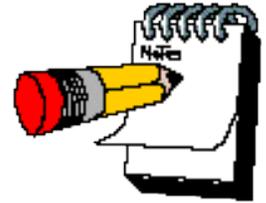


A Note from your Director

Dear Volunteers,

By now, many of you have received a letter from TDCJ requesting that you re-take the training course for volunteers. I just received mine. Some of you have already retrained – thank you! A new system is now in place, and you will be requested to retrain after two years as a volunteer with TDCJ. Please contact Judy Fox, Volunteer Chairman, when you receive your letter or if you have retrained. We will try to let you know when there are others from WSP who will be retraining. NCJW went as a group and then went out to lunch together!



Another change occurring is that WSP is now under the Windham School District (the prison school system) rather than the Chaplaincy Program. Hence, information on WSP volunteers is being updated. Team Leaders, thank you for your patience (there has been difficulty when submitting the volunteer list each month).

As you read Book Notes, Issue Number 9, you will see that our program continues to reach our community and even beyond. Thank you, wonderful volunteers. And a special thanks to the volunteer team who produces this professional publication. With weddings, expected and unexpected medical difficulties, and more, Book Notes was delayed only a few weeks. What a team!

Watch for the next Book Notes in September, our regular mailing date.

Judith

International Hospitality Council of Austin

In March, Judith had the honor of being invited to speak to an international delegation about Storybook Project. Sixteen women, judges and lawyers from sixteen different countries, several from Third World countries, toured many cities in the United States. This tour was arranged through the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program.

The objectives of this tour were to promote appreciation for the rule of law in judiciaries around the world, to recognize global problems of violence against women and women's lack of

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Donation from San Antonio College

The Black Student Alliance at San Antonio College chose Women's Storybook Project to be their annual Community Service Project. They



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I like all three books but my favorite book is Hansel and Gretel. I like the tapes that my mother send's me especially when she mention my name I like to hear my mommy's voice. It make's me think she is with me.



Thank you mommy
Love, Adriana

Good News Skit and Book Drive

The United Methodist Women at Good News United Methodist Church in Cedar Park/Leander performed a skit for their congregation in order to create interest and involvement in WSP. The skit demonstrated the entire WSP process from applying for Storybook, entering the prison, meeting with offenders, recording books, and mailing them to the children...with the final scene being the child and grandmother receiving the book. This skit is available for use to other interested groups; contact Pat Roberts for a copy of it.



Lynne Riley and a youth from the congregation posing as an offender "record" a book on tape as part of the skit.

The pastor's wife, Judy Rainey (dressed as a prison guard!), Lynne Riley as part of the skit.



Following the skit, the congregation was invited to bring new books on Mother's Day Sunday in honor or memory of a mother (or mother figure) in their lives. A slide show honoring those mothers was part of the service that day. The books were placed in and around a rocking chair making a moving display at the front of the sanctuary. 🍷



What's Happening?

- **Sandy Hain**, a professional documentary maker in Palo Alto, California, has expressed great interest in doing a documentary on WSP. Arrangements have been made for him to be at Plane Henley in Houston on October 24. Hopefully, the **Annual Nuts and Bolts** meeting and the **WSP Social** gathering will occur in October and coincide with his visit.
- **Ann Cochran**, the Outreach Chairman of **St. John's the Divine's Episcopal Church** in Houston, is working on the possibility of a pilot program for this fall. Using their audio studio, it is hoped that audio tapes from Plane Henley can be burned to CD's to bring Storybook up to speed with modern technology.
- **Melanie Smith, Outreach Program Manager with Enterprising Girl Scouts Beyond Bars**, is anxious to involve the **Girl Scouts of Central Texas** with Storybook. Already, the girls have conducted a book drive. Additionally, there have been discussions with a Boy Scout leader about developing a project for an Eagle Scout requirement!



- **Jeri Saper** for connecting Aquilla Properties to WSP. Arrangements are being made for possible pro bono office space. This will also allow us to move books and supplies from the costly storage facility, saving WSP money.
- **JoAn Martin** and her grandson for delivering and assembling a new metal storage container at Plane Henley. This allows us to keep our monthly supplies on site.
- **Ellie Chaikind, JoAn Martin, and JoAnn Innerarity** for accepting the co-team leader positions for Plane Henley. In addition to seeing that WSP runs smoothly at Plane Henley,



Can you help?

Contact
Judith Dullnig
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- **The fall schedule has been released.** Please contact Felicia and sign up for AT LEAST two sessions. Felicia's email address was incorrect on the initial schedule. Please note that her email address is r2fkutchey1@yahoo.com. **See the back cover for dates.**
- **Drivers are desperately needed.** Let Felicia know if you or someone you know is willing to drive volunteers to the Gatesville facilities.
- **Should WSP have a table at the Texas Book Festival?** In the past, a table at the festival has provided many people with information about WSP. A coordinator is needed to schedule volunteers to be at the WSP table for two hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1. Judith will help set up the display and provide supplies. **Please contact Judith if you are willing to help coordinate this event.**

they are actively seeking new volunteers. WSP already has 11 volunteers from Baytown and Houston with more women sending in applications.

- **Susan Pintchovski** for all your dedication and organizational skills given to many community service projects. Susan has been the coordinator for the NCJW group of volunteers and has also made our program visible through many venues. Susan still plans to be part of Storybook, but passes the role of NCJW Coordinator onto Jeri Saper.
- **Mary Jane Saikin, Beverly Rodman, and Betty Frnka** for years of volunteering in WSP. You will be missed.
- **Good News United Methodist Church** for your Mother's Day collection of books and the **United Methodist Women's Group, Sisters of Faith**, for their cash donation to WSP.



Volunteer Spotlight

Angela Nunley and Ruby Russo

Angela Nunley and Ruby Russo are team leaders for Mt. View. Each has dedicated many Saturdays in the past three years to WSP and are appreciated for their efforts.

Angela, born and raised in Mississippi, moved to Texas 23 years ago where she met and married her husband, Steve. They have four children: Ryan, Bonnie, Hope, and Tequila and five grandchildren with another granddaughter on the way. They live in Liberty Hill with their happy menagerie: 2 horses, 2 llamas, 3 cats, 5 dogs, and 3 goats.

Angela is a stay at home mom who has home schooled her family over the years. In 1994, she earned her Massage Therapist license. Other interests include Bible study, quilting, and educating herself about natural health. She would like to continue learning what the Bible says about wisdom, knowledge, and understanding as she finds that the three concepts are often grouped together in scriptures. Her ultimate goal is to be a joyful, uplifting mother and grandmother and to increase her knowledge of natural health and healing. One of her favorite quotes, by Rabbeinu Yonah, is, "One's character can be seen in the things he considers important enough to praise."

Angela highly praises WSP. She was drawn to Storybook when she visited the Beth Shalom website and read Judy Fox's information about it. That was about three years ago, and her involvement has since included frequent Saturday volunteering, becoming a team leader at Mt. View, and becoming the printer and distributor of Book Notes. Angela says "Storybook is an amazing program; I am proud to be a part of it. I believe it should set the standard for all projects like it."

Ruby, an Austin resident, is a native born Texan from East Texas. The second in a family of nine children, she was raised in a small town called Jacksonville. She came to Austin in 1983, where she finds city life very appealing. She lost her husband a few years ago, but enjoys her four children (Daniel, Rachael, David, and Dalayna), who all live nearby, and her three grandchildren immensely.

Although she has associate degrees in Commercial Art and Occupational Safety, she seldom uses those degrees. She worked security for 25 years, but for the last seven has finally found her niche as a sleep technician. She loves listening to her patients' stories, and they appreciate her way of putting them at ease. Another love is for dance.

Recovering from a knee replacement at this time, Ruby dreams of taking dance classes in everything from belly dancing to salsa when her knee recovers.

Ruby has a pet project which has made her very popular with her grandchildren as well as other children in the community. She purchases gently used books, cleans them

up, and keeps them in containers in her home and car. When she goes to family gatherings, she takes the books and the lucky little ones swarm the containers looking for the "perfect" book to keep for their own. She firmly believes that if you can gain a child's interest in reading, it can open any door for them. That's why she is such an advocate for WSP.

Ruby first learned about Storybook when she read the article in the Austin American Statesman in the summer of 2006. She began volunteering shortly after reading about it. This past year, she became co-leader of Mt. View with Angela. She feels that if a mother can share the love of reading with her child, it can form a great bond...and that it is a "way to unite mother and child through voice." 



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access to justice, and to create professional linkages among women in the legal field.

The International Hospitality Council of Austin (IHCA) hosted the delegation here and included in their theme “Programs Inside a Woman’s Prison”. It was a fascinating two hours for Judith, and the Executive Director of IHCA later told her that she could feel the electricity in the room. There was a great deal of curiosity



about WSP, generating many questions.

As Judith had wanted to be prepared, the previous evening she searched on the Internet each country that was represented. There was one country she hadn’t heard of, Burkina Faso. She wondered how they would respond to Storybook Project knowing that war might be the current

problem in their particular country. During the discussion, one attorney did comment about war in her country and that this idea would, understandably, not be a priority. Yet, another woman disagreed and said that a program like Storybook Project could be adapted in different ways to their particular situation. For example, she envisioned stories and legends being recorded, thus passing down histories and cultures.

Judith was so excited to see how the delegation responded to WSP, and hopes you are proud to be part of this program. One attorney from Singapore was interested in taking the idea to her country! 🇸🇬

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had a book fair in the spring, and a portion of the proceeds from that fair was donated to Storybook Project.

Nancy Wallace and Judith Dullnig met Judy Clark and her team one warm spring morning at the Scholastic Book Warehouse in San Antonio. Nancy and Judith had fun scurrying down the “under 5” aisle, madly choosing books paid for with the generous donation from the students.

It is possible that there will be additional participation in the future with this caring group.

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Change your mailing address ?
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WSP Volunteers, keep your eye on the calendar! The new sign up calendar for August - December 2009 has been e-mailed. Reserve your dates with Felicia ASAP. The second Saturday of every month, teams will be going to Woodman Jail and Mt. View. Hilltop and Lane Murray will also need volunteers on third Saturday of every month.

Sign up early!

Save a few of these dates:

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