



Heroes of Our Day ...

*When you give of yourself,
you truly give.....*



Brenda K. Konkel: Nickname: b



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Birthplace and Date: Madison, WI
7/20/1968

Occupation: Executive Director,
Tenant Resource Center &
Alderpersn 2nd District City of
Madison

Marital Status: Not married, but
going on my 17th year with my
sweetie, Rob Bloch

Children and Ages: None

Favorite Childhood Memory:
Picking apples on my grandfather's
farm.

In high school I was known as:
Being shy.

**The best advice my parents ever
gave me:** My grandmother always
told me, "Go to school, learn as
much as you can. No matter what
happens, they can't take that away
from you."

**The funniest situation I have been
in:** In college, I was talking to some
women on my floor and I was spin-
ning around a scissors and cut my
finger bad enough I had to go get
stitches. In order to go to the emer-
gency room, a friend of mine offered
to drive my car . . . the only problem
was, it was stick shift and she had
never driven a stick shift car before.

So, I tried to teach her on the way to
hospital - and it didn't go so well.
When we got to the hospital we were

laughing so hard the doctors thought
we were under the influence of
something.

Favorite Food: Pickles

Favorite Restaurant: Parthanon's
Gyros

Favorite TV Show: The Daily Show

Favorite Book: Harry Potter Series

I'm a pushover for: A good story.

I spend my weekends: Resting and
spending time with Rob, hopefully
finding time to catch a show and lis-
ten to some music.

**My most outstanding accomplish-
ment:** Advocacy for the women and
their families that got kicked out of
1909 Simpson St.

**If I could invite anyone in history
for dinner, it would be:** Jerry
Garcia

If I wasn't a human I would be a
sunflower.

**What I like about the Allied Drive
Community:** The spirit of the peo-
ple who live there and they're refusal
to be ignored by City Hall.

**What do you see as the impact of
negative hiphop / rap on our
youth?** Desensitization and lack of
understanding how harmful words
can be.

Michelle Whitman Nickname: Matchabelli



Michelle Whitman

Hours on earth: 419,842

Birthplace and Date: Chicago Ill.

Occupation: Administrative
Assistant/Phlebotomist

Marital Status: In a relationship
Children and Ages: Alicia (Aleseeia) 32,
Roy 30, Carnell 29, Angelita 27, RaShaun
26

Favorite Childhood Memory: The times
I spent with my grandmother and her
sharing her wisdom with me.

In high school I was known as: Most
likely to succeed

**The best advice my parents ever gave
me:** Always put God first

The funniest situation I have been in: I
can't recall.

Favorite Food: Shrimp Fried Rice

Favorite Restaurant: The Flaming Wok

Favorite TV Show: Court TV

Favorite Book: Walking in your destiny
by Juanita Bynum

I'm a pushover for: My loved ones and
true friends

I spend my weekends: Watching
movies

**My most outstanding accomplish-
ment:** My children

**If I could invite anyone in history for
dinner, it would be:** Jesus

**If I wasn't a mother at such a young
age:** I would have been a Lawyer

**What I like about the Allied Drive
Community:** What I like about this
community is that it really has lots of
potential especially in the youth we just
need to cultivate it.

**What do you see as the impact of neg-
ative hiphop / rap on our youth?** The
impact of negative hiphop/rap on not
just our youth but all youth is that it is
teaching lack of responsibility, no self
respect, as well as respect of others. It
has taught the youth to compromise their
morals, they are being taught to be fol-
lowers not leaders.