

JUSTICEWORKS JOURNAL

A newsletter published by Justiceworks, Ltd, a non-profit community justice organization dedicated to advancing policies and practices of justice that create right relationships in communities. Justiceworks supports volunteers and programs on mentoring, victim/offender conferencing, substance-free housing, and access to justice. Justiceworks has received grants from the State Bar of Wisconsin, the Community Foundation, the US Department of Justice, St. Bronislava Church, the Polish Legion of American Veterans, and the Wisconsin Humanities Board. **A community-based justice system devoted to restorative justice requires substantial assistance and commitment.** To join the effort return the registration below with your gift or pledge.

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quote for a quarter:

Freedom is not worth fighting for if it means no more than license for everyone to get as much as he can for himself.

Dorothy Canfield Fisher, 1879-1958

A NEW LOOK FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

If you've been with us for awhile, this issue isn't completely what you're used to. For financial reasons, Justiceworks ended mailing hard copies of the newsletter this spring. The newsletter's original format accommodated a printed mailer, and thus dictated how we put the document together. Freedom from those dictates has allowed us to venture where we've never been before and further changes will probably come as we grow accustomed to a new editorial liberty.

To delve into that, Justiceworks could use a volunteer or two who would like the opportunity to format and create a new look for a small newsletter and present information on restorative justice to the broader community. It includes the chance to learn and investigate the topic, gather stories and reactions from the general public, and create the work on a quarterly basis. If you're interested or know someone who may be, call the Justiceworks office at 715 344-3766.



Half-Marathon & 5K Run/Walk
Saturday, August 30th, 2014

Register On-Line at Active.com
Event information and registration forms available at
JusticeworksLtd.org



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Fostering Forms of Justice that Create Right Relationships in Communities!

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Remember to Justrun!

Justiceworks Primary Fund-Raising Event
Saturday, August 30 at Pfiffner Park
Join us and walk or run to support
Restorative Justice.

Nearly a decade ago Justiceworks held its first fund-raising event, a 5k run/walk that started at the UWSP outdoor track. Since then we've grown and continued to improve. This year the event will begin in Pfiffner Park again, but at the red brick event center. It provides easier handling of food and beverages, indoor registration, closer access to restrooms and a number of other advantages. The same wonderful run or walk along the beautiful Wisconsin River and same friendly hosts. Join us whether you're a half-marathoner or simply out for a walk. Registration forms are available on line at Active.com. Event information and registration forms are available at Justiceworksltd.org.

Gold sponsor **Thrivent Financial** and Presenting Partner **The Wisconsin National Guard** have made significant contributions to this year's event. Their ongoing support is critical to the success of Justrun and the mission of Justiceworks. We greatly appreciate their commitment.



2013 Race Start_

Shifting Gears and Changing Lives, One Special Bike at a Time

Shifting Gears, LLC, Stevens Point's community bike shop, has made great advances since its inception last fall. With two full time employees and growing bike sales, the sky is the limit. Topping that, it recently made news again. See how putting a couple of extra wheels on a bicycle can make a huge change in a young man's life. Insert the following link in your web search bar to read the whole story:

www.stevenspointjournal.com/story/news/local/2014/07/30/local-shop-builds-special-bike-autistic-boy

Shifting Gears is Justiceworks' own project to promote restorative justice and healing in our community. Take advantage of ***Shifting Gears Open House*** on August 16, 2014 at 10 AM, a great opportunity to check them out. If you haven't visited their Facebook page, you should!

Justiceworks Takes Off on a New Track

The Justiceworks board of Directors has joined forces with the 2617 Club in a creative new start. The two organizations have purchased the former Masonic lodge on Strongs Avenue near the courthouse and will take occupancy in August. Remodeling efforts will continue into the fall of this year although the 2617 Club will move in immediately. They have also organized a new corporation to manage the affairs of the building and enhance opportunities for other non-profit entities.

The Central Wisconsin Center for Non-profits will house the operations of the 2617 Club and Justiceworks, Ltd. to provide reduced cost office/meeting space for Portage County non-profit and civic organizations and to foster volunteerism in Portage County. It will offer space and support for beginning charitable organizations who lack the wherewithal to support a continuing office location. Management decisions will be made by a board consisting of members from each of the organizers. Both organizations feel that working together will create a new synergistic effect for their efforts.



Justiceworks Annual Meeting Highlights

Bill McCulley's Commitment to Restorative Justice

Justiceworks annual meeting began May 22, 2014 with socializing and was followed by the presentation of the Klismet Award to William McCulley. After President David James made introductions and described the Klismet Award ceremony, Judge Fred Fleishauer, (ret.) described Bill's background in service for the community of Stevens Point.

Bill's involvement with the non-profit jail ministry organization Prism impacted the development of the Team Program, the Oxford Houses, the 2617 Club, and Shifting Gears, among others. Bill provided years of support to jail inmates through his association with Prism- a organization he helped to create. He worked on its board for many years, and was almost solely responsible for the creation of the social work position Portage County now relies on in the jail. He obtained funding for the position from a grant application he wrote himself. He has served as a member of our corporation since its inception, and when employed by the Human Services Department made amazing efforts to bring a mental health and substance abuse focus to law enforcement and the jail. Whenever someone had mental health issues in the jail, they were on the phone to Bill and he responded. He encircled the county in his effort to resolve disputes over these issues. There were few people in governmental and civic life who did not welcome his good natured smile, and his diligence in resolving tense and difficult issues. As a leader in efforts to bring a focus on mental health and substance abuse issues to law enforcement and the jail, he promoted the cause of evidence based practices in the criminal justice system before anyone knew the term. His efforts really lead the way to adopting the changes that Justiceworks has focused on.



Bill was moved by the presentation and expressed his appreciation to the Justiceworks board.



After the award presentation, Jamie Kiener, Kurt Helminiak, and Ron Carlson gave overviews of the programs they oversee every day and the impact they feel these programs have on the clients that they work with.

Paula Cummings gave an emotional description of her work as a mentor and the benefits it returned to her.



Dave Knaapen introduced Julie Hayes and Ken Wolfe as newer board members. Elections then closed meeting for another year.