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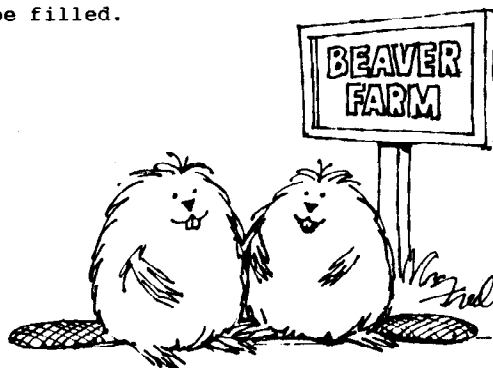
LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOPS

In response to the great need for workshop facilitators, Westchester-Fairfield has joined with the Metro Area Council in offering two Community Leadership Training Workshops this fall. The Basic Workshop will be held on the weekend of September 26 to 28 and the Training for Trainers will be held on the weekend of October 17 to 19.

We are fortunate to have a beautiful, rural setting for these workshops that will provide meals and overnight accommodations. The Basic workshop will be held at Beaver Farm Conference Center in Yorktown Heights.

We need to fill both workshops in order to meet our leadership needs and prison workshop schedule for 1987. Please talk to your friends and tell them about this

workshop and the benefits of the AVP program. If each member of AVP can recruit just one person, the workshop will be filled.



Since Black Hearted Bear took the AVP Training he's turned into a vegetarian and is running workshops for delinquent raccoons!

AVP CALENDAR

- Aug. 10 State Education Committee at
3:00PM Nancy Nothhelfer's House
- Aug. 12 Westchester-Fairfield Business
7:30PM Meeting at Purchase meeting
- Sept. AVP Annual Meeting at Powell
12-14 House in Old Chatham, NY
- Sept. Basic Leadership Training Work-
26-28 shop at Beaver Farm in Yorktown
- Oct. Training for Trainers Leaders
17-19 Workshop - Place to be announced

WORKSHOP LEADERS NEEDED!!!

Facilitators are needed for many prison workshops, especially at Taconic and Sing Sing. Please call Fred Feucht if you can help.

AUGUST BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting will focus on planning for the Leadership Training Workshops and recruiting new leaders. The next business meeting of the Westchester-Fairfield Area Council will be held at Purchase Meeting House on August 12, 7:30PM. Key items on the agenda will be:

1. Leadership and planning for the two Leadership Training Workshops
2. Recruitment for Leadership Training workshops
3. Reports and sharing from recent workshops
4. Plans for future workshops

We need your ideas and suggestions to make the AVP program successful. Please mark August 12 on your calendar and attend this meeting.

WORKSHOPS "ON THE HILL" AT SING SING

After encountering administrative problems for a number of years, we have, at last, scheduled an AVP workshop "on the Hill" at Sing Sing. As you may know, the workshops that we have been regularly conducting at Sing Sing have been held in the Tappan section. This is the medium security division located on the shores of the Hudson. These workshops have been arranged through and supported by Tony Clark, administrator of the Network program. The inmate population of the Tappan section is less than 500.

The maximum security section of Sing Sing is located on the hill and has an inmate population of over 2,000. There is a great need for AVP here. To meet this need, Tony Clark has received the approval of the administration to hold workshops in the maximum security section and has arranged for space. A small group room can be used in the Substance Abuse Counseling Center. However, because of the size of the room, the number of participants must be limited to 12 with two or three facilitators.

The first workshop is scheduled for October 17-19 and we would like to have two outside facilitators and one inside facilitator. Please call Fred Feucht if you would like to lead the first workshop "on the Hill" at Sing Sing.

AVP PROGRAM IN WESTCHESTER CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM

At the June Area Council Meeting, the program at both the Penetentiary for Men and the Women's Correctional Unit was reviewed. We have been holding regular workshops in both units for more than two years and there has been some concern about the low completion rate, especially in the men's unit. The completion rate is shown in the chart below. The area council is also finding it difficult to support the program at Sing Sing and other state facilities where the completion rate is high.

WESTCHESTER JAIL PROGRAM

PENETENTIARY FOR MEN		WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL UNIT	
DATE	COMPLETED	DATE	COMPLETED
Jul 84	15	Aug 84	12
Nov 84	5	Nov 84	11
Mar 85	13	Mar 85	8
May 85	10	Sep 85	15
May 85	7		
Nov 85	12		
Mar 86	9		
May 86	5		
Average	9.5		11.5

It was decided to put our main energies into doing workshops in the state facilities. Our efforts at the county jail would be with the women, with whom we have had a better completion rate. We will also work with Judy Wernick, the Coordinator of Volunteer Services, to develop a form to be signed that would increase informed commitment.

AVP IN MICHIGAN

Interest in AVP has spread to Michigan and Steve Angell led a Training for Trainers workshop in Detroit on June 21 and 22.

Newsletter Editor: Fred Feucht



The Anna Curtis Center

AVP ANNUAL MEETING AT POWELL HOUSE
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1986

All members of AVP are invited to spend a weekend together playing, eating together and working together in discussions and goal setting for 1987. Spouses and friends are also welcome.

Powell House is set in 50 acres of fields and woods with hiking trails and a beautiful pond for swimming. It is located near Old Chatham, New York in the Taconic

Hills at the north end of the Taconic Parkway. The Shaker Museum and a bird sanctuary are within walking distance and it is surrounded by horse farms.

We will be staying in the Anna Curtis Center which can accommodate approximately 30 people with four to a room. Six meals are included and they will be prepared by AVP members and we hope that Ellen Flanders will serve as chef again this year.

The program will start with supper at 7:00PM on Friday evening and will be followed with an evening of community building and sharing. The Statewide Council and Board Meetings will be included in the schedule. We need your ideas and help in planning the future direction of AVP.

The cost of the weekend will be approximately \$45.00. Since accommodations are limited, reserve your space early. Send a \$10.00 deposit to Steve Angell, Bulls Head Road, Clinton Corners, NY 12514. Please make your check payable to AVP.

AVP ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

- I wish to register for the AVP Annual Meeting at Powell House on September 12-14, 1986.
- Enclosed is my \$10.00 registration fee - Please make checks payable to AVP. The total cost for the weekend will be approximately \$45.00.
- I need scholarship aid. I plan to stay overnight Friday.
- I am interested in carpooling. I plan to stay overnight Saturday
- I am coming by public transportation.

Please meet me at the Hudson train station at _____

Please meet me at the Albany Bus Depot at _____

Name _____ Male _____

Street _____ Female _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone _____

Please mail to Steve Angell, Bulls Head Road, Clinton Corners, NY 12514

RECENT WORKSHOPS

Betty and Rudy Cypser led a Basic workshop at the Westchester Penitentiary for Men on May 30 to June 1.

Betty Cypser and Manny Lindenbaum led a Basic workshop at the Federal Prison in Otisville, NY on June 17-19.

Eunice and Bob Zimmerman, along with Steve Angell, led a Basic Workshop at Fishkill on June 13-15.

Ellen Flanders and Soon Dench led a Training for Trainers Workshop at Bedford Hills on June 30 to July 3.

Fred Feucht, Miriam Swartz and Virginia Auster, along with inmate trainers, Paul Dudley, Edwin Terrell and Ned Edmond, led a Basic Workshop at Taconic on June 30 to July 2.

Debbie McIlwaine and Cynthia Macbain, along with inmate trainers Henry Johnson, Herb Daniels and Mack Walker, led a Basic Workshop at Sing Sing on July 11-13.

Betty and Rudy Cypser, along with Steve Angell led a Basis Workshop at Camp Beacon on July 18 to 20.

PERSONAL NOTES

Nancy Nothhelfer has left her job with the shelter for the homeless in Stamford and has taken the position of Assistant Director for Pathways, a halfway house for ex-mental patients in Greenwich.

Debbie McIlwaine has decided to leave her job as a social worker at Lincoln Hall and take an extended vacation to travel and see her children.

Mary Gray Legg, who besides being an AVP leader, is an excellent cellist, went on a two week concert tour of Austria and Hungary in May and June. This is Mary Gray's third trip behind the Iron Curtain with the Friendship

PERSONAL NOTES (CONTINUED)

Ambassadors and on this trip, her group, the Connecticut String Orchestra, played four concerts.

WORKSHOPS COMPLETED IN 1986

The following trainers have led workshops in 1986 and the area council thanks them for their contribution of time and effort. The number after the name indicates the number of workshops they have led.

Virginia Auster	3	Liza Moon	1
Betty Cypser	6	Nancy Nothhelfer	1
Rudy Cypser	4	Jim O'Brien	3
Allison Dench	8	Chris Owens	1
Fred Feucht	5	John Perris	1
Ellen Flanders	2	Pat Posner	2
Ty Griese	1	Isabelle Labelle	1
David Hunt	1	Frances Salant	2
Anna Lamp	1	Chuck Swalm	1
Mary Gray Legg	2	Miriam Swartz	1
Cynthia MacBain	1	Bob Zimmerman	1
Debbie McIlwaine	4	Eunice Zimmerman	1

if you have completed workshops that are not listed please call Fred Feucht to correct the records.

AVP TALK AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Fred Feucht led a talk and two hour mini-workshop for the students in a criminology class at the University of Connecticut in Stamford on July 28. The students enjoyed Concentric Circles and Hassle Lines. They also expressed an interest in the AVP Program.

AVP AT LAKE GEORGE

Two AVP Mini-Workshops were given at the New York Yearly Meeting of Quakers at Silver Bay on Lake George. Steve Angell and Larry Apsey led a community building workshop. Fred Feucht and Mary Gray Legg led a session of "Carefronting" which is a segment from the Forgiveness Workshop held at Purchase in May.

STAMFORD POLICE OFFICERS WORKSHOP

Nancy Alred contacted Fred Feucht about the possibility of doing a workshop for Stamford Police Officers. Over the past years, at least two incidents have resulted in the death of people with emotional problems, about whom complaints were made. Since both of the victims were black, this has resulted in tension

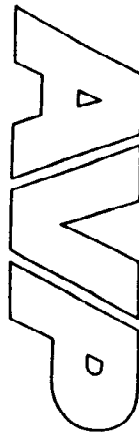
between the police and the black community.

Virginia Auster and Debbie McIlwaine will read a program report on a similar workshop done in Buffalo. Virginia will talk to Nancy Alred to let her know that we are considering what can be done and to clarify with her who has requested this training.

AVP WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

DATE	INSTITUTION	TYPE	A/C	COORDINATOR	TRAINERS
Jul 25-27	Arthurkill	Basic	Met	Kussman	Kussman
Jul 25-27	Walkkill	Basic	MH	Veseley	Veseley Ripp
Jul 25-27	Walkkill	Basic	MH	Veseley	Legg
Jul 25-27	Eastern	Basic	D	Zybas	Zybas
Aug 1-3	Owego(c)	Basic	ST	O'Connell	O'Connell
Aug 15-17	Sing Sing-Tappan	Basic	WF	Feucht	B&R Cypser Owens
Aug 22-24	Fishkill	Adv	MH	Angell	Angell Nothhelfer
Aug 22-24	Fishkill	Basic	MH	Angell	Legg Swalm
Aug 22-24	Eastern	Basic	D	Zybas	Zybas
Aug 22-24	Arthurkill	Basic?	Met	Kussman	Kussman & ?
Aug 25-28	Taconic	Basic	WF	Feucht	Feucht & ?
Aug 29-31	Camp Beacon	Adv	MH	Angell	Wallach Stern Mulankey Moss
Sep 6-7	Bayview	Basic	Met	Dench	Malmgreen Floyd Irvine
Sep 19-21	Owego(c)	Adv	ST	O'Connell	O'Connell
Sep 26-28	Yorktown(c)	Basic	Met/WF		?
Sep 26-28	Sing Sing/Tappan	Adv	WF	Feucht	Posner Hunt
Sep 26-28	Fishkill	Basic	MH	Angell	Legg Weiss
Sep 26-28	Fishkill	T/T	MH	Angell	Angell D.Wood
Sep 26-28	Eastern	Basic	D	Zybas	Zybas
Oct 17-19	Westchester(c)	T/T	Met/WF		?
Oct 17-19	Sing Sing/Max.	Basic	WF	Feucht	? MacKain
Oct 17-19	Greenhaven	Basic	MH	West	Griese & ?
Oct 17-19	Greenhaven	Basic	MH	West	Legg & ?
Oct 19	Arthurkill	In Service		Kussman	Kussman
Oct 24-26	Sing Sing/Tappan	Basic	WF	Feucht	?
Oct 24-26	Fishkill	Basic	MH	Angell	Apsley & ?
Oct 24-26	Fishkill	Adv	MH	Angell	Angell West Zybas
Oct 24-26	Eastern	Basic	D	Zybas	Zybas
Nov 7-9	Owego(c)	Basic	ST	O'Connell	O'Connell
Nov 21-23	Sing Sing/Tappan	Basic	WF	Feucht	?
Nov 21-23	Camp Beacon	Basic	MH	Feucht	Angell D&B Wood
Nov 21-23	Eastern	Basic	D	Zybas	Zybas
Dec 12-14	Greenhaven	Basic	MH	West	?
Dec 26-28	Fishkill	Basic	MH	Angell	Angell Wright Weiss
Dec 26-30	Taconic	Basic	WF	Feucht	?

? Additional leaders needed



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AUG. 12, 7:30PM

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