

## ***PROGRAM NEWS*** **June 2004**

### **GREETINGS!**

#### **SUMMER ON-CALL SCHEDULE:**

Summer's here. Many of you are planning your great getaway. But... for those of you, who will be around this summer, consider signing up for 2 or 3 shifts!! Yes! Summer months are statistically high for our EDs. **We need you on call and we need back up!!** For those of you who have not been called, think about it! Thanks so much.

**SAG EVENT:** We had a great time at the Screen Actors Guild's annual Joseph C. Riley Awards on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Roosevelt! Kudos to Kathleen Bishop and Robert Armin who accepted their awards with grace and humor and thanks to those of you who were able to come. We love to see you- especially at such a fun event. Thanks to the SAG folks who really know how to throw a party!

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** On **Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**, CVTC staff will join members of the Downstate Coalition for Crime Victims to talk to legislators about bills which are pending in Albany. As you may be reading in the news, Albany has been at a "standstill" in getting a state budget passed. This has also stalled legislative action. (Session ends June 30<sup>th</sup>). If anyone is interested in attending this legislative advocacy day with us, call Susan asap. The following are bills/issues we'll be discussing:

#### *Domestic Violence*

Expand access to Family Courts for a broader group of victims of domestic violence; Prohibit discrimination against victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in seeking and staying in housing;. Permit victims of domestic violence unpaid leave from

employment in order to address the effect of that violence.

#### *Reduce Gun Violence*

Hold gun dealers responsible for their bookkeeping and reporting to the ATF on gun inventory and require liability insurance and employee training; prohibit straw purchases.

#### *Sexual Assault*

Eliminate the statute of limitations for class B violent felonies; Extend the statute of limitations in civil and criminal court for Class B violent felony sexual assaults; Support the liberalization of statute of limitations for DNA and prosecution of sexual assault.

**ADVOCATE NEWS:** We wish a fond farewell to Jennifer Coughlin, who has been a Rape Crisis Advocate since 1998. Best of luck, Jennifer. We'll miss you!

#### **ADVOCATE TIP OF THE MONTH:**

**Karen:** For great sushi at an unbeatable price, try Kinoko at 165 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street. It's \$19.99 for all you can eat and it's quite good. The rule is, you must eat your rice to continue to order. Hot tip: skip the salad and soup and eat more sushi.

**STAFF NEWS:** Jane was in Paris for a week, exploring the flea markets and enjoying the food. Sally co-hosted the annual Scottish Dance weekend workshop and Highland Ball in Hoepwell Junction, NY. There were over 150 guests, 2 teachers from the UK and one from Vancouver, BC. It was a great success!

**DEAR CVTC:** I was trained last November and have been on-call once a month (sometimes twice) since I was trained but I've never been called in. Will I still be eligible to be certified next March?

I hope so...

**Dear Hopeful,** As long as you attended 2 up-trainings and were on call at least 12 times in 2004, you will be eligible to be certified even if you were never called in. The ceremony will be held in March on 2005. See you there!

CVTC

Call or e-mail your questions to [cvtc@cvtc-sl.org](mailto:cvtc@cvtc-sl.org). Ask...and CVTC will answer.



**BIRTHDAY WISHES...** to all our Advocates and staff who were born in the month of June:  
Keri Hicks 6/12, Erika Guzman 6/14, Amy Schachman 6/17, Renee Morris 6/18, Anna Hindell 6/20, Anna-lize Charles 6/21, and Mimi Rupp 6/30.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ONE AND ALL!!!**

## Thought for the Month

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step.

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