

PROBATION TODAY

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32ND ANNUAL PROBATION DEPARTMENT STAFF RECOGNITION DINNER

The 32nd annual Santa Barbara County Probation Department Staff Recognition Dinner was held on March 24th, at the Santa Ynez Valley Marriot. The event kicked off with opening remarks given by Acting Chief Probation Officer Beverly Taylor and the Honorable Patricia Kelly. The dinner honored probation personnel for their dedication and accomplishments in 2016.



AWARD RECIPIENTS SELECTED BY THEIR PEERS INCLUDED:

Support Staff of the Year: Vanessa Escobar, Financial Office Professional (FOP), Santa Barbara
Lety Rodriguez, Administrative Office Professional (AOP), Lompoc
Jan Helzer, AOP Senior, Santa Maria

Institutions Staff of the Year: Ashley Cabral, Deputy Probation Officer, Senior (DPO Sr.), Santa Maria Juvenile Hall (SMJH)
Brian Bull, Juvenile Institutions Officer (JIO), Los Prietos Boys Camp (LPBC)

Probation Officer of the Year: Karla LeBrun, Deputy Probation Officer (DPO), Santa Barbara
Lesli Stamm, DPO, Lompoc
Sharon Harris, DPO Sr., Santa Maria

Supervising Staff of the Year: Edward Torres, Supervising Probation Officer (SPO), Santa Maria

Bulldog Award: Elizabeth Krene & Kimberly Shean, Probation Managers, Santa Barbara

Star Award: Laurie Holbrook, Probation Manager, SMJH

Certificates of Achievement were presented to staff by Supervisor Janet Wolf, 2nd District, Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, 5th District, and Assemblyman Jordan Cunningham, 35th Assembly District. Supervisor Wolf presented service pins to those employees with 20 and 25 years of county service.

First time Master of Ceremonies, Brian Swanson, kept the event moving along nicely with good humor and levity. The event was attended by many Probation employees, their families and friends, as well as Presiding Judge Patricia Kelly, Juvenile Presiding Judge Arthur Garcia, and Supervisor Wolf.



Probation Managers L to R: Brian Swanson, Elizabeth Krene, Kimberly Shean, Kristina Brumbaugh, Wendy Stanley and Roger Dixon



L to R: DPO Corrine Basso, AOP Senior Jan Helzer, Supervisor Wolf, DPO Rebecca Mitchell, Acting Chief Probation Officer Beverly Taylor, SPO Sylvia Talaugon, SPO Carolyn Diaz and Program Business Leader Patti Ball

NEW RANGEMASTERS

Submitted by SPO Bill Roberts

On March 31st, DPO Sr. Jeff McGarey and SPO Bill Roberts successfully completed the Rangemaster-Firearms Instructor Course at the State Center Regional Training Facility in Fresno, California.

The five day Fresno course of instruction was attended by officers from multiple law enforcement agencies which included Fresno Police, Fresno SWAT, Fresno County Sheriff, Lemoore Police, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fresno County District Attorney (DA), Stanislaus County DA, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Federal Law Enforcement, Madera County Sheriff, Los Banos Police, Parlier Police, Coalinga Police, Kings County Sheriff, Trinity County DA, and Placer County Sheriff. Despite the quality of competition Jeff and Bill represented Santa Barbara County Probation admirably by continually completing tasks and multiple qualifications at the top of the class throughout the week.

With two additional certified Rangemasters the officers of the Department will be afforded a higher level of firearms training and quarterly range qualifications.



DPO Sr. Jeff McGarey



SPO Bill Roberts

Los Prietos Boys Camp DRAMA KINGS

Submitted by SPO Erin Cross

On April 20th, LPBC Drama Kings performed at the Community Action Commission Vida y Salud (Life and Health) program Teen Fair in Santa Maria. The Drama Kings performed a scripted reenactment of their backgrounds and what brought each of them to Camp. During the performance, each young man shared his personal story, including a letter they wrote to their “younger self,” remarking on the wrong turns they took, encouraging themselves and others not to make the same mistakes.

At the Teen Fair the Drama Kings performed for a room filled with youth from the Grizzly Academy. After the performance, youth in the audience were given the opportunity to ask the boys questions about their lives, their experiences at Camp, and their hopes for the future. One Camper shared it was a great experience to interact with the youth from Grizzly, hoping they take advantage of the voluntary program so they would not end up at LPBC. It was a great experience for both the Camp youth and the youth in the audience to be able to participate in the first annual Teen Fair which had over 220 young men and women in attendance.



Housing Workshop

On Friday, March 31st, the Santa Barbara Probation Report & Resource Center (PRRC), in conjunction with AmeriCorps hosted our first Housing workshop. During the workshop, a representative from Hospitality House and Hotel De Riviera presented on their programs, what benefits they offer, as well as the eligibility requirements. An associate from AmeriCorps represented Santa Barbara Housing Authority and provided basic information on PATH, a local homeless shelter. Clients who attended the workshop found all the information beneficial and actively asked questions. They were also provided handouts that contained information to assist with basic needs such as where to find showers, meals throughout the day, and other resources such as shelter, advocacy and legal needs, and clinics for physical and mental health needs. AmeriCorps provided a generous donation of socks and Starbucks gift cards for all the clients who attended the workshop.

The Santa Barbara PRRC staff would like to thank AmeriCorps for their assistance in presenting and organizing this workshops as well as all of those who contributed to the clothing drive and provided donations.

Submitted by SPO Carolyn Diaz



11TH ANNUAL TREATMENT COURT TOY DRIVE

Submitted by Probation Manager Elizabeth Krene and SPO Carolyn Diaz



December 2016 marked the celebration of the 11th annual Treatment Court Toy Drive, which provides toys and gifts at the holidays for children of those clients who have participated in programming on a regular basis and are making good progress in treatment. Organized by SPO Carolyn Diaz, the event is always enjoyed by clients and staff alike. Toys and gifts for children of all ages were thoughtfully chosen and stored away. The 5th Annual Recovery Drug Court (RDC) holiday party was held at the Santa Maria PRRC on December 21st, and PRRC and Community Based Organization (CBO) staff recognized the RDC clients for their participation and their successes. A pizza lunch and a white elephant gift exchange was enjoyed by all, and after the event, clients were given the opportunity to choose one gift to take home for

each of their children for the holidays. Thank you to all who participated and helped make it such a great event!

Over 11 years ago, when I was working as a DPO in treatment court, I was out in the field and came upon some clients' children playing with the inside of a cassette tape. I thought about how stressful it was to provide toys for my own children and thought about how challenging it must be for the clients struggling to stay clean and sober, and without the resources I had. The first year it started small with donations from probation officers and my family. The next year, the Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary joined forces and the donations have gone up exponentially each year.

This year, with donations from Judge Flores and friends, as well as over \$2,000 from the Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary, we provided high quality toys, games, and books for children who do not normally receive these types of gifts. The best part was dispersing the toys and seeing the happy faces and gratitude from the clients while they chose toys for their children



A LEGACY FOR OUR YOUTH & DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Retired Deputy Chief Probation Officer Lee Bethel

On March 2nd Probation Manager Laurie Holbrook was joined by her husband Mark to be recognized by the Santa Barbara County Board of Education for her commitment to serving our youth and dedication to education during her 28 year career at Probation, specifically her work at the LPBC. Her contributions will continue to impact students for years to come.



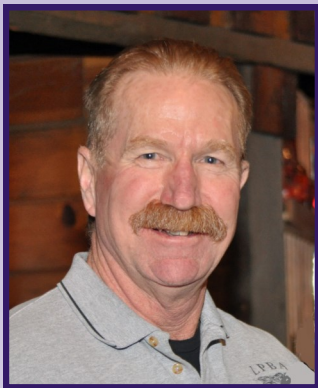
Left to right: Los Robles High School Teacher Victor Prato; Probation Manager Laurie Holbrook; her husband Mark Holbrook, and Director of Child Welfare & Attendance Services Rene Wheeler



Left to right: Probation Manager Laurie Holbrook and Retired DCPO Lee Bethel

Two Legends Retire in Style

Submitted by SPO Erin Cross



On Saturday, February 25th two amazing people hosted their own retirement party. Instead of just having a party, they chose to do something that exemplified their careers: they held a fundraiser to benefit the youth at SMJH and LPBC. Probation Manager Laurie Holbrook and DPO Sr. Jim Clark, who combined have dedicated themselves to the Probation Department and in particular to the youth we serve for over 65 years, hosted this fundraiser at the Carriage Museum in Santa Barbara. This event

was catered by the Santa Barbara Kiwanis in conjunction with Jordanos, and was attended by over 200 people.

The event included live music, fond memories of their fine careers, well wishes for the future, a slide show of pictures dating back to the very start of their journeys, and a silent auction with several amazing trips, all of which Mr. Clark was able to secure. In the end, the event raised over \$11,000 for the youth these two have spent their time serving. What an amazing ending to these incredible careers and a great start to their next chapters.

