

# Womenews

W o m e n ' s C e n t e r o f M o n t g o m e r y C o u n t y

## PRESIDENTIAL NOTES



From Joyce Skobinsky

For months the Special Events Committee has been at work planning for our annual Champagne Brunch, which is scheduled for March 25, 2007 at the beautiful Meadowlands Country Club. The biggest challenge we face planning for this day are finding honorees who are deserving by virtue of their good deeds and career accomplishments. We look for people who are interesting speakers, and who are willing to accept the honor and support our organization and mission. Below is a sequence of events leading up to my meeting and the subsequent selection of our first honoree, Jean Sasson

On the recommendation of a friend I read a series of books, all four of them biographies: "The Princess Trilogy" and Mayada Daughter of Iraq by author Jean Sasson. I found them to be riveting, profoundly sad, oftentimes funny, and very educational. I learned about the lives of women who live in a society where they have few rights, little control over their own lives or bodies, and have no choice but to endure the atrocities perpetrated against them.

Taking a chance, I wrote an email to Ms. Sasson to tell her that her books had impacted on me, and also to inform her about the work that we do at the Women's Center. I invited her to be an honoree. She responded to my note immediately and after several communications back and forth she accepted my invitation, choosing to work her new book tour around our event. Researching Ms. Sasson's biography, I find that she herself is as compelling as those of her book subjects.

Jean Sasson is the international best selling author of : The Rape of Kuwait, 1991; Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil in Saudi Arabia 1992; Princess Sultana's Daughters 1994; and Princess Sultana's Circle, the third book in the Princess Trilogy 2000; Mayada. Daughter of Iraq (One Woman's Survival Under Saddam Hussein) and Ester's Child, a novel of historical fiction. 1982. Her latest novel Love in a Torn Land will be released in March of 2007. Her books have become a classic in their genre, inspiring human rights activists. It is her desire that women world wide gain the full recognition and the equal status they deserve.

The following details about Jean Sasson are direct quotes, and excerpts in her own words which I have taken from the forward of her books and are as follows:

### *Princess*

"In the late 1970's I traveled to Saudi Arabia as a single female seeking adventurous travel. I arrived in the Kingdom on September 7, 1978 and remained in that country until the spring of 1991. From 1978 until 1982 I worked in Medical Affairs Administration at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre. During those four years I met various members of the Saudi royal family. After leaving the royal hospital (after marrying British citizen Peter Sasson), I remained in the Kingdom an additional 9 years, living in a villa in a Saudi neighborhood with my husband.

During these 12 years I was in an advantageous position to learn much about a country little understood by the rest of the world. I also befriended many middle class Saudi Arabians, and other Arab nationals who lived in Saudi

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Arabia. During this time I also traveled widely, becoming familiar with many Arab countries. (Due to a Saudi government ban on travel to Israel I was unable to visit Israel until after 1991.)

In 1983, I met an extraordinary Saudi woman, Princess Sultana Al-Sa'ud. I instantly liked this Saudi royal. To my mind, she was all that a woman could be. Not only was Sultana young and beautiful, but she was charming, intelligent and possessed of an independent spirit that I had rarely discovered in other Saudi women. Although she was born into an extremely wealthy family, owning four mansions on three continents, enjoying private jets, and jewelry worth millions, when it came to personal freedoms, Sultana had few. And, despite her outward charm and gaiety, I soon came to see that Princess Sultana was a woman who was inwardly seething at her inability to control her own life. The male relatives in her family had life-and-death power over her, and over her daughters. Two or three years after first meeting Sultana, she asked me to write her story. She was determined that the world would learn about the mistreatment of women in her country.....

*Mayada*

“After the 1991 Gulf War, the entire Middle East became even more tumultuous, but particularly Iraq. I'd been interested in the Iraqis since the Gulf War, curious about the people who had lived through wars and sanctions brought about by their own president, Saddam Hussein. Propelled by this interest, I decided to visit Iraq in the summer of 1998.

As the author of a book critical of Saddam, I knew that I would never be issued a visa by a government official, so I wrote directly to the Iraqi president and sent him a copy of my book. *The Rape of Kuwait*. In the letter I told Saddam that I hadn't agreed with his invasion of Kuwait, but that I was concerned about the well-being of ordinary Iraqis who were living under the sanctions. I wanted to see for myself how the Iraqi people were faring.

Within three weeks, I received a telephone call from Baghdad informing me that my visa would be granted through the Iraqi U.N. Mission in New York”.....

After corresponding with Jean Sasson, I can tell you from my personal experience, she is a woman deserving of our recognition not only for her books but for her courage and for making a difference to women the world over. Please take the opportunity to familiarize yourself with her works. If you do, I am sure you will want to reserve a place early so that you can meet Jean and our other honorees who you will be hearing about in future newsletters.

With the holidays upon us may I wish all of you extraordinary people a beautiful celebration with blessings of good health and peace at home while we continue our prayers for peace in the world.

Warmest Regards,  
Joyce

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## Norristown Volunteer Update

The holidays are here again! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. I look forward to this time of year with family and friends, especially seeing the excitement on the kids' faces, as they grow older! I hope you all enjoy the holidays with family and friends!

### ***IN-SERVICE:***

Our WAP holiday party is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 12** from 12-3 in the Norristown office. As always it will be potluck, so let us know what dish you will be bringing! Come join us for the infamous Pollyanna game, it is always a big hit!

### ***SAVE THE DATE:***

Our first active listening in-service will be **January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007** from 1-3pm in the Norristown office. This in-service will count for 2 of the 8 hours required for in-service hours for this year. I will also, set up a spring active listening in-service for those who were unable to make it in January.

### ***LEGAL REMEDIES:***

There will be no Legal Remedies Workshop for December. The next Legal Remedies Workshop will be Tuesday, January 16, 2007, from 5-7pm, facilitator to be announced. The information sessions are held at our Norristown office at 18 West Airy Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor from 5-7p.m. Please call 610-279-7474 to register to attend. Also, please refer a family member or friend to this valuable program!

Happy holidays!

Jenn B.

*Norristown Volunteer Coordinator*

## **The Women's Center Wednesday Evening Book Club December 2006 to January 2007**

The Women's Club is pleased to offer the following program:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Book</u></b>	<b><u>Presenter</u></b>	<b><u>Hostess</u></b>
December 20	<u>History of Love</u> <i>by Nicole Krass</i>	Caryn	Caryn
January 17th	<u>The Glass Castle</u> <i>by Jennifer Wells</i>	Ruth	Sandy

Reading enthusiasts please call Sunny at 215-576-6215 to join our lively and interesting book discussions. New members are always welcome!

A reminder from the Women's Center: If you are interested in buying any of these books online, we encourage you to use the shopping link on our site ([www.wcmontco.org](http://www.wcmontco.org)) to visit Amazon.com or Barnes&Noble.com. Both vendors donate approximately 5% of the sale price back to the Women's Center to support our efforts to empower women in our community.

## With Gratitude to Our Walkathon Sponsors

For those of you unable to join us at our second annual walk-a-thon, which was held on October 28<sup>th</sup>, you missed a fun time!! Despite an ominous start with strong winds and rain, the weather managed to clear just in time for our 10:00 start time so that more than 70 individuals could complete the 5K walk, raising more than \$8,500 for the Center, as well as raising domestic violence awareness in the community.

It would be impossible in this space to thank all of the people and organizations who made this event so great this year, but we would like to start by thanking those individuals and organizations who expressed their support with donations in excess of \$100.

Included among our Silver and Gold Sponsors are:

Dr. & Mrs. Gerald Skobinsky  
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Marilyn & Skip Rosskam  
Lillian Sulliman

We would also like to the Pottstown Soroptimists, who worked so hard to sponsor, promote and support the event. Thanks as well to Starbucks for their contribution of refreshments and volunteer staffing.

While this is just a short list of those many individuals who supported the event financially or participated as volunteers and walkers, we hope over the coming months to share more highlights and personalized expressions of gratitude from our staff. Thanks to all of you who made the event such a success!

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### **Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Community Attitudes toward Violence Against Women in Victoria, Australia.**

*VicHealth (2006)*

A new report has been released from VicHealth looks at the community attitudes to violence against women, and assesses whether these have changed since 1995. 800 people were interviewed in Victoria, Australia. The publication reports on the findings of the qualitative research, as well as a review of theory and evidence relating to factors influencing attitude formation and change, and a critical review of past social marketing strategies to address violence against women.

The survey and focus groups found that:

*There had been overall progress:* “Most Victorian women and men, regardless of their socio-economic status or cultural background, did not hold ‘violence-supportive’ attitudes on many of the measures used in the survey. Attitudes had improved on most measures since 1995.”

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However, there were still “concerning numbers who held attitudes which may serve to either condone or trivialize violence against women or undermine efforts to address it:

- nearly one in four respondents *disagreed* with the statement that ‘women rarely make up false claims of being raped’ and a further 11% were unsure;
- approximately one in six people agreed that in relation to sex ‘women often say no when they mean yes’ and a further 8% were unsure; and
- just over one in ten people believe that women who are sexually harassed should sort it out themselves.
- nearly two in five respondents agreed that ‘rape results from men not being able to control their need for sex’.”

Also, there were “sizeable proportions of people did not have a good understanding of the serious nature of emotionally abusive and controlling behaviors that are often a feature of violent relationships and who believed that domestic violence could be excused in certain circumstances.”

And “a high level of belief that men and women are equally likely to perpetrate domestic violence and that women often falsify claims of domestic violence to gain tactical advantage in cases of contested child custody.”

The report lists evidence-informed strategies that work to change community attitudes:

### **Public health strategy Strategies to improve attitudes to violence against women**

- **Direct participation programs** (such as early intervention education programs for children and families affected by violence; programs to support men and women to intervene constructively in situations of violence).
- **Communications and marketing:** including communications and marketing programs; initiatives to improve the portrayal and reporting of violence against women in the media; media literacy in schools.
- **Community development:** including development and encouragement of events, activities and networks to raise awareness of violence and promote positive social norms in both geographic communities and communities of interest.
- **Workforce and organizational development:** such as education on attitudes to violence against women targeted to key workforces (e.g. criminal justice and health and social service personnel); education targeted to institutions and organizations shown to have greater tolerance for violence against women, such as some sporting codes; partnerships with faith-based institutions and religious leaders to address attitudes toward violence against women; initiatives to enhance the application of criminal justice responses to violence against women.
- **Advocacy:** including community-based social movements and campaigns to raise awareness of violence, promote positive social norms and advocate social policy and legislative change.
- **Legislative reform:** which includes social policy and legislative initiatives that condemn the use of violence and ensure the application of criminal justice responses to violence against women.

The report also list recommendations related to:

- Maintaining and building on positive developments;
- Beyond attitudes – investing in comprehensive primary prevention;
- Addressing underlying social norms contributing to violence;
- Future communications and marketing activity;
- Improving prevention across the population.

## **Pottstown Support Group Update**

Just a reminder to our hotline counselors that we offer a Support Group in the Pottstown Office of the Women’s Center, every Tuesday evening from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. If you need more information or direct clients to please call: 610-970-7364.

**Expressing Our Sincere Thanks to  
Our Montgomery County Commissioners,  
Led By Chairman Thomas J. Ellis, Esquire,  
For their Recognition and Support**

At a time when many of our state, federal and private funding sources have announced decreases in support of domestic violence programs, it was indeed a most welcome and unexpected pleasure to receive a call from the Chairman of our Montgomery County Commissioners, Thomas J. Ellis, informing me that our annual funding allocation had been increased this year by \$7,000, as a sign of their recognition and support by helping to offset cuts we had experienced under the Victims of Crime Act.

By way of background, as I am sure many of you know, our domestic violence program, like so many other non-profits, has experienced significant funding cuts from State and federal sources. Included among those cuts is \$8,200 from the Victims of Crime Act, which supports our hotline and legal advocacy services, and a potential cut in 2007 of \$9,000 from the Family Violence Prevention Fund administered through the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) for direct services to victims of domestic violence. These cuts come at a time when we are also experiencing significant declines in United Way funding from Western Montgomery County and the North Penn regions.

Despite his very busy schedule, Commissioner Chairman Ellis was willing to entertain my rather desperate plea requesting that the County Commissioners consider a request to increase our County allocation from \$15,300 to \$22,000 in 2007 to offset some of these cuts. I have to say that I did not hold out much hope of a favorable response, since it had been at least nine years since we had received an increase in our county allocation.

So imagine my great surprise and delight when Chairman Ellis called me himself to say that, after careful deliberation, he and his fellow Commissioners Damsker and Matthews, had voted to support our requests for their increase!

I have to tell you that receiving that kind of call is one of the most meaningful affirmations of the work that we do here at the Center. What it tells me – particularly at a time when funding is being decreased by so many sources – is that our County Commissioners recognize and value the incredible work our volunteers and staff are doing here at the Center, in service to the community. I am so very proud, as your director, to know that our community and our elected officials share my view of the amazing work you are all doing! It is because of your commitment to quality and service to others that the Center is able to thrive and grow, and I thank you all!

I would also like to express to our County Commissioners how very much we appreciate this expression of their support and their generosity. And thank you, too, to Chairman Ellis for his willingness and openness to entertaining my request. We are truly grateful for leaders such as him, along with Commissioners Damsker and Matthews, who listen with an open mind and sincere regard for the welfare of the community they serve!

**Punished for Being Female**  
By BOB HERBERT, Op-Ed Columnist  
New York Times November 2, 2006

Bride burnings, honor killings, female infanticide, sex trafficking, mass rape as a weapon of war and many other hideous forms of violence against women are documented in a report released last month by the United Nations.

The report, a compilation of many studies from around the world, should have been seen as the latest dispatch from that permanent world war — the war against women all over the planet. Instead, the news media greeted its shocking contents with a collective yawn.

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The war analogy is not an overstatement. In many parts of the world, men beat, torture, rape and kill women with impunity. In Ciudad Juárez, a Mexican city on the Texas border, 300 to 400 women have been murdered over the past several years. Many were raped and mutilated. The widespread belief that punishment for these crimes was unlikely was a “key factor” in their occurrence, the report said.

Each year thousands of wives in India are murdered and maimed — many of them doused with kerosene and set ablaze — by husbands dissatisfied by the size of their dowries or angry about their wives’ behavior. In Ethiopia, the abduction and rape of young girls is a commonplace way to obtain a bride. In many instances the parents agree to the marriage, believing that the raped child is no longer fit to marry anyone else.

In Pakistan, a woman cannot legally prove that she was raped unless four “virtuous” Muslim men testify that they witnessed the attack. Without those four witnesses, the woman herself is vulnerable to prosecution for fornication or adultery.

While it’s undoubtedly true that men maim and kill other men in astonishing numbers, what I’m talking about here is the way that women, by the millions, are systematically targeted for attack because they are women.

In some cases the sexual violence comes in vast, sickening waves. Just think, for example, of Darfur, Congo, Sudan and the former Yugoslavia. As the report noted, “The incidence of violence against women in armed conflict, particularly sexual violence, including rape, has been increasingly acknowledged and documented.”

More than 130 million girls and women are living with the consequences of genital mutilation, and many others have died from this barbaric practice. Jessica Neuwirth, the president of Equality Now, an international women’s rights organization, said, “Everyone who’s been cut knows someone who died from the cutting. They die from bleeding, or later from infection, or sometime later in life they have enormous health problems.”

The litany of serious abuses against women and girls can seem endless: child marriages, forced marriages, kidnapping and forced prostitution, sex slavery. According to the U.N. report, “A study in India estimated that prenatal sex selection and infanticide have accounted for half a million missing girls per year for the past two decades.”

The most common form of serious abuse against women and girls around the globe is violence by intimate partners. Huge percentages of female murder victims, even in such developed countries as Australia, Canada, Israel and the United States, are killed by current or former husbands or boyfriends.

A study of young, female murder victims in the U.S. found that homicide was the second leading cause of death for girls 15 to 18, and that 78 percent of all the homicide victims in the study had been killed by an acquaintance or intimate partner.

The U.N. report tells us what we should already have concluded: that this pervasive violence against women, “whether perpetrated by the state and its agents, or by family members or strangers, in the public or private sphere, in peacetime or in times of conflict,” is unacceptable.

Not only are we not doing enough to counter this wholesale destruction of the lives of so many women and girls, we’re not even paying close attention. There are women’s movements in even the smallest countries fighting against the violence and other forms of abuse. But they are underfunded and get very little support from those in a position to help. (Even in Afghanistan under the Taliban there were women who ran underground schools, and girls who risked their lives to go to them.)

There was a time when activists cried out for our consciousness to be raised. It’s not too late. We can start by recognizing that the systematic subordination and brutalization of women and girls around the world is, in fact, occurring — and that we need to do something about it.

*Below is NNEDV's statement about Simpson's upcoming interview on  
Fox News that coincides with the publication of his book.*

For immediate release  
November 16, 2006

Statement by Sue Else, President  
National Network to End Domestic Violence  
regarding the O.J. Simpson book "If I did it"

Twelve years ago, the murder of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman brought the issue of domestic violence from out of the shadows and into the public spotlight. The National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) is extremely outraged to hear that OJ Simpson intends to release a book detailing how he could have murdered his ex-wife and her friend.

While Simpson was acquitted of their deaths in a criminal trial, he was found liable in a civil trial and ordered to pay restitution to the Brown and Goldman families. To date, Simpson has refused to comply with the court order. NNEDV and domestic violence advocates nationwide are appalled that he is instead attempting to cash in on their gruesome murders.

Even more disturbing is the impact this selfish, arrogant act will undoubtedly have on Nicole's children - Sydney and Justin. They had to endure the grisly murder of their mother and the controversy of the trial against their father. How will they feel knowing that their father is not only profiting from their mother's murder, but he is also offering a morbid, detailed description of how he could have done it?

Three women are murdered every day at the hand of their intimate partners. It is unconscionable to think that Simpson, ReganBooks, HarperCollins Publishers, and FOX would promote a how-to guide for killing your wife. Is their intention to teach abusers how to kill their wives?

This book has no place in our society and only causes more grief for the Brown and Goldman families and for battered women and children across the country. Our hearts go out to the families being retraumatized by this senseless act of greed.

NNEDV urges the public to take a stand and let FOX, ReganBooks and HarperCollins know that we will not allow them to make abuse and murder acceptable in our communities.

**Update November 20, 2006: NEW YORK (AP)** — After a firestorm of criticism, News. Corp. said Monday that it has canceled the O.J. Simpson book and television special "If I Did It."

"I and senior management agree with the American public that this was an ill-considered project," said Rupert Murdoch, News Corp. chairman. "We are sorry for any pain that this has caused the families of Ron Goldman and Nicole Brown Simpson."

## **Most Men Re-Offend, says Study of Battering Longest look to date paints a darker picture**

*By Carolyn Y. Johnson Globe Staff*

*November 9, 2006*

The majority of men arraigned in a domestic violence crime a decade ago in Quincy District Court re-abused an intimate partner over the following 10 years, according to a study built on years of research that challenges conventional wisdom about the behavior of male batterers.

The study is the first of its kind to follow a group for so long, many researchers said, and contradicts the prevailing view among researchers that, regardless of the intervention they receive, most men do not abuse their partners again.

“It basically is a warning that this behavior is a lot more intractable and serious than I think we’ve realized in the past,” said Andrew Klein, a former probation officer in the court who coauthored the study. “It’s not going to go away on its own... and we’re fooling ourselves if we think we’re going to end this behavior without a much more aggressive and consistent response.”

Klein followed the court and criminal records of 342 men, ranging from 17 to 66 years old, who were arraigned in Quincy District Court in 1995 and 1996 on a domestic violence crime. While the records showed that only a third of the men re-abused domestic partners within a year, over the next decade more than half were arrested again for domestic abuse or violating restraining orders, or had new restraining orders taken out against them.

“What this has added is another eight years of data that most of us do not have,” said Christopher Maxwell, associate professor of criminal justice at Michigan State University, who has been studying domestic violence for 15 years. “I’m not questioning” the study; “I’m questioning myself now more. I’ve written regularly that regardless of what we do to people, the majority of people do not re-offend. This study calls that into question.”

Researchers cautioned that the study could not single-handedly reverse entrenched ideas about abusers’ odds of re-offending. But it is expected to generate further research and longer-term monitoring to see if the finding holds true among other offenders and in other criminal justice systems. The study, funded by the National Institute of Justice, also builds on a larger base of research that has begun to question the effectiveness of intervention programs.

The study itself has no way of measuring the success of a specific type of intervention. After arraignment, the men received anything from probation, including a 50-week batterer intervention program, to having their case dismissed to jail time.

However, to Klein, the data clearly demonstrate that, on the whole, the variety of interventions that are currently used are simply not doing the job — including his own profession.

“As a former probation officer, it’s kind of depressing,” Klein said. “What this research is suggesting is these guys are similar to what we found on certain sex offenders, who never stop.”

He also pointed out that re-arrest and court records are a conservative measure of abuse, since studies have shown that victims do not report all incidents to police.

US Representative William Delahunt, who set up a domestic violence program in 1978 as Norfolk County district attorney, said he hoped to reopen a national discussion on batterers and treatment.

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“We have to at least persevere, in terms of reconfiguring new approaches, creating new strategies that improve the recidivism rate,” Delahunt said. “It’s time to take a good look at the issue of domestic violence 30 years later.”

Other researchers said the study would have to be replicated and carefully evaluated.

Edward Gondolf, research director at the Mid-Atlantic Addiction Training Institute at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, has done research specifically focusing on men who went through a batterers’ intervention program in four cities.

His study examined victims’ reports and arrest records to conclude that nearly half of the men in the study abused their partners again over the following four years. But Gondolf also noted that the violence tapered off significantly. At the end of four years, 90 percent of the men had not re-assaulted a partner in the previous year.

“We went in with... the ‘scared straight’ assumption. After going to court, being sent to this batterers’ program... the guy would come in, smile, and sit on their hands and play pretty until they got out of the program,” Gondolf said.

“What seems to happen is it takes some time, first of all, for men... to put on the brakes.”

David Adams, co-director of the batterers’ intervention program Emerge, which is based in Cambridge, said that the longer men are in the program, the better they seem to do. He found Klein’s numbers surprising.

About a quarter of all men seem to be repeat offenders who return again and again — not over half, he said.

“It’s very similar to substance abuse — rarely are they just in a substance abuse treatment program once,” Adams said. “It is kind of a lifelong issue.”

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## **Board of Directors Update** *Seeking a Few Good Men – and Some Teens!*

As part of their strategic planning process, our Board of Directors is currently attempting to recruit new members to two newly created auxiliary committees. Their hope is that these two groups will help broaden our perspective as an organization and enhance our outreach.

The first group for which we are seeking interested volunteers is a Men’s Auxiliary Committee. We are attempt a number of our male members for this effort which will serve several purposes: community outreach and organizational skill development. If you are interested in joining this Committee in its early formative stages, please contact Maria at the Elkins Park office at 215-635-7340.

The second group we are forming is the brain-child of our Board President, Joyce Skobinsky. Joyce has been a strong proponent of bring the perspectives and voices of our community youth to our Board work and to our outreach efforts. Again, if you are a teenager interested in joining this committee, please contact our Community Educator, Janine, at our Bryn Mawr Office at 610-525-1428. Please note that meetings will be held, for the most part, in the Elkins Park office, in the event that transportation and driving are a concern. Also, to accommodate school schedules, we plan to hold meetings late afternoon and early evening.

## Women's Center of Montgomery County Events

### MY HANDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING

December 6, 2006 – Glenside/Abington UMC Nursery School – 10:00-10:25

December 14, 2006 – St Peters Preschool – Glenside – 3:30

December 15, 2006 – St Peters Preschool – Glenside – 3:30

December 22, 2006 – Jenkintown Elementary School – 10:00-10:20AM

January 15, 2007 – Pottstown Library – 10:00

May 3, 2007 – Saint Andrew Preschool

2 groups @20 minutes from 9:15- 10:10

2 groups @20 minutes from 12:30-1:20

May 4, 2007 – Saint Andrew Preschool

3 groups @20 minutes from 9:15- 10:40

2 groups @20 minutes from 12:30-1:20

### HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOPS And SPEAKING EVENTS

December 4, 2006 – YALE – Residential Program – 6:00-7:00PM

December 7, 2006 – TriCounty Chamber of Commerce – Women of the Workforce 11:30-1:30

December 7, 2006 – YALE – Residential Program – 6:00-7:00PM

December 13, 2006 – Jenkintown High School – 1:55-2:40PM

December 20, 2006 – Montco. Comm. College – Blue Bell – 12:10-1:30PM

January 9, 2007 – Parent/Teen Taskforce – 9:30

January 17, 2007 – Ambler Day School – Time TBA

January 19, 2006 – Jenkintown Day Care – 10:00 – 3 groups @20 minutes

April 21, 2007 – 16th Annual International Spring Festival – 11:00AM – 5:00 PM

### TABLE EVENTS

January 15, 2007 – Pottstown Library – Time TBA

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## Elkins Park In-service Update

To All Hotline Counselors — planning our New Year's Resolutions early. Starting in January will be the big plan to have everyone meet the In-service requirements. You will be receiving a questionnaire to explore your interests and time availabilities. There will be monthly active listening dates as well as informational topics with guest speakers. As of now the January dates are:

- Thursday, January 4, 1:00 – 3:00pm. Topic to be announced
- Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 – 8:30pm. Topic to be announced

RSVP to me at the Elkins Park office if you are able to attend.

## UPS Walk A Thon Team - Story on Page 4



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