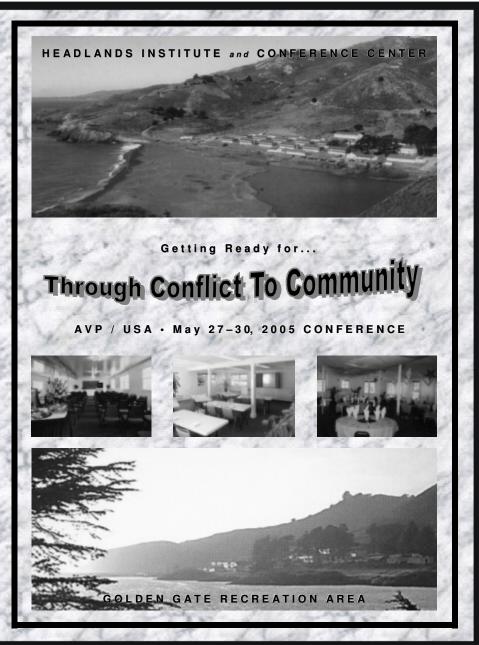
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Getting ready for AVP/USA Conference, May 27-30, 2005

Pat Hardy, California, USA Toby Laverty, California, USA Barbara Babin, California, USA

Going to a conference—any conference—takes some thought and planning, a national AVP conference is no different. Here are some reminders.

- Registration is the first step, ofcourse. http://www.avpcalifornia.org/ and look for conference call 805/682-3277 (Pacific Time) for a paper copy of the registration form. Registering by March 15 can save you \$94. Registering by April 24 can save you \$45.
- Plan to vacation in California. If you want to travel to other parts of the state, Amtrak and rental cars are readily available. (See page 11 for rental car discounts.) You can fly in to LA and out of San Francisco with little cost for car drop off.

Want free lodging with facilitators and Quakers throughout the state? To stay in homes of people who care that you are doing this great AVP work, contact Janet Riley by April 30th at AVP-SLO@quaker.org or Box 3936, San Luis Obispo, CA 93403.

• Getting to the Bay Area is the next step. Many airlines serve San Francisco; fewer serve Oakland and San Jose. See page 6 for possible airline discounts. Amtrak goes to Oakland. Shopping around is always your best bet.

Book flights early. At publication, Obitz.com had a \$310 round trip from Boston to San Francisco; \$225 non-stop r/t flight from Miami, \$248 non-stop r/t from Chicago; \$145 r/t Portland, OR. Compare these with the deals negotiated for AVP/USA.

- Ground transportation to Headlands can be simple or complex depending on the method you choose. No matter where you arrive, you will need to navigate San Francisco to go over that glorious Golden Gate Bridge to the Headlands. A special rate on Marin Door-to-Door shuttle has been arranged. *Reservations are required*. See pages 6 & 11 for details on all means to get there from wherever you land.
- Put together a team to facilitate a workshop. Consider trying out a new exercise, sharing on a topic in which you have some expertise or expanding your understanding of a subject by getting together with some others to develop a one and a half hour breakout session. Want to test an idea? Email AVPpat@earthlink.net or call Pat Hardy at 805/682-3277. See a few topics already being considered on page 5. Volunteer an idea about which

you would like to know more. Check out "Looking for a few Good Facilitators" on avpcalifornia.org. Looking for someone to team with you? Go on the AVP-L (see list info on page 14) and put it out there.

- Talk to your local council about questions on which they want answers.
- Recruit a few more from your local council to join you at the conference.
- Locate former prisoners who took your AVP workshops and recommend that they apply for scholarships. See avpcalifornia.org for scholarship information.
- Look at your own AVP materials, promotional or workshop. Select some to bring that you think might be helpful or unusually creative and share. Make 100 copies for your fellow attendees to take home.
- Start packing You will be in a dorm and outdoor-oriented setting, so leave the tux and heels at home. The cool weather on the coast of Northern California encourages layering. California is casual even if you decide to dine out during the rest of your vacation. Jeans work everywhere and a nice blouse or shirt and jacket are appropriate even at the nicest places. They'll think you are a movie star or a tourist. See the list on page 10. Leave extra space in your suitcase for all those handouts you'll collect.
- Bring your credit card or checkbook. Save the cost of shipping and take books —that you can actually peruse—with you when you buy at the AVP bookstore. Also the Headlands has some interesting items to take home.

No matter what physical preparations you make, it is the heart and mind openness you bring which makes this conference valuable to you and your AVP friends.

What to do at the Headlands?

Arrive early on Friday or stay later on Monday, or take a break during the conference and enjoy these nearby places of interest. Links and information on each of the following can be found at:

www.hiconferencecenter.com/recreation.html

- The Marin Mammal Center (415) 289-7325
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("What to Do...and more" continued from page 3)

What is the weather like?

Your vision of California weather is about to change. Weather in the Bay Area and north coast can be quite chilly as well as warm, so layering is in definitely in order. The ocean is likely to be in the 50s and often too dangerous for swimming and surfing. Ocean beaches are impressive, but not a lot of sunbathing happens.

For the three Ss (sunning, surfing, swimming) type beaches, you will need to plan a trip to southern California before or after the conference.

What is the program?

Just a quick peek at what is being planned for the weekend of community building.

Friday night Getting to know you program launches the conference theme "Through Conflict to Community."

Saturday morning: Keynote Speaker: Alan Mobley, Ph.D.

This year's keynoter, Alan Mobley, PhD, brings an uncommon depth of experience in and with the justice system. His uncompromising respect for the individuals involved with our penal system will resonate with AVP facilitators. His commitment to improving the prison system based on empathy and shared understanding will challenge and inspire us. His experience as a justice innovator as well as a prisoner brings an unusual complexity to his message. Dr. Mobley became interested in criminal justice issues in 1984, when he was arrested on narcotics charges. While in federal prison, he earned degrees in economics and sociology. Upon his release in 1994, he entered a doctoral program in criminology, law and society at the University of California, Irvine, which he completed in 2001. Dr. Mobley has taught at the university level, consulted for federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies, faith and community groups, and nonprofit foundations. He has conducted research on faith-based corrections, prison privatization, and in-custody substance abuse treatment, and prisoner reentry. His work has been published in academic books and scholarly journals and he speaks widely on criminal justice reform. He currently co-directs the Northwest Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, in Salem, Oregon, where he lives with his growing family.

Workshop leaders this year are being encouraged to facilitate as a team, as we do in AVP workshops. Evaluations will be done as we do in

an AVP workshop—on the wall—with everyone sharing impressions.

Some beginning topics already selected are:

- Youth with Darrell Hefte and Shakeel Ali
- Shaping your TP Story with Tom and Sandy Farley

The following facilitators would welcome additional team members:

- Using AVP techniques outside AVP with Mark Thomas and team
- AVP in women's facilities with Barbara Babin and team
- Bias Awareness workshop with John Shuford and team
- Grant writing with Ann Ward and team
- Maintaining and defining boundaries with participants with Tanna Moontaro and team
- Working with corrections staff looking for a team
- Forgiveness workshop looking for a team
- Developing community with your facilitators. Keeping facilitators involved looking for a team
- Supporting formerly incarcerated people when they get out Looking for a team
- MORE are needed...

What topic would make you say "California Here I Come?"

Send your ideas to avppat@earthlink org or check www.avpcalifornia.org Looking for a few Good Facilitators details.

Issues and Answers is a fast-paced brainstorming of solutions to a given issue or question by all in attendance. Already raised are:

- Liability insurance for volunteers
- How low do we go in hours for workshops?
- Best practices for helping new AVP programs especially internationally,
- How do you create community with the outside facilitators?
- How to increase your community workshop attendance?
- How to assure your facilitators are maintaining personal boundaries in the prison?

Check out AVPCalifornia.org for final selections of Workshops and Issues

Sunday evening: Talented community

In keeping with our theme of building community, the entertainment committee is organizing a talent night. We'll come together to share songs, stories, juggling—whatever talents we have—so come prepared!

Saturday evening: Ex-prisoners panel

The always moving and well-received panel of ex-prisoners is the

("What is the Program" continued from page 5)

highlight of Saturday night, followed by a highly interactive World Café facilitated by Pat Parker-Roach and keynote speaker Alan Mobley.

International learning night: Slide show of international AVP trips with limited number of slides around the topic "New insights gained." Do you have photos you'd like to share? Just let us know.

Getting to the Bay Area and CAR RENTALS

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Toby Laverty, California, USA

Barbara Babin, California, USA

AIRLINES

Many airlines serve San Francisco; fewer serve Oakland and San Jose. Be aware that San Jose is a good solid hour drive to San Francisco. We have arranged some discounts for attendees. Most of these are off the mid to full range fares, therefore you may find that these are not the cheapest option. Book directly, travel agents receive no commission. Check other available pricing options and web fares as well. In most cases, all standard service charges apply for changes, etc.

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For questions, please call Pat Hardy 805/682-3277

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For others, no later than April 25, 2005: Enclose \$50 for each participant (including sponsored exprisoner). Please fill out separate forms for each person attending.

CANCELLATION: For a full refund, written requests must be received by April 24, 2005. Requests after this date will be reviewed by AVP California and AVP USA.

TRANSPORTATION to and from Oakland and San Francisco airports is available with local shuttle services. You must make the arrangements in advance with these transport services. Details will be provided on shuttles with your confirmation and at www.avp-California.org.

Scholarships are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Request before April 1st.

Former prisoners qualify for full registration, **DOLPHIN** scholarships (the \$50 deposit will be refunded at the conference). Partial assistance on travel may also be available from AVP/USA. Please apply through your local or regional group.

Others' requests for assistance on registration or travel expenses should also be through your local group.

FOUR EASY WAYS TO REGISTER (Registration Deadline April 24, 2005):

- 1 Print out form and mail with check or credit card via U.S. Postal Service to:
 AVP/USA National Conference, c/o 886 Cheltenham Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93105
- 2 FAX form with credit card payment to 805/682-5837
- 3 Go to www.AVPUSA.org to pay on line.

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Water bottle

Sunscreen

Binoculars for birding

- * <u>NOTE</u>: Check schedule for open video night
 - ___Informational & Inspirational videos to share
 - ____100 copies of promotional materials, new exercises or handouts you think others might be interested in
- ____Instruments, juggling balls, costumes or other paraphernalia for talent night
- Someone who has never been to our National Conference
- * NOTE: Weather here can be quite chilly as well as warm, so layering is definitely in order. The 50° ocean will be unsuitable for swimming or surfing. Planning a southern California vacation before or after the conference could be the perfect thing!
 - ____Cell phones work somewhat.
- * NOTE: For EMERGENCY CALLS from people at home ONLY while you are at the conference, leave John Helding's cell 415/279-8020. This number is only for calls during the weekend, not before.

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A Light Still Shines Remembering Olga Tishina

Contributed by Raffi Aftandelian La Jolla, California, USA

Dear friends and colleagues,

On January 2nd this year the AVP community in Moscow lost one of its own, Olga Tishina. Olga was a very good friend of mine and a fellow co-facilitator with whom I especially enjoyed working with. She was the only facilitator in Russia of the "first wave" of facilitators trained in AVP (by Kay Anderson and other AVP'ers in the early 90's) to stay on and continue doing AVP workshops.

She was one of the first AVP'ers here to conduct the T4T as well.

Some of you may remember Olga as she participated in the AVP Int'l Gathering in Houston in 1998.

Olga was an amazing person for me. I never ceased to be inspired by her inner freedom, her honesty, her willingness to tell it as it is with grace, her style, her individualism, and her love of life.

Besides being an AVP'er, she



was an excellent English teacher and interpreter, translating trainings for internationally-renowned psychotherapists and people of related fields.

She died of cancer at age 45. Services took place January 5th near Moscow.

Messages of condolence can be sent to her brother Igor Tishin at tishin@eagle.ru.

APP and the REENTRY PROCESS Contributed by Dick Nethercut, (Radiant Rich) Concord, Massachusetts, USA

In the past several months I have attended the court appearances or Parole Board hearings of five prisoners, all of whom were either AVP facilitators or had completed the three levels of training. I have testified on two of these occasions. Because of my hearing loss I don't always know what is going on. But

there is a strong feeling within me that I should be there, and I know that just my presence is appreciated by the individual and his family whether I speak or not.

I feel that all of us in AVP, on either side of the wall, owe a debt to the prisoners at Greenhaven in New York who took the initiative 30 years ago to work with Quaker volunteers in crafting a program which became our beloved AVP. From the start there was a covenant of sorts between those on the inside and those on the outside, a partnership which was mutually reinforcing and empowering. The inside facilitator in many respects is the host, the guide, and the teacher that knows the prison culture and can have a far greater impact on fellow prisoners than an outside facilitator. Moreover, we outside volunteers become better facilitators to the extent we listen to and learn from those on the inside. (Ten years ago my failure to consult with the inside team members led to my partner and me being evicted and the workshop being suspended in what was a painful but powerful learning experience for me.)

Now it seems to me we have something of a reversal of roles. In Massachusetts, under the leadership of a new Commissioner of Corrections, there is greater emphasis on preparing the prisoner to return to society and facilitating his/her successful reentry. At the two parole hearings I attended Board members seemed to view favorably the prisoner's involvement in programs like AVP, but raised questions about resources on the outside that would help keep the individual on track after release.

How can AVP lend a hand in this exit (from prison) and reentry process? Obviously there is no single pat answer and circumstances will vary from state to state but the first advice I would give is to work within the system. In Massachusetts it is permissible for volunteers to write letters of support for persons appearing before a Parole Board and to attend and testify at the hearing itself. I also have been subpoenaed to testify at two superior court hearings based on my knowledge of the defendant through his participation in AVP.

Secondly, I would urge that every effort be made to encourage the ex-inside facilitator to participate at all levels of AVP. Recently an ex-prisoner (and superb facilitator) was named co-chair of the AVP Massachusetts local group, which will have primary responsibility for hosting the 2006 National Gathering in Boston.. The Fall meeting of AVP New England was held at a minimum security prison in Massachusetts and two ex-prisoners and four inside facilitators took part. Their combined presence galvanized the event and made us all aware of the power, hope, and potential for change inherent in AVP.

Clearly a desired goal is to have greater representation of former prisoners at the national gathering and within the AVP/USA committee structure. It is encouraging to note that the keynote speaker at the next national gathering is a former prisoner. And I would hope that committees like the Conference Committee and CLRG would particularly seek to bolster their ranks with ex-inside facilitators.

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