



# **SAN FRANCISCO JUVENILE PROBATION NEWSLETTER**

**"STRAIGHT OUTTA THE HALL"**

**APRIL**

**2018**

## **"A DAY IN THE BAY"**



Several years ago, I was invited to a fundraiser sponsored by the Alameda County Probation Department. Like many fundraisers, there was lots of pomp and circumstance and the usual chicken dinner. I listened to the speeches and watched as community members stepped forward to receive awards and recognitions for their contributions to Camp Sweeney (Alameda County's equivalent to Log Cabin Ranch). I then reflected on my arrival that day. I was met at the door by several young men wearing white shirts and black slacks. They handed me a name tag and ushered me to my seat. They were bright-eyed and appeared eager to make a good impression. They did. These were the young men from Camp Sweeney. The funds being raised would pay for their next trip to the south to follow the travels of the Freedom Riders. I tell this story not just because of the remarkableness of the event, but because it was at this event that I was approached by two men with a twinkle in their eyes and determination in their hearts. They were awardees that night and I would soon learn why. As it turns out, the men were Lee Stimmel and Rick Talley of the volunteer, Blue Water Foundation. Lee and Rick had been working with Camp Sweeney for a while taking their boys out sailing on the San Francisco Bay. Their pitch to me was simple, we want your staff and boys to go sailing with us and teach them how to sail. As Lee put it, "I am confident that they are natural sailors."

Now several years later, I know they were right. I have joined the Log Cabin Ranch boys and staff on several sails since then and have worked alongside the young men as they perform with confidence, poise, and precision. They have been quick and thoughtful learners, inquisitive, and generally responsive to the intricacies of sailing on the Bay. Last month, we sailed to McCovey Cove and along the San Francisco shoreline. We had the pleasure of sailing past the Stad Amsterdam from Holland - a beautiful ship with incredible masts (pictured in this article). As coincidence would have it, there was a DJ aboard the ship playing tunes from Rihanna! We bobbed our heads to the beat and got a welcoming shout out from the young lady mixing the tunes. I have never had a bad day on the bay and yes, our boys are excellent sailors. You never know who you will meet at a fundraiser, and you never expect to receive far more than you give. In this case, I got more than I could have ever expected!



**Chief Allen Nance**

April 2018

## UNIT RECOGNITION

### Last condition on unit:

Unit 1- 12/25/2017 🌟  
Unit 5- 2/24/2018

Unit 6- 3/23/2018  
Unit 7- 3/26/2018



## TRAINING

Please see the **Training Board** for the upcoming scheduled trainings for:

- Resiliency and Wellness
- Tactical Communication/De-Escalation
- Ethics for Law Enforcement



## SELF-CARE

**Are you ready to boost your energy, improve your mood, and feel your best?**

Research has shown that eating five servings of fruits and vegetables not only makes us feel better, but can also give us more energy, make us healthier and help us manage our weight. Make healthy eating fun with **Colorful Choices** and add fruits and vegetables to every meal and snack!

**Take the Colorful Choices Challenge:**

- 6-weeks: April 16 - May 27
- Individual or team challenge
- Track on the mobile app or online
- Family can participate too
- 5 chances to win over 1000 prize

**For more information visit [well-being@sfgov.org](mailto:well-being@sfgov.org) or call 415-554-0643.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 1 Holiday
- April 3-5 BSCC Inspection
- April 5 Zoomobile Presentation
- April 10 PATH Art talk (see article in School Section, page 6)
- April 28 Beatles Choir Performance

## NEW JPD STAFF

JJC would like to give a warm welcome to our newest permanent **Counselor, Fabian Picazo!** Fabian will begin his 40hr training April 2<sup>nd</sup> and attend MAB training later this month. Fabian comes to us with great experience and knowledge after working with youth at Edgewood and Contra Costa County. Welcome Fabian!



Please also welcome **Raymond Wang** to Juvenile Probation Department; Raymond is our new Human Resources Analyst in our **Human Resources Team**. He came from Human Services Agency (HSA) as Senior Personnel Clerk and had served as Human Resources Analyst at Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HOM). Raymond brings a great wealth of knowledge and experience from the various City departments with which he worked. Before joining the City and County of San Francisco, Raymond served in the U.S. Navy as an Assistant Personnel Officer. Welcome Raymond!



## JJC PROGRAMS

Every Monday, the JJC holds intramural sporting events with various units and youth groups. Games include Kickball, Whiffle Ball, and Basketball. JPD Staff are welcome to check out our youth compete in a friendly fun-filled competition.

Games begin at 3:30pm in the JJC Gym.



**City Youth Now** is proud to continue partnering with **Bread & Roses Presents** to bring uplifting and inspirational performances to the youth at the Hall!

On Tuesday, March 13th, the youth at Juvenile Hall received a visit from nationally-touring guitarist **James Nash**. The youth asked questions about his career and even went on stage to perform their own original rap pieces while James accompanied them with his guitar!



To learn more about James Nash, visit his website at <http://jamesnash.com/index.html>

## JJC EVENTS



Hosted by: T. Hines  
When: 4/12/2018  
Where: Unit 4

Judges: **A. Cole, R. Cole, R. Kong, B. Ross, R. Liebhart**  
Contestants: **M. Bauer\*\***, **C. Aguilar, G. Breaux, D. Benton, J. Orozco,**  
**K. Lewis, E. Hubbard, C. Watkins**

*\*\*Defending Cookie Bake-Off Champion*

## PROBATION

### Got CLETS?

As you may know, JPD uses California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) information. CLETS material is extremely confidential and can only be accessed by trained and certified staff. Additionally, CLETS can only be handled by those who have received training and signed off that they will abide by the rules governing the handling of CLETS material as there are rules and penalties associated with misuse.

Since EVERY JPD employee could reasonably come across CLETS material while working for the Department, EVERY employee must understand the importance of handling CLETS material. We have developed a PowerPoint training for everyone. In the next week or so, all staff will receive an email communication regarding training and a form they will be required to sign once they've completed the training. Forms will need to be returned to your respective Directors.

Thank you to **Jose Perla, Sam Ho and Mila Baranov** for their work on a recent successful audit. If you have any questions, please contact IT Director Jose Perla, Senior Probation Services Supervisor Gary Levene or our CLETS Trainer, DPO Mila Baranov.

## Prison Arts Touching Hearts (“PATH”)

The amazing paintings below were donated to our school Department by Leslie Lakes, Director of **PATH**. The artistic talent comes from incarcerated individuals. Leslie Lakes vision was “providing them with a vehicle to give back to the community in a meaningful and powerful way – *through their art!*” Mr. Lacques, Woodside Learning Center math teacher connected with Ms. Lakes and asked her to showcase some of the artwork for our youth. As a result, Leslie will be visiting the JJC **April 10<sup>th</sup>** to talk to our youth about her program, **PATH**. Thank you, Leslie Lakes and Mr. Lacques, for bringing this art exhibit to JJC!



**“TRIBUTE”**  
Colored Pastels  
PA, 2016



**“ABOVE RETRIBUTION”**  
Colored Pens  
CA, 2015

## LOG CABIN RANCH

### Exciting News:

- Log Cabin Ranch is very proud to announce the two LCR Residents represented our community at the Annual **Blue Water Foundation Award Dinner**. More importantly, these two Residents are eligible, and have submitted applications, to the Sategna Foundation/Blue Water Foundation Scholarship Program, to help fund college and/or trade school costs. Good luck you two!
- **Jack Jacqua** - An integral part of the LCR community - has returned and has been welcomed with open arms as he continues to spread wisdom and knowledge through the **Omega Peer-Counseling Program**.



Blue Water Foundation – Sailing Program

### Doing Big Things at Log Cabin Ranch:

- **OSHA Vocational Certification** is in progress for the Residents of LCR!
- We have one Resident who completed his GED earlier this month. Congratulations!
- We have one Resident who will have enough credits to earn his High School Diploma later this week. Hang in there, you're almost there!

**Keep up the good work at Log Cabin Ranch!**



**CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**  
KICK-OFF @ CITY HALL



APRIL 3, 2018  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
CITY HALL / POLK STREET STEPS

**WEAR BLUE!**



Join Safe & Sound to show your support for San Francisco's kids

**TOGETHER WE CAN END CHILD ABUSE IN SAN FRANCISCO.**



Safe & Sound was formerly known as the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center.

# APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

On April 3, 2018, City leaders and members of the public met on the steps of City Hall to kick-off **Child Abuse Awareness Month** in San Francisco organized by **Safe & Sound** (formerly called the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center).

**JPD Assistant Chief Paula Hernandez and DPO Yvonne Moore** attended and did a great job representing JPD!

Sylvia Deporto, Deputy Director of the Family & Children’s Services Division in the SF Human Services Agency, spoke and thanked all those who work to support families and children in the city. She said, “...we know that city agencies cannot do it alone. We need the whole community to come together to partner with us to protect children and support healthy families. With the whole community involved, we can get struggling parents the resources and guidance they need before abuse happens, suspected abuse will be recognized and reported so it can be stopped, and when abuse does happen, we can get children the necessary support to reduce the impact. When our city and community organizations can coordinate services and work toward common goals, we can help ensure every child in SF gets the opportunity to learn and grow, to be loved, and to be safe.”



## AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

April is also **Autism Awareness Month** – Autism is a complex mental condition and developmental disability, characterized by difficulties in the way a person communicates and interacts with other people. Autism can be present from birth or form during early childhood (typically within the first three years). Autism is a lifelong developmental disability with no single known cause. Autism prevalence is 1 in every 68 children in America.

**Social Skills** - People with autism have problems interacting with others; autistic children do not have adequate play and speech (talking) skills. Mild symptoms on one end of the spectrum may be displayed through clumsy behavior, being out of sync with those around them and inappropriate or making offensive comments. At the other end of the spectrum, an autistic person may not be interested in communicating at all others.

**Empathy** - Empathy is the ability to recognize and understand the feelings of another person. People with autism find it harder to show empathy to others although they can be taught to acknowledge that others have feelings.

**Physical Contact** - In some cases, autistic people do not like physical contact such as hugs, tickling or physical play with others.

**Sudden Changes to Their Environment** - A sudden change in the surrounding environment may affect a person with autism. This could be a loud noise, a change in intensity of lighting or even a change in smell.

**Speech** - Speech can be impacted in people with autism. “Echolalia” is a typical speech symptom in which the person repeats words and phrases that they hear. The speech tone of an autistic person may be monotonous. Where symptoms are more extreme, the person may not speak.

**For more information please visit:**

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/what-autism>

