



Partners in Restorative Initiatives

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September 2016

Greetings to our Restorative Community,



We need to hear from you! We understand you're bombarded every day with news and information. Please tell us what information we can provide in our newsletter that will best meet your needs. If you don't use restorative practices, what would you like to learn?

Do you want to read about: success stories, resources you can use in your classrooms and organizations, academic research on restorative practices, tips for using circles? We can't improve our newsletter if we don't hear from you!

Please e-mail suggestions to office@pirochester.org or call us at (585) 473-0970. We look forward to hearing from you!

Your Restorative Team

PiRI Vision

We envision a community in which restorative principles and values are known, respected and utilized to build relationships, repair harm, and strengthen communities.

PiRI Mission

Partners in Restorative Initiatives works to implement restorative practices in schools, communities and the justice system through advocacy, education, training and facilitation.

September Quote

Working for peace in the future is to work for peace in the present moment - Thich Nhat Hanh

You're Invited to attend Partners in Restorative Initiatives' Annual Open House!

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

6:00–8:00 p.m.

111 Hillside Avenue

Rochester, NY

A buffet-style dinner will be served.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 5, 2016

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Jeanne Carlivati Featured in *Spotlight on Schools!*

Jeanne Carlivati was recently interviewed not once, but TWICE for *Spotlight on Schools*, a local, cable-access program. If you haven't heard about restorative practices, or you're still not clear on what its all about, Jeanne communicates in a simple, common sense manner how restorative practices improve a school's environment.

You can watch the videos [here](#) and [here](#). Great job, Jeanne! Keep up the good work!

**Spotlight on Schools* is a half-hour program hosted by Jim Strauss, a retired teacher. Mr. Strauss interviews teachers, principals, administrators, board members, parents, students, and reform advocates within the Rochester City School District. More information is available at spotlightonschoolsblog.wordpress.com. You also can view videos on their YouTube channel, *Spotlight on Schools*.

Who's Who at Partners in Restorative Initiatives

Many of you already have met our talented and committed trainers at our workshops. In the next few newsletters, we want to take the opportunity to tell you a little bit more about each of them.



BARBARA DRMACICH

Barb is a retired special education teacher from the Rochester City School District. She received a Master's degree in Learning & Behavioral Disorders and trained in Danielson's Framework for Teaching in Enhancing Professional Practice, Positive Behaviors Implementation and Restorative Practices. Barb loves to read and belongs to a book club. She also enjoys investigating her ancestry, hiking, going on walks, gardening and traveling. She has been married 25 years and has two daughters and three grandchildren, who she loves to visit (one daughter lives in Manhattan and the other in Massachusetts).



BETTY REINHART

Betty has been a volunteer with PiRI for three years and is a certified Peace Circle Trainer. She retired from a 38-year career as a school counselor where for many years she also enjoyed facilitating circles in the classroom. She recently became certified as a Kids Grounded Yoga teacher and has found blending restorative practices with Yoga very rewarding. She has 3 adult children and loves spending time with her family and close friends. She enjoys being outdoors, hiking, kayaking or biking.



Do you want to teach others the power of relationship building through circles?

Become a Partners in Restorative Initiatives trainer!

Contact us at office@pirochester.org or (585) 473-0970 to learn more.



Get Ready to ROC the Day!

This year's United Way ROC the Day campaign is Tuesday, November 29, 2016! ROC the Day is a 24-hour, online event that gives people in our community an opportunity to support all of the not-for-profit organizations doing great work in the nine-county Greater Rochester area.

As a ROCstar donor, you can make a real difference in the local schools and communities that are interested in learning how to implement restorative initiatives. It's an easy way to show how much the work of Partners in Restorative Initiatives to build relationships, repair harm, and strengthen communities means to you.

Please mark your calendar to visit ROCtheDay.org, a secure online giving platform, to make a gift to Partners in Restorative Initiatives on November 29. Our organization number is 2486.

Thank you to our donors who made a gift through the
United Way 2016 campaign!

We couldn't do our important work without you!



Poetry Contest Announcement!



The Anna C. Price Poetry Prize was established to benefit older girls and young women working to develop their poetic craft. This competition invites beginning poets ages 12 through 19 to share their unique vision of life. The competition also fosters the understanding that young artists are not alone in grappling with life's complexities. It is our hope that sharing their work can be of great support and inspiration to them and their readers.

This competition is named in honor of writer, musician, actress, and artist Anna C. Price, daughter of author and Children's Writer's Guild Contributor Marjorie Baker Price. Anna passed away on December 26, 2014 at the young age of 37, but in those short years she accomplished a great deal artistically and academically. She was also a loving and devoted mother, wife, daughter, sister, and friend to many.

Final deadline for submissions is October 15, 2016. Winners will be notified the first week of December 2016.

Competition submission guidelines are broken down into distinct age groups and can be found [here](#).

Looking forward...

- October 7 Restorative Discipline Overview LyncX Academy
- October 7 Introduction to Peace Circle Training School #1 (rescheduled)

For more information and to register, visit our website at www.pirochester.org and click Training or contact us at 585-473-0970 or office@pirochester.org.

Restorative Practices in the News

The *New York Times* published an article on September 7, 2016 examining the use of restorative practices in a Manhattan high school. You can read the article [here](#).

Take Action

You can support Partners in Restorative Initiatives in working toward a restorative community with your donation. Please see our website to donate via Pay Pal, send directly to our address, or contribute through United Way.



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Comments from 7th Grade Circle Participants

- I understand my classmates better now.

~ I realized that talking circles are not just about telling others what you are thinking. It's about what you are feeling. It's about releasing those bottled up feelings inside you.

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