



# Essentials



A Newsletter for Volunteers at the Department of Detention Facilities

Summer 2007



Shirley Godabout, JRDC volunteer accepting for The Kreunans, Peter Godfrey, ORCC volunteer, County Executive John Leopold, Bryan Colona, ORCC and JRDC volunteer.



JRDC Volunteer, Tim Green speaking at the 9th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.



ORCC Volunteer, JoAnne Zoller-Wagner speaks about her experience heading the women's knitting group.

## 9th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet

*Karen McDonald, Volunteer Coordinator, JRDC*

The 9th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was held on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at The Marriott Hotel in Linthicum. The event honored and recognized the dedication of volunteers who have made a commitment to serve their community by assisting the men and women who are incarcerated at the Jennifer Road Detention Center and the Ordnance Road Correctional Center here in Anne Arundel County.

On hand to meet and greet the more than 200 volunteers was County Executive John Leopold. The theme for the evening was "Sea Our Volunteers-They are the Waves of Change". Our volunteers are making changes in the men and women that they are working with in the two facilities every day.

Guests were entertained and inspired by guest soloist, Tim Konig, who gave an awesome performance of the National Anthem. The evening also included some of the volunteers giving inspirational testimonies on "Why they Volunteer" at the facilities.

The evening would not be complete with out the recognition of our Volunteers of the Year who received the Chaplain Herman Fletcher Memorial Award for their outstanding Service to the Dept. of Detention Facilities: Mr. Calvin Kreunen and Mrs. Linda Kreunen received the Religious Volunteers of the Year for the Jennifer Road Detention Center. Mr. Peter Godfrey was honored as the Religious Volunteer of the Year for the Ordnance Road Correctional Center and the Secular Volunteer of the Year award for the Jennifer Road Detention Center and the Ordnance Road Correctional Center went to Mr. Bryan Colona. ***Looking forward to the 10th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet in 2008!***

# JRDC Education Program Needs Volunteers



November of 2006 The Jennifer Road Detention Center began the General Education Development (GED) Program. JRDC has two wonderful Volunteer Teachers who facilitate the Program on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

We are looking for Volunteers interested in becoming Assistant Teachers for this much needed program. Interested volunteers would assist during the instructional periods as well as facilitate classes in the absence of our lead teachers.

*If you are interested please contact: Karen McDonald, JRDC Volunteer Coordinator at (410) 222-7093 or [dcmcd01@aacounty.org](mailto:dcmcd01@aacounty.org).*



**Please refer to the new religious volunteer guidelines on page three of this newsletter.**

Chaplain Chase Wood has been working at both the Ordnance Road Correctional Center and the Jennifer Road Detention Center until Good News Jail and Prison Ministry finds another chaplain. He can be reached at JRDC by calling 410-222-4549 or at ORCC 410-222-6350 Extension 3154. He is doing a great job!

## ORCC Needs Sewing Volunteers

You don't need to know how to sew to help! If you have patience and a heart for working with the women and you can spare an occasional Monday evening, please contact Cindy Meyers at 410-222-6350 x3155. The group is most popular among the women and they meet from 7:30– 8:45PM each Monday night. Email Cindy at [dcmeye00@aacounty.org](mailto:dcmeye00@aacounty.org).



# Attention Religious Volunteers

## Religious Volunteer Application Guidelines

**1st step.** Talk with your Pastor and jail ministry team leader about your interest in jail ministry.

**2nd step.** Call the facility chaplain to arrange to receive a guest speaker background check for 90-day clearance to come in with a volunteer from your jail ministry team to experience the ministry.

**3rd step.** During the 90-day clearance time meet with the facility chaplain and your jail ministry team leader to receive a volunteer application.

**4th step.** Complete and return the Volunteer Application to the County Volunteer Coordinator for processing.

Once this application has been processed the Volunteer Coordinator will give the date and time to come in for Facility Orientation / Training to receive a permanent volunteer badge.

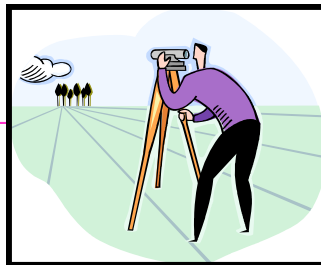
### Optional Jail Ministry Training Opportunities:

Level 1 Good News Ministry Volunteer Training sessions offered quarterly.

Level 2 Good News Ministry Volunteer Training sessions offered yearly.

\* PLEASE NOTE THIS OPTIONAL TRAINING IS SEPARATE FROM THE FACILITY ORIENTATION / TRAINING

If you or your group would like to be included in a visual presentation at our next banquet, please contact your volunteer coordinator to arrange a time and date. Any volunteers who are willing to contribute their skills in producing a volunteer power point presentation, please contact Cindy Meyers or



# ORCC Dates

## **New Volunteer Orientations:**

Held at 6:30PM on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 10

No August Orientation

Tuesday, September 11

Please note:

New Volunteer Orientation may be cancelled if there are not enough people. Please contact the Chaplain's office for new religious volunteer applications at 410-222-6350 Extension 3154.

## **Quarterly Group Leader Meeting**

Tuesday, August 7 at 6:30PM- All volunteers are welcome

## **Good News Jail and Prison Ministry's Annual Golf Event**

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 4, 2007 @ 12:00 noon

**WHERE:** Compass Pointe Golf Course

For more information, contact Jon Evans, Event Director @ 443-223-7764 or email [jevans@dpatraining.com](mailto:jevans@dpatraining.com)



# Attention!

Please be aware of your manners when you check in at the front desk of our lobby at ORCC. You must wait in line to be seen and not jump ahead because you are volunteering- the staff is trying to be courteous to each person who is visiting our facility including volunteers.

Please do not congregate and talk loudly in the lobby when you are waiting to go back or when you are finished your program. Staff are trying to work, answer phones and help other visitors. Thanks for your cooperation.  
Cindy Meyers Volunteer Coordinator, ORCC

## JRDC DATES

Tuesday, June 26, 2007 - Volunteer Orientation 6:30pm-9:00pm

July - No Orientation

Tuesday, August 28, 2007 - Volunteer Quarterly Meeting 6:30pm-7:30pm\*

Tuesday, September 25, 2007 - Volunteer Orientation 6:30pm-9:00pm

\*Please RSVP by August 17, 2007