchers may be purchased online at [chapelhillgardentour.net](http://chapelhillgardentour.net). \$15 in advance, \$20 day of tour. Children under 16 accompanied by adult free.

### **Jazz at West End Wine Bar**

Jon Metzger Quartet - March 14, 7:30 p.m. and Peter Lamb and the Wolves – March 21, 7:30 p.m. Part of the West End Wine Bar Sunday Night Jazz Series. West End Wine Bar, 450 W. Franklin St. \$4. [www.westendwinebar.com](http://www.westendwinebar.com), 967.7599.

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**Date: Saturday, March 6, 2010  
Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Location: Snap Fitness Chapel Hill  
1848 MLK Jr. Blvd.**

*RSVP via return email would be appreciated*

*Special Thanks to our neighbors at Chapel Hill North*

***See You There!***

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