

Feeling of hope evident at Rowan Golf Tournament

By Virginia Carter

The definition of remembrance is "something serving to celebrate or honor the memory of a person or event." It is often said we are not remembered by the things we owned, the car we drove, or the house we lived in but by the people we impacted and the relationships we developed.

Having been a volunteer for many years through various organizations, I couldn't have found a more needed or noble cause than that of the Justice Coalition – to be the voice of the missing, those whose lives were taken, and the loved ones they left behind. I recently had the honor of being a part of the 2nd Annual John Rowan Memorial Golf Tournament.

This was a time when the victim's story turned from heartbreaking to inspiring; although the event honored John, posters were placed all over the grounds with faces of the missing and those lost to crime. I found out in a very short time that the staff, volunteers, and all others who attended were very dedicated to one cause – keeping victims' rights alive.

Rarely in today's society does such a large group of people unite for the cause of making our community a safer place to live. I felt a great sense of accomplishment to assist in an event with such a powerful meaning; not only for the remembrance of John Rowan, but to play a part in raising funds for the Justice Coalition so more families can receive the help they need at such a critical time in their lives.

Usually, only when people are personally affected by tragedy do they see the need for such an organization. It is our responsibility as citizens to help raise awareness for the necessity of services provided by the Justice Coalition.

There is a strong feeling among a group such as those in attendance at the tournament. It's hope. Hope for answers, hope for the return of their loved ones, hope for offenders to be brought to justice, hope that other families never have to go through what they have and hope that some good would come out of the tragedy they've had to endure.

It is my hope that more people have the chance to experience such a rewarding volunteer opportunity – one that makes you realize that if we stand together, showing compassion and love for one another, great things can be accomplished. So as long as we remember, they will never be forgotten.



JC board/committee member Jack Boyd with Peg Rowan



JC Volunteer Fran Futrill, r., greets early morning registrants



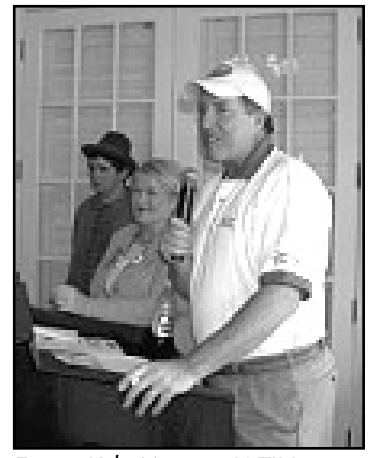
Prestwood Funeral Home team: L. to r., Jed Carnes, Vance Prestwood, Jr., Matt Plemons, Vance Prestwood, Sr.



Michael Rowan



Bagpiper: City Councilman Jack Webb



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