

RCTC Report May 2011

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Term V began May 16 and will run through June 30. There are four classes in session this term with 27 students.

The PA State Inspection classes will be offered in June and August; there will be no class in July.

WANTO (Women in Apprenticeship and Non-Traditional Occupations)

The first pre-apprentice class graduated on May 17; fifteen of the original 17 women successfully completed the program. We will continue to provide guidance and support as they begin working towards their employment goals. All students provided feedback about the program and their suggestions will be used as we plan for the next class in the fall. Overall they were pleased with the program and would recommend it to others.

Mary Ellen and four of the students toured the Carpenter's Training Center in Pittsburgh on May 13. It was a fantastic tour including several hands-on activities and the opportunity to speak with apprentices and view the work in a variety of construction trades.

New Choices

The final class for this year completed on May 18 at the Erie City School District's Adult Learning Center. There were twelve "graduates" from the initial class of fifteen.

New Choices Project Directors and clients from around the state gathered in Harrisburg on May 3 for our annual Leadership Day event. We began with a rally in the Capitol Rotunda featuring success stories of graduates, and speakers including Lucia Bruce (Region III Director, Women's Bureau, USDOL). We visited with legislators and later heard from First Lady Susan Corbett, the keynote speaker at our luncheon.

Meetings, Travel

May 2:	PA Women Work Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
May 3:	New Choices Programs' Annual "Leadership Day" in Harrisburg
May 6:	New Choices statewide conference call
May 6:	WANTO programs conference call
May 9:	PAWW Executive Committee Meeting conference call
May 9:	Great Lakes Building & Construction Trades Pipeline Committee
May 11:	Erie Community Foundation, Proposal review
May 13:	Builder's Guild of Western PA, Pittsburgh, PA
May 24:	Gannondale presentation