

Crime Victims Treatment Center
ADVOCATE NEWSLETTER

March 2002

Hello again!

March 2002 is the 25th Anniversary of Women's History Month, a nationwide commemoration of past achievements and celebration and acknowledgement of the numerous and diverse contributions made by women. The New York City Commission on the Status of Women has published a National Women's History Month Calendar, a very nice booklet listing a wide range of related events in New York City during the month. To obtain a copy of the booklet, you can call the Commission's office at (212) 788-2738 or visit their website at nyc.gov/women. Although not listed in the catalog, the main event to attend this month is the CVTC annual awards ceremony on March 21st (see below for details). Hope to see you all there.

During the month of February, advocates were called in to the ED a total of 16 times- 7 times for sexual assault, 8 times for domestic violence and once for both sexual assault and DV. Great work, everyone! The on-call schedules are also looking good for advocate coverage. You have all been just great in getting yourself on the calendar. Remember that if you need to be on call on certain days (weekends only, for example) you can always call Sally and schedule your shifts even months in advance.

CVTC Annual Awards Ceremony: This year's awards ceremony will be held on **Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m** in the Muhlenberg 4th Floor Conference Center at the St. Luke's site. New York State Certification will be awarded to Domestic Violence Advocates who have completed one year of service and Rape Crisis Advocates who have completed one year of service plus the additional training hours required. ALL advocates and SAFE Examiners are invited, so even if you are not getting an award this year, please plan to come and cheer for your colleagues. We will also be honoring some special people who have been supportive, influential, inspirational, helpful or otherwise indispensable to our Program. You'll have to come to find out who they are and what they have done...

Oh Where oh Where Are You???: We still have not received the information required for certification from **Shirley Curry, Michelle Hazel, Jacqueline Perrineau, Esther Shin and Rosanne Berman**. Please call Erika, Sally or Louise **ASAP** so we can update your status, award you your certification and keep you current with the Program.

Supervision!!!: The first of 4 combined (Rape and DV Advocate) supervision sessions scheduled this year took place on 1/31/02. It was an interesting and very informative meeting, which concluded with a presentation by Maxine Rosenthal, ADA, our guest speaker, who provided the group with a lot of useful information about the Sexual Assault Reform Act. Please remember that the new requirement this year is that ALL ADVOCATES attend at least 2 supervision meetings per year. The dates for the remaining combined supervisions in 2002 are: Tuesday, April 30th, Wednesday, July 31st and Wednesday, October 30th. In addition, there will be supervision specifically for Domestic Violence Advocates here at the Program Office on Friday, March 29th from 6-7:30 PM. Attendance at this meeting will also count toward the 4 meeting per year requirement.

25th Anniversary Benefit Committee: We still need advocates on the committee and we haven't heard from many of you, so if you would be willing to help, please call us NOW!!! What do we need now?? We

need connections to corporations, law firms, or a few rich people who care about the issue of violence to underwrite some of the costs i.e., catering, rental of space, gifts for invitees etc. etc. They would be given a special acknowledgement in the program and we will love them forever. In addition, we want to have music maybe some entertainment. All of you talented advocates in the performing arts world...you could help us out on this one. Put on your thinking cap and get back to us. In general, we need your ideas, experiences and you!!! Call us.

Advocate News: Due to expanding career responsibilities and their inherent scheduling conflicts, **Elizabeth Karlin** will not be able to continue as an Advocate at this time. Elizabeth has been a dedicated and wonderful DV Advocate since 1998 and she will surely be missed. Hopefully, she will be able to return to the Program sometime in the not-too-distant future. Exciting news from **Sara Dworken**- her baby is due on or about March 28th, so she will be on maternity leave for a few months. Best wishes and congratulations, Sara!

NYC Alliance Forensic Healthcare Program seminar: The Forensic Healthcare Program of the New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault is presenting their next advanced leadership seminar on "Adolescent Victims of Sexual Assault" on Friday, March 22nd at the Roosevelt site. This is an all-day seminar (9:30AM-5:30PM) focusing on the psychological, medical and legal aspects of working with adolescents. For further information or to obtain a registration form, please contact Suzanne Towns, CSW, Forensic Healthcare Program Coordinator at 523-5164 or e-mail her at stowns@nycagainstrape.org.

NYIT Health and Wellness Fair: The Manhattan campus of the New York Institute of Technology is hosting a Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday, April 18, 2002 from 1-3PM. We are looking for 2 volunteers to represent CVTC at this event. The duties would include picking up printed materials from our office, bringing them to the fair, setting up table at the fair and manning the table for the two-hour period to distribute materials and answer questions about the Program. If you would be willing to represent the Program at this fair, please call Erika or Sally before 3/31 to volunteer your services.

Thought for the Month

On women's role in the Olympics,

Excerpted from the book, "Whose Bright Idea Was That?" by Matthew Richardson:

"In the [original] Olympics, women gained notable victories over male competition in the equestrian events. Cynisca, sister of King Agesilaus of Sparta, was the first female victor, probably in the 390s BC. When her team won the chariot race, her statue was put up amongst those of the male champions of past ages. In the 129th Olympiad (360 BC), when the race of chariots drawn by pairs of foals, was run for the first time, the inaugural winner was a woman, Belistiche, representing Coastal Macedonia."

"The [original] Olympics had no women's only events. These were held as separate games, the Heraean Games, conducted every four years in the Olympic stadium by a local group known as the Sixteen Women. Maidens of all ages were invited to compete. They wore knee length skirts that left the right shoulder bare."

Happy St. Patrick's Day Everyone!!!

