
SCRRI UPDATE DECEMBER 1993



RECOGNITION

I would like to recognize Linda Schoonover, she started as a Residential Manager of 13 Prospect St. some time ago and worked her way up to the well deserved position of Program Director and is responsible for seven residential programs.

Some may feel that Linda is very difficult to work with at times, but I would like to believe that she is very dedicated to her work and that all she requests from us is "dedication". When working with Linda it is very important to communicate with her, let her know when you need help and she will (only if you ask) provide a time to hash out those problems.

I have enjoyed my time working with Linda and the important thing about this is that my consumers and staff have progressed in leaps and bounds, thanks to Linda Schoonover.

STAFF NEWS

WELCOME:

Betty Pearl has joined the SCRRI Transportation Department as a dispatcher from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and is also Front Desk Receptionist from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Debbie Trainor is now the Clinical Secretary, assisting the Clinical Director and Program Directors with Behavior Plans and Incident/Physical Restraint Reports. She also will relieve at the front

desk.

Sandra Furlong has joined the Transportation Department as Coordinator working with Harold Berry, Transportation Director.

Lisa Schellhammer is the new Accounts Receivable Clerk for the Bookkeeping Department.

Tracy Davenport is the new part time Personnel Clerk. She was with us a short time only to leave as of 12/23.

SCRRI staff would like to congratulate Sue Grandone, Business Manager, she was inducted into the National Honor Society at Becker College where she is taking classes toward her Associates Degree. Good Work Sue!!! :-)

Hello from AF Putnam Rd. and we would like to welcome Melissa Hall to our program (we won't need to use the inflatable doll any more). Our consumers are doing great, both in health and programs, the staff are doing a great job! We would like to wish Bob and Brenda good luck in their new apartments and if someone is looking for a room to rent please see Melissa Hall who is in need of a roommate. Also, we would like to wish all the programs that have moved best wishes in their new placements.

DUELING PROVERBS

He who hesitates is lost.

BUT

Look before you leap!





Birds of a feather flock together

BUT

Opposites attract.

You're never too old to learn.

BUT

You can't teach an old dog new tricks.

Ask no questions and hear no lies.

BUT

Ask and you shall receive.

Variety is the spice of life.

BUT

Don't change horses in midstream.

The pen is mightier than the sword

BUT

Actions speak louder than words.

Silence is golden.

BUT

The squeaky wheel gets the wheel.

FUNDRAISING

LETTER:

SCRRI would like to thank all the staff members, our consumer's families/guardians, and local businesses who sent donations. Those sending \$100.00 or more include:

Mechanics Bank, Tasse Fuel, Southbridge Tire, Peterson Oil, G.L. Finney, Inc., Auburn Elks, SpecTran Corp., Quienbaug Lodge AF & AM, Dr. Emile Dupont, Mr. & Mrs. Armand Grandmont, Sturbridge Auto Body, Joseph Kalicka & Co., Insurance Professionals of NE, Lamoureux Ford, Dr. Constantinos Levanos, John Mallen, June Maynard, Fran Raczka, Scott Wallace of Econocopy, Meadow Mountain Tree & Lawn Service, Bonnie Keefe-Layden and

Melissa Rhea.

As of October 7, 1993, \$5,190.00 was received.

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FUNDRAISING/DONATIONS

Unrestricted Donation

Coffee Fund	\$ 38.65
Bottle/Can Drive	127.50
Vending Machine	39.98
Bookshelf	2.85

Fundraising

Wall St./Gift Sales	\$394.50
Agency Yard Sale	385.92

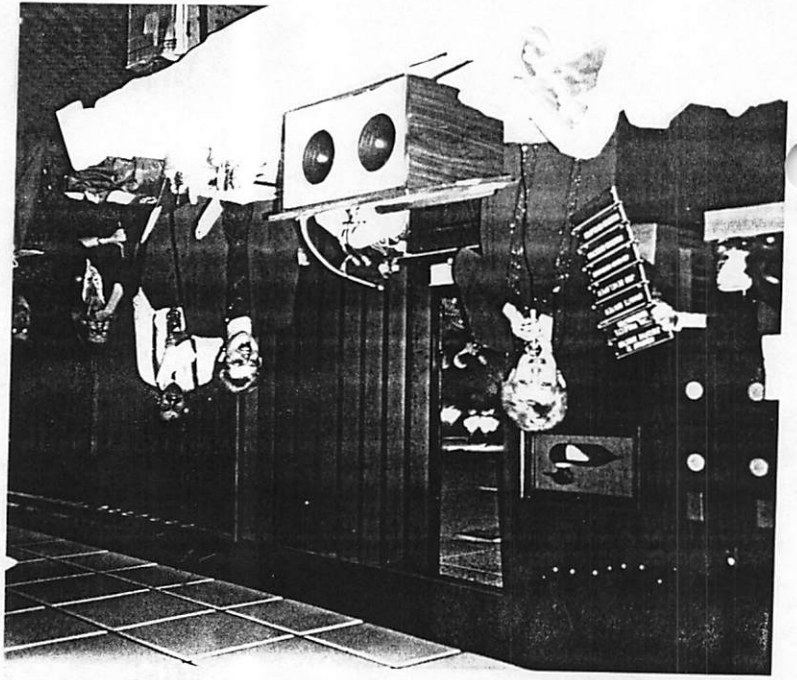
NEW ADDRESS!

Hi everyone, this is a bulletin to let you all know that 135 Old Worcester Road, Charlton is now 420 Pleasant Street, Paxton. We all love our new home! We would like to thank Bonnie and the RALMF Board members for our new furniture. It is beautiful and we appreciate the generosity that made it possible for us to receive this. Thank you! We will put it to good use.

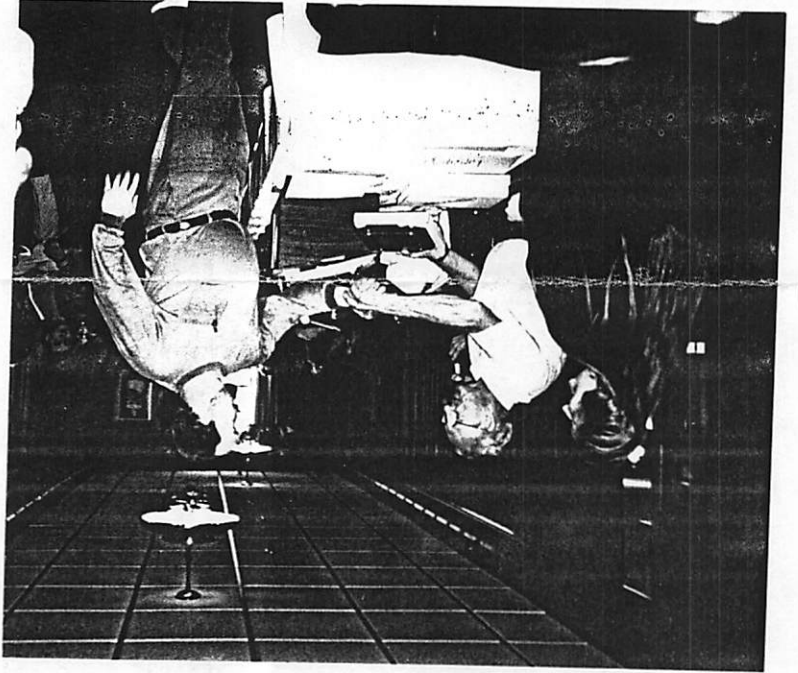
The consumers and staff at 420 Pleasant St. would like to say goodbye and good luck to Pat Gardner, Program Staff I. You were only with us for a short time. We wish you all the best in your new endeavors.

RECOGNITION LUNCHEON

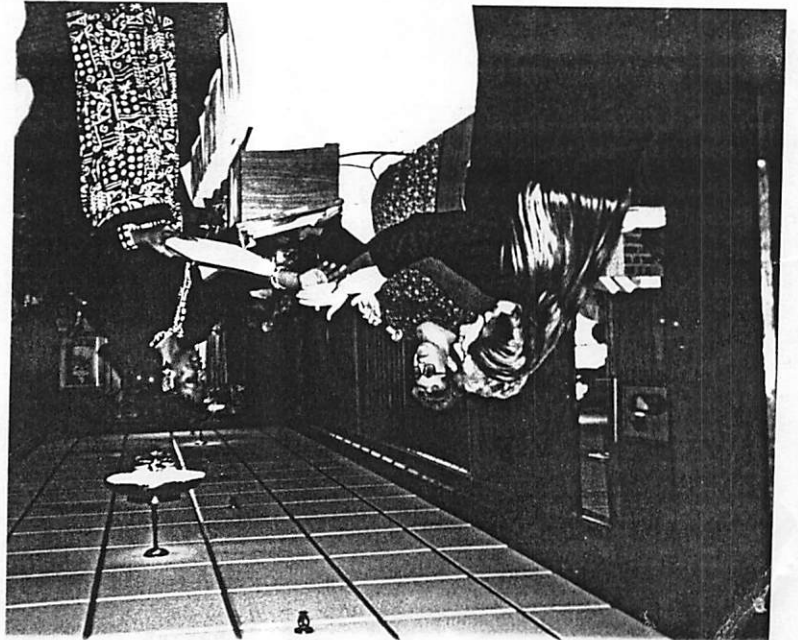
The annual SCRRI Recognition Luncheon was held at ROM's Restaurant on October 21, 1993. Most all of the SCRRI Programs and Transportation areas were represented.



Bonnie Keefe-Layden, Executive Director presents Melissa Rhea with door signs listing her many titles at SCRRI.



James Harrold, SCRRI Van Driver receives a plaque for help "above and beyond the call of duty" at the SCRRI administrative building and with the SCRRI can and bottle drive pick ups.



Denise Ferguson, Program Staff Supervisor, at West Street receives a SCRRI Portfolio as did all SCRRI Program Staff Supervisors

Certificates for 1 and 2 years of employment were given. Staff with over 3 years of employment were given gift certificates, and Program Staff Supervisors were recognized with SCRRI Portfolios, Transportation staff were given jackets, and golf shirts.

Dr. A. Bahnassi, Psychiatrist, and Mr. & Mrs. Haskell Ozer were honored for their support to SCRRI consumers, and Dwaine Scharratt for his patience and maintenance of SCRRI facilities.

"Lucky" recipients of a "roasting" were Bruce "the program" Leger, Program Manager; Waltina "the many hats" Buzzell, Communication Specialist; Linda "the window" Schoonover, Program Director; Connie "the mover" Grzembski, Program Staff Supervisor; Steve "the shoes" Martin, Program Staff I; Melissa "the many titles" Rhea; David "the Behavior Plan" Hassin; Flora "the misplaced car" Duval, Program Staff Supervisor; and Harold "yes, we can" Berry, Transportation Director.

The Annual Director's Award was given to Jeanne Cofske and Harold Berry for their outstanding start up of new SCRRI transportation contracts during the month of July.

Armand Carpentier, President of the SCRRI Board of Directors presented Bonnie Keefe-Layden, Executive Director with a token of the agency's appreciation.

FAMILY NIGHT

North Central Programs held a family night on November 2, 1993.

Foxboro/Norton/Attleboro held a family

afternoon and an Open House at 217 Pike Street on November 3, 1993.

South Valley West families gathered at the Administrative Office on November 4, 1993.

On November 23, 1993, Open Houses were held at 50 Forest St., 2 South Flagg St., Worcester and 420 Pleasant St., Paxton.

CONSUMER'S CORNER

Staff where I live have helped me to get a volunteer position at the Providence Nursing Home on Wednesday afternoons.

Some of my duties include passing mail out to the residents, handing books out and talking with them. I have made a few friends who I like to talk with and enjoy cheering them up!

I also helped the residents decorate a Christmas Tree, and we all sang Christmas carols. I had a lot of fun. Gingerbread houses were made for the residents. I helped them decorate the houses.

I look forward to helping out on Wednesday's and hope that I cheer them up when they see me.

J.R., 13 Prospect Street

SCRRI CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual agency Christmas Party was held at the Holiday Inn in Marlboro, MA on Sunday, December 12, 1993. Staff, consumers and many families attended and had an enjoyable afternoon. Santa was there and pictures were taken. 19 prizes were raffled and Brian Rhea,



member of the Human Rights Committee, won the top prize of \$100.00.

BONNIE'S BITS

A Smoking Policy has been added to our Policy Manual, this policy is in effect to protect the non-smokers of the agency (staff and consumers) and should be followed as stated.

Our third annual Murder Mystery Dinner is scheduled for Friday, February 11, 1993, at the Spencer Country Inn. Crackers and cheese will be served from 6 - 7 p.m. and dinner and the play will start at 7:00 p.m. Dinner is your choice of Roast Prime Rib au Jus or Stuffed Filet of Sole with Newburg Sauce. Plan on attending for a fun night out!

SCRRI has sneakers for sale!
\$10.00 per pair. Come in and buy for children or adults.

I would like to thank all SCRRI staff for their dedication and hard work for the agency this past year and I wish staff and consumers a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!