

# Northwest Florida Prevention Coalition Update

Reducing youth substance abuse in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties

September 2006

The Northwest Florida Prevention Coalition (NWFLPC) newsletter is mailed out quarterly and provides coalition members and our business partners with information on the activities of the Coalition.

## Coalition News

- ◆ The Northwest Florida Prevention Coalition (NWFLPC) adopted new By-laws at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you would like a copy contact Amy Marshall at CDAC.
- ◆ Congratulations to the newly elected officers, slated to take office in October. Gloria Kyle – Chairperson, Linda Moultrie – Vice Chairperson, Danette Krumel – Secretary, Greg Smith – Treasurer and Willie Mae Randerson – Immediate Past Chairperson
- ◆ The Coalition extends thanks and appreciation to Willie Mae Randerson, our outgoing chairperson, for her dedication and commitment to the coalition. The Coalition has a strong foundation because of Ms. Randerson's years of service as NWFLPC Chairperson. She provided the coalition with a clear vision of a drug and crime free future for our community. Willie Mae Randerson is a great gift to the Coalition and the community. Thank you Ms. Randerson, we continue to appreciate your ideas and guidance as our immediate past chairperson.
- ◆ Legislative Issues Chairman, Greg Smith, has new duties with hurricane preparedness and occasionally needs help with his research that impacts our work. If you are interested in helping Mr. Smith out please contact Amy Marshall at 434-2724 for more information.

## Events

### Family Dinner Night

- ◆ Family Dinner Night was September 25, 2006. While the official date has passed you are encouraged to regularly eat dinner with your family. Research indicated that the more often children eat dinner with their family; the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use marijuana. It is "Strengthening Florida's Families, One Meal at a Time". Start your tradition today.

## Red Ribbon Celebration 2006

Red Ribbon week is a tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, worked undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel. Kiki was kidnapped, brutally tortured and murdered by drug traffickers when his true identity was discovered. In honor of Kiki's memory and his battle against illegal drugs individuals wear red ribbons each year during the last week of October. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle by wearing a red ribbon. Contact CDAC for your red ribbon. This year's theme is "100% Me, Drug Free!" The NWFLPC Coalition's Red Ribbon Committee has planned the following local Red Ribbon activities:

- ◆ Saturday, October 14, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. -The Red Ribbon event at Corry soccer fields. Some of the attractions included: The Gulf Breeze speed boat and DARE car, Escambia Sheriff's Office motorcycles and helicopter, and fun activities for the families.
- ◆ Tuesday, October 24, 2006 - The Red Ribbon Rally will be held at NAS from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Special guests included: Lt. CMDR. Anthony Walley, Blue Angels #2 pilot Southern Heat and other dignitaries to be named. Students from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to attend from Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties schools.

## **New Coalition Members**

- ◆ Veronica Dias, representing Bank of Pensacola
- ◆ Cate Jordan, representing Families Count
- ◆ Kim Kimbrough, representing Pensacola Downtown Improvement Board

## **Dates to Remember**

- ◆ NWFLPC Steering Committee Meetings – October 11, November 8 and December 13 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pensacola Police Station training room, 711 N. Hayne St.
- ◆ NWFLPC Planning Committee Meetings – October 26, and November 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pensacola Police Station training room, 711 N. Hayne St.

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