

February 27th Announcements

March 12th Facilitator: Lynn Liebig

March 12th Refreshments: Will, Tasia, Anthony

General Announcements:

- ❖ **PAPERWORK DUE!** Activity Reports, Volunteer Record, Capacity Building Logs, IDP monthly goal worksheet, & Success Stories due February 29th. Be sure to check the SMILEY CHART before you leave to find out if you have any paperwork missing.
- ❖ Returning member applications are now available! Applications can be filled out and submitted online at www.rcaa.org/straightup. Click on printable forms in the Members section. Applications are due by March 21st, 2008.
- ❖ The Spring Retreat is Schedule for March 8th and 9th at the Triumphant Life Camp in Bridgeville. Please Arrive at TLC by 10am on Saturday March 8th. We will be leaving by Noon on Sunday March 9th. *see handout for details*
 - ☑ **First Chance to Sign-up for Spring Retreat Workshops!** Some have limited space available so be sure you get your name on the list. Remember, attending two workshops at the retreat makes up for one unexcused absence from the meetings.
 - ☑ **CARPOOL SIGN-UP:** It is necessary that we figure out transportation for the retreat TODAY as we will not meet again before the retreat. If you will be driving and have space and are willing to take passengers please let Derek know. By the end of the meeting we want to have a list of Drivers, and where they will leave from so those in need of rides can get connected.
- ❖ The Straight Up AmeriCorps office will continue to remain open till 6:30 pm on Mondays. Derek staffs office hours on Mondays. Feel free to drop in to, take care of paperwork, discuss issues or concerns, or just unwind from your day. Coffee, Tea, and Hot Chocolate will be provided.

Training Opportunities

- ❖ **TONIGHT! February 27th TOUGH GUISE:** Join Beth Chaton, HCOE's Tapestry Program Coordinator, in the viewing and discussion around Tough Guise-the first educational video geared towards the examination of the relationship between images of popular culture, the social construction of masculinity, and the increase in violence in American society. Training will be held **TONIGHT** at the Humboldt County Office of Education, 901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, in the Madrone Room from 6:00-8:00 p.m. *Reminder: attending supplemental trainings like this will make up for an absence from the AmeriMeeting. Be sure to let Derek Know if you attend the training*
- ❖ **CESAR CHAVEZ TRAINING: March 11th, 2008 from 4:00-6:00p.m.** Deloris Combs from the Cesar Chavez Foundation is coming up to give a two hour presentation on Chavez's core values and how to incorporate them into service learning. This training will be appropriate for those working in K-12 settings. Deloris will provide lots of freebies including posters, bookmarks, curricular resources, as well as a light and yummy dinner. Details about location TBA. *You will need to get permission from your site as this is during service hours*

Service Opportunities:

- ❖ Raven Project is a youth led street outreach program and drop in center that provides peer-based services. Raven is a 4-H club and has a garden space to play in. Every Friday and Sunday from 1-4p Raven has opened its garden to AmeriCorps members looking to Straight Up have some fun! For more information call the Raven Project at 443-7099 and talk to Anna or Karen.

Other Announcements:

- ❖ The Volunteer Coordinators are looking for one time, sustained service volunteers or people interested in helping out with National Service Day. If you know of someone that would like to volunteer, encourage them to call 269-2026 or email: straightupvolunteers@rcaa.org
- ❖ **Are you interested in having an Art Show?** Hey Juan Burritos in Arcata is accepting sign-ups for Month long showings from local artists. If you are interested in having your work put up in a high traffic local business for show or sale contact Ema Greenspan: sabriel2@hotmail.com or stop by Hey Juan and sign-up on their clip board.

Interesting Tidbits: The Vernal (Spring) Equinox occurs on March 20th.