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March 2011

**2011 ANNUAL DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION
PALM COURT - DOUBLETREE RESORT AT WILLOW VALLEY
APRIL 14TH - REGISTRATION DEADLINE – APRIL 8TH
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2011 ANNUAL DINNER KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Melanie Snyder
Author of *Grace Goes to Prison*

Melanie Snyder, a LAVORP Volunteer Facilitator for Victim-Offender Conferencing and Consultant to LAVORP’s Making Peace program, is one who truly has a heart for Restorative Justice. She’s like a sponge, soaking up everything she can about Restorative Justice, whether it is from talking to those in the field, reading, or searching the web.

In the Spring of 2010, Melanie traveled for 74 days covering 8,732 miles promoting her book, *Grace Goes to Prison* and Restorative Justice while learning what others are doing in the field. Melanie says she prays that, “one day we’ll have a system of justice in *America* that offers hope and healing to victims, offenders, their families, and our communities alike – a justice that truly restores.”

Please join us at our 2011 Annual Dinner as Melanie speaks of her passion for Restorative Justice and its implications for LAVORP and Lancaster County. A registration form is on Page 4. To our LAVORP donors: Look for your formal invitation to arrive in your mailbox in early March.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (2011 - Annual Dinner)



The 2011 recipients of LAVORP’s Annual Restorative Justice Achievement Award are the Youth Aid Panels of

Lancaster County. Cheryl Ludwig, Lancaster County Youth Aid Panels Coordinator, will be accepting the Award on behalf of all 26 Panels.

Youth Aid Panels are a complement to the Magisterial District Courts and Lancaster County Juvenile Probation. First-time youth offenders are held accountable to the Youth Aid Panels by receiving consequences for breaking the law and then are referred to LAVORP for victim-offender conferencing.

The work of the Lancaster County’s Youth Aid Panels is central to the philosophy of Restorative Justice. Youth Aid Panels and LAVORP have been active partners for many years. Together, they fulfill the tenets of Pennsylvania’s Act 33, Balanced and Restorative Justice; **Offender Accountability, Victim Restoration and Community Protection.** Youth Aid Panels hold youth accountable for breaking the law and assign

Offender Quote

“I think LAVORP is a very good program. It helped me accept responsibility for my actions.”

Mission Statement

To foster peacemaking and the resolution of conflict through the teaching and implementation of Restorative Justice values and principles.

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consequences to assist in competency development. Victim restoration is acknowledged when the youth are referred to LAVORP in order to facilitate a conference between the youth and the victim to have the harm addressed. When youth learn not to re-offend, lives are changed and our communities are safer.

LAVORP is pleased to present its Annual Restorative Justice Achievement Award to the Lancaster County Youth Aid Panels for their efforts in advancing the values and principles of Restorative Justice.

Please join us at the Annual Dinner to learn more about the relationship of LAVORP and the Youth Aid Panels.

Annual Dinner Silent Auction

Chair, **Barbi Dorsey**, is asking for donated items worth \$25 or more (art, gift certificates for dining, jewelry, pottery, time shares, vacation spots, collectibles, etc.). To discuss your item with Barbi, call her at 203-7221. Items will be picked up if you request or you can drop them off by prior arrangement at the LAVORP office, 53 N. Duke St., Suite 303, Lancaster, 397-2404. It's not too early to be thinking of your donation. Silent Auctions require a lot of time and effort. Receiving your donated items as soon as possible would be much appreciated. **NOTE: The one week stay (excluding travel expenses) at a Cottage in the Andes Mountains in Ecuador will be featured again this year.**

After April 1, 2011, you can view most Silent Auction items on our web site www.lavorp.org. Then, come prepared to bid on your favorite items at the dinner.

Circles of Support and Accountability (A new Restorative Justice Program)

LAVORP is in the initial stages of establishing a Restorative Justice program known as Circles of Support

and Accountability (Accountability Circles) for high-risk sexual offenders. The program will mirror the very successful 15 year program of the Mennonite Central Committee in Canada. Research shows that Accountability Circles reduce the sexual recidivism rate of the offenders by 85 percent, thus significantly reducing community fears and helping to make our communities safer. The core values of the program are, No more victims, No human is disposable.

The inner part of the Circle is comprised of a Core Member (the offender) and four to seven professionally trained volunteers who provide accountability and ongoing support/companionship for the offender. Service Providers make up the outer part of the Circle.

Preliminary work on the program has been made possible by a \$5,000 Grant from the Lancaster Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends. These funds were secured by Jim Kalish, a local Advocate and member of the Meeting.

Jim's research on the restorative nature of Accountability Circles and the positive response from a survey of selected LAVORP stakeholders were the motivating factors for LAVORP adopting this program.

More details will be shared as the first Accountability Circle takes shape.

Wish List (Still!)

LAVORP is in need of the following item. If you or someone you know, would like to make the contribution, please call the LAVORP office at 397-2404.

PowerPoint Projector (XP Compatible)

**"Be the change you wish
to see in the world."**

-Mahatma Gandhi

We have the answers to your questions about volunteering for LAVORP!

"Life is not a spectator sport. Only to those who get into the fray, who actually get involved, who throw their heart and spirit into each moment – come the peak experiences, the epiphanies." Jerold Panas

LAVORP has been practicing Restorative Justice for sixteen years and would like to talk with you to answer any questions you have about being a Volunteer Facilitator – no obligations. You may first want to visit our web site at www.lavorp.org. Then give Jon Singer a call and let's talk!

Here's what one participant had to say about her experience with LAVORP:

"I was very impressed with the facilitator and general way the meeting was run. Also, the opportunity for each person present to be free to express themselves and the positive result of the meeting was refreshing." Victim

LAVORP has several openings in its Spring 2011 Class for those who wish to make a difference in their community.

- April 19 - 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**
- April 29/30 - 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.**
- May 1 - 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M**
- May 7 - 8:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

If you don't have any particular questions but want to come in for a chat about what we do, click on the Volunteer Opportunity link on our web site, complete the Volunteer Information Form, and call to set up an appointment. Thanks, and peace.

NOTE TO CONGREGATIONS: If you would include this training notice in your Newsletter and/or Bulletin, it would be much appreciated.

LAVORP 1-2-5 Society

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**LAVORP'S 7TH ANNUAL DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION
APRIL 14, 2011**

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

Palm Court - Doubletree Resort at Willow Valley

Silent Auction: 5:00 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 LAVORP does. _____

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* To help others learn how lives are changed and communities made safer through LAVORP's peace work, please be a Table Host and invite some friends, family, and/or co-workers to join you. You can sponsor your guests or 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 8, 2011