



## International Alliance of Guardian Angels Richmond, VA Chapter

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Richmond, Virginia Chapter  
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Ok, so we are now well into 2012 and things are going very well. We've seen a very nice reduction in major crimes in this area. With the hot weather hitting us now, we'll have to continue working closely with the Richmond Police Department to keep these numbers down. We'd like to give a special thank you to Major Steve Drew and Lt. Greer Gould for all their support and assistance.



### COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS

Guardian Angels clean up Henrico cemetery

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*HENRICO, VA (WWBT) - The Woodland Cemetery is a much cleaner place tonight, thanks to the Richmond Chapter of the Guardian Angels.*

*The Cemetery has suffered years of neglect and is overgrown, but today volunteers paid some much needed attention to the historic cemetery, picking up garbage and getting the site ready for visitors.*

*The Guardian Angels say they'll be coming out every month to keep the cemetery clean.*

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## UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY DAY

April 21, 2012

*We are Highland Park. A community of all ages whose greatness has yet to be fully realized.*



"Perf  
**POETRY BY**  
**JUNIOR GUARDIAN ANGELS**  
Junior Guardian Angels  
**Zaid Rahman**

Propelling forward through the  
night  
a simple, simple deed.  
dream of happiness inside  
An icon of perfection,  
I sit down and hope I find this  
one person I always knew I'd  
meet  
So I think and I wonder but  
then again the confusion is oh  
so hard on all my emotions  
Thinking about how hard it  
would be, does she love me,  
will she always be there for me  
like I want to be there for her  
This is too crazy but then  
again, it's right  
I hope that one day my mind  
can make up itself but until  
then my body will stay in this  
world doing so wrong and  
wishing to do something so  
right  
is the process that kills us  
all,  
through our very souls it winds.  
If you dream of this perfection,  
at least you should  
Although it doesn't show.  
the  
night,  
an  
I  
fast  
what  
all  
community High  
Sophomore

**TEENAGE MIND**

So many thoughts running  
through my head, it hurts so  
much to think

I sit down and hope I find this  
one person I always knew I'd  
meet

So I think and I wonder but  
then again the confusion is oh  
so hard on all my emotions

Thinking about how hard it  
would be, does she love me,  
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can make up itself but until  
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world doing so wrong and  
wishing to do something so  
right

**THE HEART**

The heart is weak to love and  
strong to hate

My heart is now dead to love  
filled with hate and rage

But there still might be some  
light left down there for  
someone and something

The heart is weak to love and  
strong to hate

## TRAINING

Giving more thanks to Anthony McLean and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management for our CERT Training. Several of our Richmond Guardian Angels members received training last year. We now have four more GA's who are part of the Richmond CERT Team.



Martial Arts and Raven Tactical Training continue for all patrol team members. We continue to train on Wednesday evenings at the First Baptist Church Gym on Monument & Boulevard or at Kevin's Dojo on Paterson Avenue on Tuesdays and Saturdays

## NEW GUARDIAN ANGELS

We want to welcome the following new members to our family

Saevon Hudson  
Corey Entzminger  
William Bey  
Michael Waddy

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



We now have 196 members in the Highland Park Neighborhood Watch.

Our Highland Park NW meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in combination with Councilwomen Ellen Robertson's Community meetings.

**"The law of a few – 20% of the people do 80%**

**of the work."** We need 20% of Highland Parkers to come together and stand up for a better community. With 20% of us working together we can accomplish all the goals we talk about in our community meetings – from reducing crime to building more respectful youth.

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## UPCOMING EVENT

Richmond Guardian Angels Sponsors the  
First Annual Breast Cancer Walk for Early Detection



The "Time to Live" Breast Cancer Awareness Walk is not a fundraiser, this is a door-to-door, face-to-face walk – the personal touch. During the Walk we will:

- Distribute breast health information
- Stress the importance of early detection
- Make those without health insurance aware of health care resourced to them

We are working with several prominent agencies to bring this walk to Richmond including VCU/Massey Cancer Center, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation, Cross Over Ministry, Virginia Department of Health, Fan Free Clinic, Bon Secours and Capital Area Health Network.

We are also working with the following churches: 21<sup>st</sup> Street Baptist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Fresh Anointing Cathedral, Morning Star Baptist Church, Richmond's First Baptist Church and Second Baptist Church.

Please join the walk, please visit [www.komencentralva.org/timetolivewalk](http://www.komencentralva.org/timetolivewalk)  
or call Jo White at (804) 937-6836

## JUNIOR GUARDIAN ANGELS



The future of our communities is truly built upon the training, guidance, and security of our youth. Neglected, abused, bullied, or corrupted, our youth only turn to violence and brutality to solve their problems. There is no question that the structure of our economy and society has provided youth with less stability and fewer role models, guides, parenting, and adult supervision. The Guardian Angels youth program helps to provide the needed structure, guidance, training and other prevalent skills to succeed in today's society.

Along with neighborhood clean ups, our Junior Guardian Angels participated in Self-defense classes, youth adopt-a-street program and junior debates



## JUNIOR DEBATES

Most of our Juniors participate in our Junior debate sessions which are held weekly on Thursday evening. We are looking forward to part 2 of "The New Jim Crow VS The New Black Identity" debate. Part 1 of this debate was held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Part 2 will be held at the Richmond City Jail and will be moderated by Sheriff C. T. Woody. You don't want to miss this so give us a call.



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## Happenings



### Personality: Jo E. White

#### Spotlight on founder of the Richmond Guardian Angels

Richmond, Virginia Chapter  
Members

Commander  
Jo White

Assistant Commander  
Thomas Cox

Patrol Sergeants  
Tom Kirkland  
Kevin Cain  
Jason Pheifer

Sargent of Arms  
Ali Abri  
Lukas Settle

Self Defense Specialists and  
Tactics Coordinators  
Tom Kirkland  
Kevin Cain

Director of Communications  
Henry Gonzalez

Other Patrol Team Members  
Lorraine Wells  
Ishmal Saleem  
Samuel Huang  
Zaid Rahman  
William Bey  
Saevon Hudson

Barton Heights Captain  
Karen Link

Other Guardian Angels  
Members outside of Patrol  
Casey Landes  
Anita Douglas  
Michael Waddy  
Corey Entzminger

DARE TO CARE

*Jo E. (for Eloise) White believes in being a proactive citizen.*

*"If people don't show an interest in their own community, then it will be difficult for others to care," she says.*

*That's why the soft-spoken, 51-year-old is the founder and commander of the Richmond Guardian Angels, an offshoot of the famed New York anti-crime organization.*

*By wearing the trademark uniform of a red beret, red jacket and white shirt, she says the Richmond Guardian Angels are showing a willingness "to stand up and help where needed," instead of sitting on the sidelines as others do.*

*"We are not the police," the bespectacled Mrs. White says firmly, clearly defining the role of the local Angels.*

*"We are in close contact with the police, but we are not the police. I don't want us to be viewed as police or vigilantes."*

*Instead, she wants her group to be seen as citizens willing to go into the community to keep an eye on what is going on and inform police about conditions to help officers do a better job of protecting residents.*

*That's a principal reason she leads the Richmond members on walking patrols in uniform for two to three hours on Friday and Saturday nights, primarily in Highland Park on North Side.*

*"Police can't be all places at all times, and neither can we. But a few extra sets of eyes and ears certainly helps," says Mrs. White, the wife of a Richmond native and Army veteran.*

*She also wants this group to be known for its community service. So under her leadership, the Guardian Angels also take part in an array of other activities — ranging from a cemetery cleanup to supporting health initiatives, youth programs and job initiatives.*

*Mrs. White takes on her duties despite a busy schedule as the full-time partner in a Richmond construction business.*

*She got involved with the Angels three years ago when she teamed with another resident, Thomas Cox, to start a Neighborhood Watch for the Highland Park area.*

*Mrs. White was ready to do more after gunshots in a Highland Park neighborhood park raised concern.*

*At the request of the area's City Council representative, Ellen F. Robertson, 6th District, she and Mr. Cox began talking with police about organizing a citizen patrol group.*

*Mrs. White says that being from New Jersey and familiar with the Guardian Angels' work, she contacted the Angels' national office and sought permission to start a chapter in Richmond. It was granted, and she launched the program in June 2010.*

*She says that the New York headquarters has been very supportive, including supplying the trademark berets, jackets and shirts for Richmond members without charge.*

*The community response also has been "very positive," she says. "The only people that seem to be against us are the people who are not doing the right things anyway."*

## BALTIMORE, MARYLAND



Our Baltimore Chapter, headed by Commander Marcus “Strider” Dent, is the supporting Chapter for Richmond. We share several activities including training, patrols, quarterly meetings, oh, and yea...fun.

### *THE PROTECTOR* *FEBRUARY 14, 2012*



### Alliance of Guardian Angels

Some of our Chapter include:

New York City, NY  
Atlantic City, NJ  
Baltimore, MD  
Chattanooga, TN  
Chicago, IL  
Cleveland, OH  
Dallas, TX  
Detroit, MI  
El Paso, TX  
Hartford, Conn  
Honolulu, HI  
Houston, TX  
Indianapolis, IN  
Jacksonville, FL  
Las Vega, NV  
Los Angeles, CA  
Madison, WI  
Miami, Dade Co. FL  
Minneapolis, MN  
MS Gulf Coast  
Nashville, TN  
New Haven, CT  
New Orleans, LA  
Orlando, FL  
Paterson, NJ  
Philadelphia, PA  
Phoenix, AZ  
Portland, ME  
Reno, NV  
Richmond, VA  
San Diego, CA  
San Francisco, CA  
Savannah, GA  
St Louis, MO  
Sussex, NJ  
Tampa, FL  
Toledo, OH  
Washington, DC  
Yonkers, NY  
York, PA  
Africa  
Australia  
Canada  
Europe  
Japan  
Italy  
Israel  
Korea  
Mexico  
New Zealand  
Philippines  
South America

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2012

June 2, 2012, Breast Cancer Walk

May 2012, Debate Part 2 “The New Jim Crow” VS. The New Black Identity”

September 2012, Long Walk To Freedom

Every Wednesday, Training 7:30 Karate or Jujitsu, 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Gym or Kevin’s Dojo on Paterson Avenue.

Every Thursday, Youth Debate, 3007 Meadowbridge Avenue.

### “DARE TO CARE”

*Our Mission: Providing peaceful solutions to safeguard neighborhoods, schools and cyberspace from bullying, gangs, and violence. Empowering individuals, especially at-risk youth, to prioritize academic achievement and become role models for their peers.*

The Alliance of Guardian Angels is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1979 in New York City, New York. Our mission is to provide positive role models for today’s youth and work toward promoting community safety and betterment for the good of society overall.



## Guardian Angels.....Taking Back Our Streets.

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From Chapter Commander Jo White  
and the Richmond Guardian Angels Family

Have a blessed spring!!!

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