



The Voice of  AVENTURA

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## President's Letter:

Happy Fall Everybody!

Though Autumn isn't quite here yet, when I flipped my calendar to the month of September the picture on the top was of golden and amber leaves surrounding a beautiful waterfall. It's the day after Labor Day and I'm sure most of us had our last summertime hoorahs this past weekend before we get too cozy in the school year and cool weather.

Instead of spending my weekend relaxing and enjoying a beautiful weekend outdoors under the gorgeous blue sky, I was the chauffeur for my younger sister who was home from college for three short days. Chauffeuring is not a glamorous job, nor slow paced one at that, but it was a job I was willing to do to spend some extra time with my sister before she's gone away for a month. For extra time with someone special, I'm sure most of us would go to great lengths to be with them, even if it means sacrificing some time, energy and gas. For a few extra hours with my sister I put any other Labor Day Weekend plans on hold and it got me thinking. How many times have I put any plans on hold for a little extra time with God?

Lately I haven't been the most doting daughter to God. I've been turning a blind eye and deaf ear in His direction, trying to avoid what I assume will be a hindrance to the plans I've been making for my future. I've been under the notion that if I don't ask God for His opinion or advice, I won't be disappointed by His answer. I know I've got to shake this mentality, because I know God has the brightest future for me if I ask and listen for His response. Whatever I plan will never match up with what God has in store, even though it's hard to see that far ahead right now. Letting go of control is difficult, that's why, as Christians, we are constantly surrendering our lives over and over again. I pray if you also have your fingers in your ears, chanting "La la la la, I can't hear you" to God, that both you and I can find the peace and willingness to let go and let God take the reins.

*Emily Lamy*

## Reunion Report:

Thanks to all who helped out with the Aventura Tag-less Sale last month! It was a great success, we raised \$746! (and still had a few carloads of stuff to bring to Goodwill at the end!) (and special thanks to Emily Lamy for providing us with four footed furry entertainment!):) See you all this weekend hopefully! Amanda



## Upcoming Reunions and Other Dates:

### September Reunion:

Saturday, September 12, 6:30pm Assembly Meeting 7:00pm Reunion  
St Pauls Lutheran Church  
837 Charles Street, Torrington CT 06790

### October Reunion:

Saturday, October 3, 3:30 PM Palanca Party!! 7:00 pm Reunion  
Covenant Church of Thomaston  
64 Grove Street, Thomaston CT 06787

## Coordinator's Letter

Greetings all. This process has been such a wonder for me, a journey of self discovery. I have always kind of dreaded team meetings, they always seem to fall on a night when I tired, hungry, cranky, or all three! Yet in every circumstance I stand in awe of Gods ability to work through our own wants and needs and deliver exactly what is required for us to do His will. This team building journey has been all that and more!!! The team is amazing, the rollos have been wonderful, the sense of excitement is building, all that is missing is guests. If you would, please pray and pray some more that God would send us a bounty of guests. We have about three weeks before the deadline so now is the time to ask so that the guests can clear their schedules. There should be no earthly reasons to not attend that our community cannot help with. We have money to help pay for some, if not all, of the weekends expense. We can help with rides or with duties at home (care-giving, etc). Please ask, and ask again. If there are any concerns on the parts of youth leaders or parents I would be glad to meet with them to help their decision making. Thanks once again for your support and prayers.

In Gods Love, Glenn

## **Prayer Requests:**

Please be praying for #38 Epiphany of Southern California, which will be happening this weekend. This is a weekend that serves incarcerated young men.

Please be praying for guests for our upcoming weekend, for the team members and for ways that you can serve on the weekend.

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our 'prayistas':

Barb Clavette ( JEClavette@snet.netor 482-0172)  
Sandy Miller ( SanJeanM@AOL.comor 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

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