

Phi Alpha Members Attend "Dine Out"

The first official Phi Alpha event took place on Wednesday evening, September 26. Phi Alpha decided to "dine-out" in Harrisburg--an event sponsored by several restaurants in the Harrisburg area who choose to donate 25% of their total food bill for the evening to benefit groups such as the AIDS Community Alliance, United Services Programs Partners, Caring Together in York County, and PPCP's HIV Peer Education Program. Messiah's Phi Alpha members chose to enjoy some fine Indian Cuisine, such as Tandoori Chicken (Chicken marinated in yogurt / herbs, spices & roasted in Tandoor) from Passage to India, while supporting the Harrisburg area's Dine-Out event.



From Left to Right: Amanda Glenn, Jessica Lebo, Sarah Wittmann, Megan Eastman



2007-2008 Phi Alpha Officers

President: Amanda Glenn
Vice Pres.: Elizabeth Speakman
Secretary: Megan Eastman

Volunteering & Internships

Who: CEEED Adult ESL

Where: Derry St., Harrisburg

What: Students assist English teachers in teaching English as a second language to adults in the community.

When: Mon & Wed at 6-8pm

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Who: Allison Hill Tutoring

Where: United Methodist Spanish Church, Harrisburg

What: An after school tutoring program in Allison Hill. The focus is to build relationships with the students by being their mentors as well as their tutors.

When: Mon-Thurs at 4-6:30

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Means of Peacemaking and Reconciliation: Art and Teamwork

Messiah College's stance on peacemaking is very relevant and applicable to our discipline as social workers to resolve conflicts in the hopes of the best quality of life for all. Two recent events on campus focused on the importance of peacemaking: an alternate chapel on Christian Peacemaker Teams and the Unembedded display in the Aughinbaugh Art Gallery.

Wednesday, September 26th, senior Kimberly MacVaugh and May social work graduate Jessica Frederick presented their reflections on their trip this summer to Israel-Palestine with Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). CPT works to promote nonviolent peacemaking by placing violence-reduction teams in crisis situations and militarized areas

around the world at the invitation of local peace and human rights workers. Kim and Jess experienced life in the West Bank, engaging others in the discussion of the role of Christians in this political and humanitarian conflict. For more information about CPT, please visit <http://www.cpt.org>. If you would like more information about Jess's personal experiences, please contact Elizabeth Speakman at es1264@messiah.edu

The display which featured the work of four independent photojournalists on the war in Iraq, was shown from September 14-October 21. The photojournalists exposed issues that are often not depicted in the media, showing the effects of war on civilians.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Upcoming Phi Alpha Event



What: Social Work Potluck

When: November 11, 6pm

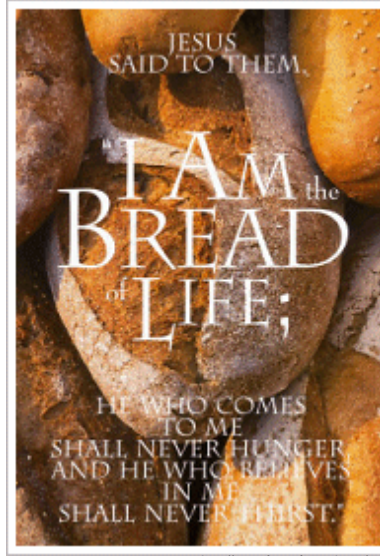
Where: Hostetter

Who: Social Work Majors

Why: Bonding is FUN, and so is eating good food!! =)

Social Work Club Retreat: Serving at the First Reform Church in Lancaster

The weekend of October 26, 2007 the Social Work Club held their first Social Work Club Retreat in Lancaster, PA. Six of the club members traveled down on Friday evening and spent the night at the home of one of club's co-presidents, Audrey. They watched the movie *Freedom Writers* and discussed it for a little bit afterwards. Early Saturday morning they drove to First Reform Church of Lancaster and helped to serve breakfast to the homeless of Lancaster. The program that the students worked with serves the homeless three meals a day at different locations throughout the city. After serving, socializing, and cleaning up, the group went to the local market and spent time getting to know each other and browsing through the market. It was a great time of serving others, building relationships, and getting to know about each other. Thank you to all of those who joined us during this service opportunity!



Upcoming SW Club Events

- **December 1, 2007:** Trip to the Silence and Mary Home, which is a home committed to serving the chronically poor in the inner city of Harrisburg.

- **December 5, 2007:** The club will be hosting an alternate chapel which will be a panel discussion with Social Workers from the local community.

If you have any questions or concerns about upcoming club events, please contact Rebecca Coover at:

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Using Restorative Justice as a Teaching Tool

“IF PUNITIVE OR
 PERMISSIVE STYLES
 ARE NOT
 EFFECTIVE, HOW
 CAN EDUCATORS
 AND SCHOOL
 FACULTY PUNISH
 STUDENTS
 EFFECTIVELY?”

As violence, anger, and alienation increase in urban schools, educators struggle to gain control in some manner. A recent societal trend among schools and educators is to become extremely punitive in terms of punishment. School administration is suspending and expelling more students than ever before in an attempt to not be perceived as permissive. This response is creating what Ted Wachtel describes as a vicious circle, “The loss of relationships and community negatively impacts students and their behavior, which in turn factors a more punitive school environment, which further exacerbates

relationships between young people and adults” (Wachtel, 1999). If punitive or permissive styles are not effective, how can educators and school faculty punish students effectively? Restorative approach is the answer, giving both high control and high support to the student who has committed wrong. Formal restorative practices involve conferences with the offending students, their victims, and family and friends of the student of their victims to discuss how every individual has been affected and how the harm can be repaired. Restorative practice on a daily basis can include an educator re-

sponding to a misbehaving student by letting them know how he or she feels about the behavior, or how it directly affected another. Application to restorative principles are not limited to teachers in a school setting, but to all faculty members within the school, to all social workers, and daily in our personal lives. Restorative practice should be an outlook on life that changes our everyday actions and behaviors.

Wachtel, Ted. (1999, February). *Safer-Saner Schools – Restoring Community in a Disconnected World*. Paper presented at the Reshaping Australian Institutions Conference: Restorative Justice and Civil Society, The Australian National University, Canberra.