

**October 2002**

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**HELLO, EVERYONE!**

By the time you receive this newsletter, the CVTC 25th Anniversary Benefit will have already taken place. Since this is being written before the event, we can't give you any news on how it went but we're all VERY excited about it and we'll give you a full report in next month's newsletter. The past month has flown by, in a flurry of preparations for the Benefit, Advocate supervision on October 30<sup>th</sup> and new Advocate Training, which starts on October 24<sup>th</sup>!

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The issue of intimate partner violence will be given special attention this month, legislatively as well as on the level of public awareness. This month, we would like to extend special thanks to all the CVTC Domestic Violence Advocates who have served DV survivors so faithfully and have made a difference in so many peoples' lives.

**ANNUAL RAPE CRISIS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE TRAINING**

Just a reminder that training starts at the end of this month. We are currently interviewing new candidates and would love to have more! The training dates are:

**Rape Advocate Volunteer Training**

Thursday, October 24 (6pm to 9pm,) Saturday, November 2 (9am to 6pm), Sunday, November 3 (9am to 6pm) and Saturday, November 9 (9am to 1pm).

**Domestic Violence Advocate Training**

Saturday, November 9 (9am to 1pm), Friday, November 15 (6pm to 9pm) and Saturday, November 16 (9am to 5pm)

**H-LINK ANSWERING SERVICE**

We have successfully implemented the new answering service to call Advocates and SAFE Examiners to the ED. Please remember that, since you are no longer calling the ED's at the beginning of your shift, you MUST notify us immediately of any change in your contact numbers. Please let us know if there are any problems or give us your feedback on how the new service is working, from your perspective. Remember that you can check the current and upcoming schedules on our website ([www.cvtc-slr.org](http://www.cvtc-slr.org)) and You will soon be able to sign up for shifts directly on the website! COOL!!! Stay tuned...

**NEW SAFE EXAMINERS**

We have 9 new SAFE examiners who are joining the Program this month. We are ecstatic to have them aboard. They recently completed 55 hours of intensive Sexual Assault Examiner training and will be trailing with our independent examiners in the ED. So, remember their names...you'll be working with them. WELCOME to the new SAFE Examiners!

**Tom Ashar, MD**

**Jason Buchwald, MD**

**Caroline Choudhury, RN**

**Thanh Du, RN**

**Joshua Partnow, MD**

**Leo Polosajian, MD**

**Barbara Schnoor, RN**

**Jennifer Stewart, RN**

**David Tong, PA**

## JOIN US!

You are all invited to a special performance of the Nitestar IPV Group on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4PM in the Muhlenberg Auditorium at the St. Luke's site. This exciting production is called "The Living Quilt" and features vignettes about domestic violence and HIV. Refreshments will be served; admission is FREE!

### Thought for the Month

*This poem, written by Billy Collins, poet laureate of the United States, was read before Congress at its joint session in New York City on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002*

### The Names

Yesterday, I lay awake in the palm of the night.  
a fine rain stole in, unhelped by any breeze.  
And when I saw the silver glaze on the windows,  
I started with A, with Ackerman, as it happened,  
Then Baxter and Calabro,  
Davis and Eberling, names falling into place  
As droplets fell through the dark.

Names printed on the ceiling of the night.  
Names slipping around a watery bend.  
Twenty-six willows on the banks of a stream.

In the morning, I walked out barefoot  
Among thousands of flowers  
Heavy with dew like the eyes of tears,  
And each had a name-  
Fiori inscribed on a yellow petal  
Then Gonzalez and Han, Ishikawa and Jenkins.

Names written in the air  
And stitched into the cloth of the day.  
A name under a photograph taped to a mailbox.  
Monogram on a torn shirt,  
I see you spelled out on storefront windows  
And on the bright unfurled awnings of this city.  
I say the syllables as I turn a corner –  
Kelly and Lee,  
Medina, Nardella, and O'Connor.

When I peer into the woods,  
I see a thick tangle where letters are hidden  
As in a puzzle concocted for children.  
Parker and Quigley in the twigs of an ash,  
Rizzo, Schubert, Torres, and Upton,  
Secrets in the boughs of an ancient maple.

Names written in the pale sky.  
Names rising in the updraft amid buildings.  
Names silent in stone  
Or cried out behind a door.  
Names blown over the earth and out to sea.

In the evening-weakening light, the last  
swallows.  
A boy on a lake lifts his oars.  
A woman by a window puts a match to  
a candle.  
And the names are outlined on the rose clouds  
- Vanacore and Wallace,  
(let X stand, if it can, for the ones unfound)  
The Young and Ziminsky, the final jolt of Z.

Names etched on the head of a pin.  
One name spanning a bridge, another  
undergoing a tunnel.  
A blue name neddled into the skin.  
Names of citizens, workers, mothers and  
fathers,  
The bright-eyed daughter, the quick son.  
Alphabet of names in green rows in a field.  
Names in the small tracks of birds.  
Names lifted from a hat.  
Or balanced on the tip of the tongue.  
Names wheeled into the dim warehouse  
of memory.  
So many names, there is barely room  
on the walls of the heart.

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September 6, 2002*