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ALLEN MICHELETTI NAMED "EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER"

Mr. Allen Micheletti, Unit Supervisor of the Nacogdoches Co. Sheltered Workshop, has been named "Employee of the Quarter" for the period of time covering the second quarter of FY 1977, December, January, and February. Mr. Micheletti received a Certificate at the recent February Staff Development meeting, and was commended for his dedicated efforts in his position. He has been employed with the Center for 19 months. During this time, the Workshop has expanded and now serves 23 clients, and has contracts to do work for numerous agencies such as Wing Archery, Lone Star Feed; and do car washing, janitorial services for several churches, yard work, and occasionally chair caning, refinishing furniture, and rug binding.

Mr. Micheletti has also been active in numerous community activities such as the Muscular Dystrophy Drive, and is to be commended for his compassion and concern for handicapped individuals.



Dr. Lawrence presents Certificate
to Allen Micheletti

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Since the first of February, four new employees have joined the MHMR staff, and we would like to express a hearty welcome to:

JIMMY DRISKELL, Recreation Therapist, Sunrise Manor
PAULETTE FORREST, Secretary, Central Administration, MH
ORVAL MILLER, Relief Houseparent, Shelby County Halfway House
DAVID SMITH, Unit Supervisor, Shelby County Halfway House

EMPLOYEE TENURE RECOGNIZED

At the February Staff Development meeting, Dr. Wayne Lawrence, Executive Director, recognized all MHMR employees with 18 or more months of service with the Center. In his remarks, Dr. Lawrence stated that these employees have rendered valuable service and have contributed significantly to the welfare of our clients.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure</u>
JoAnn Fries	18 Mos.
Patricia Wolters	18 Mos.
Ginger Adams	19 Mos.
Beulah Gregston	19 Mos.
Allen Micheletti	19 Mos.
Tommy Carr	21 Mos.
Larry Welker	21 Mos.
Rita Kenebrew	22 Mos.
Peggy Whiddon	22 Mos.
Mary Cox	23 Mos.
Juanita Hoot	23 Mos.
Lillian Newborn	23 Mos.
Charlotte Wolfe	23 Mos.
Russ Burbank	24 Mos.
Debbie Barthol	25 Mos.
Jolyon Bowman	25 Mos.
May Beth Hailey	25 Mos.
Clem Lathan	25 Mos.
Dr. Flex Peebles, Jr.	25 Mos.
Ruby Ward	25 Mos.
Tom Watkins	26 Mos.
Kathy Braswell	27 Mos.
Wanda Hadnot	27 Mos.
Byron Crawford	28 Mos.
Joanne Nall	28 Mos.
Marty Walker	28 Mos.
Betty Ecker	29 Mos.
Linda Foley	29 Mos.
Liz Nicholson	29 Mos.
Dr. Wayne Lawrence	34 Mos.
Lee Mayberry	34 Mos.

BOARD TO MEET IN CROCKETT

The regular monthly meeting of the Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services' Board of Trustees will be held Tuesday, March 22, 1977, at 5:30 p.m., at the Crockett Public Library, 708 East Goliad, Crockett, Texas. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

MHMR BOARD CELEBRATES THIRD ANNIVERSARY

February marked the third anniversary of the formation of the MHMR Board of Trustees, and Board members were treated to an anniversary cake at the February 22nd meeting. Present at the meeting and pictured below are: Rev. Jerry Self; Mrs. Agnes Rhoder; Ward R. Burke, Chairman; George Gee; V. B. Woods, Treasurer; and Tom D. Mann, Vice Chairman.



FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING HELD IN LUFKIN

The Board of Trustees of the Deep East Texas Regional Mental Health Mental Retardation Services (MHMR) held its regular monthly meeting at the Angelina County Outpatient Clinic in Lufkin on February 22, 1977, at 5:30 p.m.

Items for consideration by the Budget and Finance Committee included the Treasurer's report, status report on Day Treatment/Administration Facility, consideration of voucher for first month of third quarter Grant-in-Aid, and selection of bid for vans for mental health programs.

Items for consideration by the Program Committee included the consideration of HEW Continuation Grant Application, status report on Houston and Hardin County Sheltered Workshops, consideration of proposed TCA Continuation Grant and consideration of proposed Revised Supplemental Grant-in-Aid Applications.

Items for consideration by the Personnel and Public Education Committee included a status report on Peer Review Program, consideration of Proposed Public Information Consulting Contract, consideration of revision of Affirmative Action Policy Statement, consideration of nominees for Regional Advisory Committees and Local Advisory Councils and consideration of personnel matters.

ALTRUSA CLUB RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

A Certificate of Appreciation was recently presented to the Altrusa Club of Lufkin in recognition of its many services to the Sunrise Manor Halfway House. The Club furnished recreation items for the clients of Sunrise Manor, gave a kitchen shower for the halfway house, and treat the clients to dinner one night a month. Community support is essential for the successful operation of MHMR programs, and the Board, clients and staff are indeed grateful to the Club for their many contributions.

Pictured below are Martha Windsor, President of the Altrusa Club, receiving the Certificate of Appreciation from Russ Burbank, Director of Mental Retardation Division.



RED CROSS TRAINING

A Red Cross Multi-Media First Aid Course was attended by 10 employees on March 4, 1977. The course was taught by Pat Wolters, R.N., assisted by Phil B. Hester. Those attending the course were: Carol Sue Shields, Jimmy E. Driskell, Terriane Wilson, Ed Worthington, Ken Andrew, Claudette Hency, Larry Heaton, Constance Cooper, Gwen Cunningham and Melissa Hester. The course consisted of 8 hours of standard first aid, and certifies the participants for 3 years.



Terriane Wilson and Claudette Hency Demonstrate

NEW UNIT SUPERVISORS



Mr. Bill Johnson began his new duties as Unit Supervisor at the Trinity County Outpatient Clinic on March 1. Mr. Johnson was formerly a Psychologist at the Angelina County Outpatient Clinic.



Mrs. Beverly Thaggard is the new Unit Supervisor at the Nacogdoches County Outpatient Clinic and began these duties on March 1. She was formerly a Psychologist at the Clinic, and replaces Mrs. Marian Goodrum, who resigned.

UNIT HAPPENINGS

JASPER-NEWTON SHELTERED WORKSHOP AND JASPER COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

The Homer Home Demonstration Club gave a Valentine's party for the clients of the Developmental Center and Workshop in Jasper. The clients had fun making Valentines and really enjoyed the party. Many thanks to the Club for their thoughtfulness.

The Workshop clients have been busy raking yards and with house cleaning jobs. Also, work has been continuing on breaking down transformers for the Jasper-Newton Electric Co-op.

March has been an active month with preparations for the Special Olympics--training includes calisthenics and running laps. Developmental Center and Workshop clients plan to attend the local Olympics in Beaumont, and hope to make the State meet in Austin in May.

Also, the staff and clients have been busy making preparations for the Open House which will be held on March 17, and hope to have a good attendance.

NEW SIGN FOR MHMR TRINITY COUNTY OUTPATIENT CLINIC

A new sign for the Trinity County Outpatient Clinic was recently acquired. The Building and Trades Class of the Groveton High School assisted in painting the sign and then put it in place at the Clinic. Members of the Class are Archie Smith, Stanley James, Gerald Brooks, Charles Owens, Donnie Wright, Harvey Horace, Willie Horace, Adrian Taylor, and Johnny Scurlock.

We wish to extend a sincere thank you to these fine young men.

NEWTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

The Center recently welcomed a new client, and one of the clients celebrated a birthday on February 17.

Also, the Valentine's party was a great success. The clients made the decorations for the party, and enjoyed the refreshments provided by the staff.

The recent trip to Lufkin to visit the Wilson McKewen Treatment Center with a stop at McDONALD'S for lunch was enjoyed by several clients.

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