

RCTC Report January 2007

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Term III begins January 22. We currently have 199 students enrolled, which is about a 15% increase over this term last year. Once again the demand for welding has exceeded the class size limit, prompting us to add a Saturday class.

Classes for Term III have been advertised several times in the Erie Times, the Penny Saver, and the Manufacturer's Association magazine. The phones have been very busy as people call to get more information.

We will share a booth with ECTS at the upcoming "Expo Erie" at the Civic Center sponsored by the Erie Engineering Society. The dates are February 20 – 22. Booth coverage of the three day event will be shared by Elaine Shaffer, Patty Palo, Lisa Sorensen, Jan Kennerknecht, Britt Schumacher, and Mary Ellen Camp.

New Choices/ New Options

The NC/NO class meeting at Mercyhurst West will be completed by January 24. The staff has welcomed us and we have enjoyed working in this facility. We look forward to continuing this relationship in the future.

The next class starting February 5 will be offered at the Bethany Outreach Center at E. 10th and German St., in Erie.

Mary Ann Eisenreich, executive director of PA Women Work and Mary Ellen Camp met with the HR Manager at Presque Isle Downs to discuss job opportunities for the New Choices clients. We were pleasantly surprised we did not have to define "displaced homemaker" to Rosanne Thompson. She had the experience of hiring displaced homemakers in previous positions and found them to be the best workers. She has agreed to review all applications received from NC/NO participants.