

RCTC Report

April 2006

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Classes. There is one week left in our Term IV classes. The fifth and final term for this school year begins the week of May 15th. We are currently accepting registrations. Term V has 14 courses being offered; we start up our full complement of classes again in September.

Emissions. Twenty-two people completed the Pennsylvania Enhanced Emissions 4-hour recertification course with Dave Michalak. We will be running this again in May as inspection licenses come up for renewal.

Job Fairs. Mary Ellen attended the “Weed & Seed” community Job Fair on April 12th. There were about 30 employers and schools attending. Several stopped at our table to learn more about some of our training courses.

We also had a table at CareerLink’s annual Career Fair on April 25th. This is a busy, well-attended job fair and we distribute class information and schedules to many job-seekers.

Workshop on Issues Related to the Administration of Adult Career and Technical Education Programs will be held at State College on May 4 and 5. Mary Ellen will be attending.

NEW CHOICES/NEW OPTIONS

Classes. Thirteen participants completed the NC/NO program on April 13th. They are following up with individual meetings with staff to develop goals and receive needed support.

The next 60-hour program will run May 8 – 19, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

National Conference. Rose Kaiser, former New Choices/New Options client received the “Woman of Triumph” award at a ceremony held in the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC on April 6th. Mary Ellen introduced her and presented her with a plaque. Rose gave a heartfelt presentation on her life experiences leading to her enrollment in the New Choices Program and her journey since. She also received a wonderful gift basket from Women Work!

During the remainder of the three day conference, people continued coming up to her and expressing their appreciation and admiration for her talk.

In addition to the award ceremony, we attended several conference workshops, sat in on House hearing about education and workforce development, and took part in a minimum wage rally where Rose had her picture taken with former Senator John Edwards and Senator Ted Kennedy.

Leadership Day - The tenth annual Leadership Day was held in Harrisburg on Wednesday, April 26th. It is sponsored by Pennsylvania Women Work! and is designed to promote NC/NO programs to the state legislature as well recognize and increase the leadership capabilities of the program participants. Several of our program graduates attended this year's events along with Mary Ellen. The day provided an opportunity to network, gain inspiration by hearing success stories of others and meet with their state representatives and senator. Pennsylvania's First Lady, Judge Marjorie Rendell, was keynote speaker.