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2008 ANNUAL DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

WILLOW VALLEY RESORT/CONFERENCE CENTER

APRIL 17TH - REGISTRATION DEADLINE – APRIL 11TH

(See Page 4 for Silent Auction Details and Page 6 For Dinner Reservation Form)



**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
(To Be Presented at the 2008
Annual Dinner)**

The Board of Directors of LAVORP has established the *Restorative Justice Achievement Award* to be given, annually, to that individual whose contributions have significantly impacted the advancement of the knowledge and practice of Restorative Justice principles in Lancaster County.

The first recipient will be **Barb Toews**, who joined LAVORP in 1994 as its first Director, and among other accomplishments pioneered the partnership between LAVORP, the Lancaster County Juvenile Probation Department, and Youth Aid Panels.

Please join us and 300+ others at the Willow Valley Conference Center on April 17, 2008, as we honor Barb for her many contributions to Restorative Justice. See Page 6 for Reservations.

***Oh, This Is Why
We Do This!***

When I read the details - *girls involved in combat*, I wondered why I agreed to accept the case. By comparison, all previous cases seemed easy. This one had no

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Master of Ceremonies

Ron Martin, is a member of WGAL'S News 8's award-winning team. He co-anchors "News 8 at 5" and "News 8 at 6" with Kim Lemon and "News 8 at 11" with Janelle Stelson.

Ron was born and raised in York, where he attended city schools and graduated from William Penn High School. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Communications from Howard University in Washington, D.C. Throughout his college career, he served as a desk assistant for NBC News in the nation's capital.

Upon graduation, Ron became a reporter for WSBA Radio in York. In the 1980s, Ron joined WHP-TV as a reporter and fill-in anchor.

He later became a member of the News-Center 8 team, initially working out of WGAL's Harrisburg newsroom. Ron then returned to his hometown to oversee coverage out of the newly opened York newsroom. While continuing his job as a reporter, Ron became a weekend anchor and then assumed his weeknight anchor position.



Keynote Speaker

James E. Anderson is Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. He is responsible for the administration of all operations of the Commission's juvenile justice programs, including the operations of the Commission's Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research at Shippensburg Univ.

Mr. Anderson is Pennsylvania's primary state-level expert on matters relating to juvenile justice and juvenile court systems. He developed the language contained in Act 33 of 1995 that redefined the juvenile justice system around the principles of balance and restorative justice (BARJ).

Mr. Anderson began his career as a Probation Officer and quickly advanced through various local and regional positions, assuming his current position in 1986.

Mr. Anderson holds a Master of Arts degree in Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Please join us as Mr. Anderson talks about the partnership between LAVORP, Juvenile Probation, and Balanced and Restorative Justice.

Oh, This is Why (Cont'd)

victim, no offender, no restitution (\$\$) - it was mutual combat with S, one of the combatant's described as a "tough cookie."

With the prep meeting date, place, and time set, I waited for S to appear. After waiting thirty minutes, I phoned and S was on her way. Another thirty minutes and I repeated the phone call. Same answer; on her way.

Only when she arrived did I learn that she walked three miles in the wintry mix of blowing wind and slush, without an umbrella!

S was apprehensive about discussing anything – school, the incident, and seemed to have built a wall around herself with no welcoming door for me to enter. S assured me "The fight with D is over - done - there is nothing to discuss. Yes, I am willing to meet with D for reconciliation; but my way of settling differences is to do what I know how to do - fight."

When I finally got D on the phone I heard, "Make this fast, I have less than a minute on my phone card; send a letter with details." After days with no response to the letter and assistance from the LAVORP office, I got a call from D. We met and she appeared more open than S, but assured me she did not want to fight S, there was nothing to discuss, but she would go to a reconciliation.

Since both assured me that the fight was over, done, were we wasting our time? Their demeanor told me that the fight was not over; there was a hidden agenda somewhere. But, how could I get to the bottom of it? I was honest. I told S and D that I had no experience mediating a fight and needed their help. I asked whether there was something said or done that made S want to hit D? "Yes, D called me a black bitch." Finally, the unknown was known – a racial issue. D with a lighter skin color than S, was disrespecting S's color, though

they were both African Americans. With the issue out in the open, S and D could talk about what each must do to heal and restore peace.

At the end, when D hugged me and invited me to check up on her, and S, the "tough cookie," held my hand and both rated their experience with LAVORP very highly, I knew the answer to "Why Did I Accept This Case?"

Rachel Williams
Volunteer Facilitator

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17, 2008

4th Annual Dinner/Silent Auction
(See page 4 for Auction Info)

Keynote Speaker – Jim Anderson,
Executive Director, Pennsylvania
Juvenile Court Judges
Commission

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2008 Spring Volunteer Facilitator
Training (See box below)

2008 SPRING TRAINING DATES

If you've been putting off taking LAVORP's Volunteer Facilitator Training, now is the time to mark your calendar. Dates are as follows:

Tuesday, April 15th - Orientation	6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.
Friday & Saturday, April 25 th & 26 th	8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Sunday, April 27 th	1:00 P.M.– 5:00 P.M.
Saturday, May 3 rd	8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Sunday, May 4 th	1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

To learn more about LAVORP's Restorative Justice Program and the benefits of becoming a volunteer, visit us at www.lavorp.org and then click on the Volunteer Opportunity link.

Annual Dinner to Feature ***Victim and Offender***

As has been customary at the Annual Dinner, the 2008 Annual Dinner will feature a victim and offender who reconciled through LAVORP. Moderated by Ron Martin, Master of Ceremonies, the victim and offender will talk about how the LAVORP process helped them get beyond the justice system and address the harm that came from the incident. Always a heartwarming part of the dinner, this year will be no exception. Please join us on April 17th. See Pages 1 and 6 for details.

“Do Justice- Love Mercy”

Micah 6:8

20 Reasons To Be A ***Volunteer Facilitator***

Add new meaning to your life.
Meet new people.
Add sunshine to someone's day.
Show that you care.
Enjoy new experiences.
Put caring into action.
Fight crime.
Feel appreciated.
Develop new skills.
Keep active.
Feel a sense of accomplishment.
Reach out to others.
Connect with your community.
Be a positive influence.
Show your compassion.
Give hope to others.
Change someone's life.
Give back to the community.
Right a wrong.
Make your community safer.

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A named charitable bequest in your will can be the gift of a lifetime to LAVORP while honoring yourself or a loved one as part of your estate plan. For more information as to how you can "Leave A Legacy," call Jon Singer at 397-2404.

www.leavelegacy-pa.org

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Ecuador Travelog October 5-13, 2007

Day 1 – Left home at 7:30 AM to fly from Philadelphia to Houston and arrive in Quito, Ecuador at 11:30 PM. No problems with immigration or customs; so glad to find our hired driver and car waiting for us at the airport. He took us directly to our overnight stay. It was raining a bit; seems the rainy season started early with showers most afternoons.



Day 2 – Driver met us at 8:00 a.m. for 2 ½ hour drive north to town of Otavalo for a large open-air market on Saturdays; an amazing display of locally made cloth, shawls, sweaters, etc. made of alpaca wool and leather goods and rugs of alpaca fur. So many fine souvenirs (with bargaining); Cool weather attracts us to sweaters. Altitude is around 9,000 ft. This is the Andes. We enjoyed a fine lunch in Otavalo, (\$25 for 5), then back to Quito with a stop at the Equator at a simple outdoor display and a grocery stop to buy breakfast/lunch supplies. Then to the country cottage near Aloasi, an hour south of Quito, arriving about 6:00 p.m. in the rain. Caretaker, Marco, started a fire in the fireplace to warm us. Outdoor temp. must be about 45 F (?) and altitude about 10,000 ft. Winter night clothes and multiple long sleeve layers are needed.



Day 3- Relaxing morning, reading and basking in the sun and lovely view of the mountains; Afternoon walk downhill to la Hosteria at the train station (15 min) to register for dinner, then to Aloasi (another 15 min) to make phone calls home at one of the small phone centers by the

plaza (\$1 for 3 min call), then crossed the Pan-American Highway to walk to Machachi (another 15 min) a large town with Sunday market. Many people in traditional Andean clothes; nice to get drinks in courtyard outside market and absorb the local ambience. We take a taxi back to cottage, all up hill. Nice meal at Hosteria. Few people seem to speak English, so we're thankful to know some Spanish.



Day 4 – More relaxation and reading amid spectacular views of mountain peaks, Corazon behind the cottage and Cotopaxi (17,700 ft) and Ruminahui out the front windows; Cotopaxi's snow cap is visible 6-8 a.m. and then usually hidden by clouds. After a morning walk uphill (we're still not acclimated to 10,000 ft) we have several course lunch at la Hosteria. Then indoors for, more reading, Knorr's soup and table games around fireplace.



Day 5 – Raining at daybreak. Driver arrives at 7:30 to take us 45 min. south on Pan American Highway to Cotopaxi National Park. Rain continues, then turns to snow as we climb up mountain slope; we saw bottom of glacier in distance; maybe we got to 14,000 ft. We retraced through Machachi and went north east to Papallacta, a town with natural hot springs. Termas Papallacta Resort was idyllic with beautiful pools of hot springs outside each guest room and all surrounded by mountains. Hot springs, tremendously relaxing induced drowsiness. Great dining.

Day 6 – Morning dip in the hot springs, followed by breakfast and the "easy" hiking path through

pasture up the mountains crisscrossing a stream through dense woodland; reminds us of alpine hikes except for the alpacas grazing. Driver arrived at 2:30 to return us to the cottage. Hot soup made a great evening meal, then more reading and table games.

Day 7 – Caretaker arranged for a local taxi driver to take us to town of Saquisilí for their weekly Thursday market. We drive south past Cotopaxi National Park with gorgeous views of the snow peak. Market has daily wares for local residents with some alpaca yarn and shawls. Going home we stopped at a ceramic shop along the highway and bought lovely wall plaques and figurines then had a delightful lunch at El Café de la Vaca (The Cow Café) along the Pan American near Machachi. Marco builds a roaring fire in the fireplace for our last night; the skies were clear for lovely evening views of the mountain peaks.



Day 8 – Up at 6 a.m. to savor last views of Cotopaxi and prepare for departure to Quito. Great views of Pichincha peak (14,400') approaching the city. Driver takes us to Old Quito for walking to the Basilica (closed) then for walking tour of Independence Plaza, Cathedral Primada, Casa de la Cultura and La Compania (Jesuit Church) and a brief stop at San Francisco church where a mass was in process; then to the top of el Panecillo, a high point overlooking the entire city; rains began and made this stop brief. Then to Mitad del Mundo, on the equator, north of the city. We were taken first to a rustic, outdoor display. It was too late to go to the main complex with several museums, so we returned to Quito for a quiet evening and early bedtime to get up at 4:30 a.m. to return home from a delightful, memorable adventure in Ecuador!

For more pictures, go to LAVORP website at www.lavorp.org.

SPEND YOUR NEXT VACATION IN ECUADOR!!

The LAVORP 2008 Annual Dinner (April 17th) Will Feature The Second Annual

SILENT AUCTION! SILENT AUCTION!

DON'T MISS OUT ON A CHANCE FOR A ONE WEEK STAY FOR 7 IN A VACATION HOME IN THE ANDES MOUNTAINS OUTSIDE OF QUITO, ECUADOR (LODGING ONLY). * THIS ITEM DREW LOTS OF ATTENTION AT THE 2007 SILENT AUCTION!!

Last year the Vacation in Ecuador was won by Stan and Susan Godshall who invited their friends Ken and Elizabeth Nissley to go with them. An abbreviated diary about the trip and pictures are on Page 3 or you can go to the LAVORP web site, www.lavorp.org for more pictures.

* Air fare was not expensive. The Godshalls and Nissleys paid only \$500 each for the round-trip!

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!!

Sue Heilman, Silent Auction Chair, is asking for your help. There are several ways you can help:

First, is there something you can provide for the Auction that would have appeal to the attendees and have a retail value of \$25 or more (art, gift certificates for dining, etc., jewelry, pottery, time shares, vacation spots, collectibles, etc.)? Not sure what to donate? How about those gifts that you just can't find a use for. Re-gift them to the Silent Auction!

Second, through your personal contacts are there businesses that you know whom you could make direct solicitations for a contribution to the Auction?

Third, Sue is in need of some volunteers to contact various businesses, etc. (ones that you won't be calling on) to ask for donations for the Auction. The nice thing about this is that you don't have to figure out who to contact. Sue has a ready list of those who have already given items to other Auctions

If you are able to assist in making the Silent Auction a very successful one in any of the above ways, please call the LAVORP office and we will have Sue get in touch with you about delivery or pick-up arrangements. If you wish, you can drop off your items at LAVORP (call first, please), 53 N. Duke St., Room 303, Lancaster.



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LAVORP'S 2008 ANNUAL DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

***** Dinner Reservation Form *****

Willow Valley Resort and Conference Center

Silent Auction: 4:30 P.M. - Dinner: Registration: 6:00 P.M. – Served 6:30 P.M.

Name(s) _____

Phone Number _____

Address: _____

Zip _____

Dinner:

_____ Table(s) Sponsor @ \$200 per table of 8* \$_____

_____ Gold Sponsors @ \$50 each * _____

_____ Silver Sponsors @ \$40 each* _____

_____ Bronze Sponsors @ \$30 each* _____

Please accept my/our regrets and this contribution for the great work that you do. _____

Total Enclosed \$_____

* To help others learn how lives are changed and communities made safer through LAVORP's peace work, please invite some friends, family, and/or co-workers to join you. If you wish, sponsor them or ask your guests to go "Dutch Treat." Please write guests' names, addresses, and phone numbers on a slip of paper and include it with your registration.

Send Registration Form and check to: LAVORP- 53 N. Duke St., Room 303, Lancaster PA 17602, by April 11, 2008

