

STRAIGHT

NEWSLETTER from Cincinnati

10th Year Celebration

Straight Open House

October 12th, 1986

Risks

- To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.*
- To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.*
- To reach out to another is to risk involvement.*
- To expose feelings is to risk exposing your true self.*
- To place your ideas and dreams before a crowd is to risk their loss.*
- To love is to risk not being loved in return.*
- To live is to risk dying.*
- To hope is to risk despair.*
- To try is to risk failure.*

But risks must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.
The person who risks nothing does nothing, has nothing, and is nothing.
He may avoid suffering and sorrow, but he cannot learn, feel, change, grow, or live.
Chained by his certitudes, he is a slave; he has forfeited his freedom.
Only a person who risks is free.

Seven months ago, I took my biggest risk - I brought my son to Straight, left him, and went home entrusting his care to staff, host families, and phasers. My desperation forced me to take that risk! Since that time, I've chosen to take more risks helping me to grow in new areas. Straight does not force risks or growth, but allows many opportunities. There will be lots of activities getting ready for the **10th Year Celebration Open House October 12th** and I encourage you to take advantage of getting involved in the Parent Group. It's a chance to make new friends, get to know other friends better and gain a sense of belonging. How strong would the Parent Group be if it was measured by your personal commitment?

Be listening for announcements for maintenance, refreshments and various other needs in preparation of the Open House. At Straight **you** have to volunteer and be assertive towards what you want to help with. No one will come up and ask you.

Love ya,
Marge W.

Parent Participation Month Results

Winners:	Pts.
Linda T [redacted]	240
Wayne B [redacted]	200
Dan R [redacted]	140
Sue T [redacted]	90
Rosemary K [redacted]	70
Robert Z [redacted]	60
Kerri D [redacted]	50
Ed H [redacted]	50
Marge B [redacted]	40
R. J. H [redacted]	40
Demetria R [redacted]	40

Participating Restaurants:

- The Heritage
- The Exemplar (Mariemont Inn)
- Bacall's
- Zino's
- Milford Ponderosa
- Perkins
- Frisch's

The real winners are the kids and the whole program. We will all benefit from so many people knowing about Straight.

Overall we have had 80 lunch or dinner guests, 10 open meeting guests, 8 coffees and 2 speaking engagements set by the parent group in August!

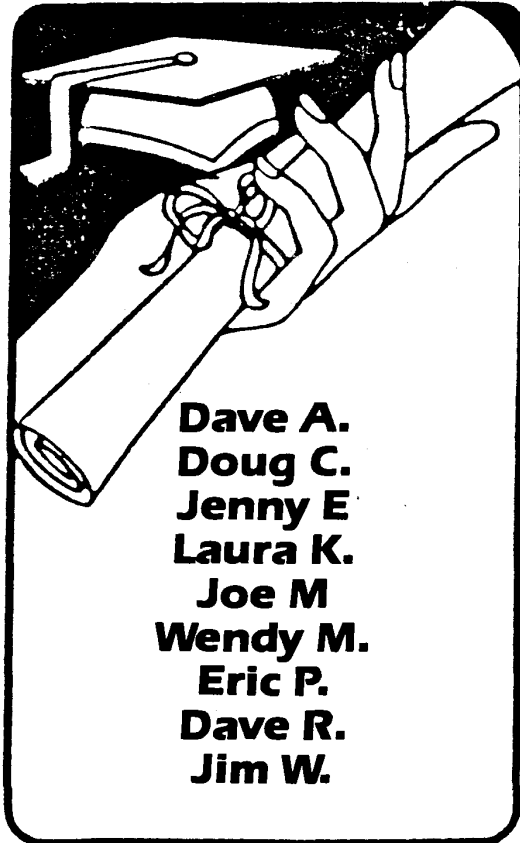
Great Job!

CHAIN OF COMMAND

Director	Jerry Rushing
Medical Director	Richard Heyman, M.D.
Associate Director, Administrative Services	Gil Stevens
Senior Program Counselors	Wlnifred (Wini) Boyd, Jerry Delaney
Program Counselor	Charlie Broussard Carol Dell'Alba
Host Home Counselor	Elaine Beeler
Nurse Supervisor	Cathy Vaught
Administrative Staff:	
Executive Secretary	Linda S. [redacted]
Secretary	Judith Ho [redacted] Donna C [redacted]
Bookkeeper	Jan S [redacted]
Medical Claims Specialist	Sue L [redacted]
Pre-Admissions Counselors	Connie B [redacted] Carol W [redacted]
Community Relations Director	Sandy M [redacted]
Community Service Director	Karmen L [redacted]
Receptionist Supervisor	Peg K [redacted]
Receptionist (Part Time)	Pat P [redacted] Judy I [redacted]
Group Staff Supervisor	Eileen M [redacted]
Senior Staff	Tom A [redacted] Jay P [redacted] Jo Anne W [redacted] Laura K [redacted]
Junior Staff	Phil B [redacted] Mike F [redacted] Mat S [redacted]
Staff Trainees	Doug C [redacted] Steve G [redacted] Trent B [redacted] Dave R [redacted]
Sibling Staff	Shelly D [redacted] Jennifer D [redacted]
Housekeeping Supervisor	Andy Kr [redacted]
Newsletter	Pam De [redacted] Janet H [redacted]

NEW GRADUATES

At the August 22nd Open Meeting, the announcement of nine (9) new alumni was celebrated. This is one of the largest groups ever to graduate the program. Congratulations to the following graduates and their families:



Letting Go

*As children bring their broken toys
With tears for us to mend,
I brought my broken dreams to God,
Because He was my friend.
But then instead of leaving Him
In Peace to work alone,
I hung around and tried to help,
With ways that were my own.
At last I matched back and cried,
"How can you be so slow,"
"My child," He said, "what could I do",
"You never did let go"*

ATTENTION GRADUATE PARENTS

News letter mailing list update

People who have completed their aftercare and still want the newsletter mailed to them, please fill out the form below and mail back to us. Any donation would also be appreciated to help defray the cost of mailing. Only people who send in the form will be included on the new newsletter list.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Holiday Gift Wrap Sale

September is again that time of year for Cincinnati Straight's annual Holiday Gift Wrap Sales Project. This will be the fourth year for this event, which has been one of our most profitable fund-raisers, providing important financial aid for our active program. This is a project in which every mom, every dad, and many siblings can become involved. Seven Step families are also invited to participate in this event and can be tremendously effective with sales, since many will find easy repeat sales through friends and family members who have enjoyed the high quality gift wraps in past years.

We are indeed offering beautiful wrapping papers with new designs for the holidays, as well as patterns for birthdays and other gift-giving occasions. Each roll, either 18 in. x 50 ft. or 24 in. x 30 ft., sells for \$7.00. When compared with paper sold in gift and department stores, the 50 ft. roll would have a value of \$11.70! (This is based on a roll 30 in. x 5 ft. which sells for \$1.95.) In addition there are coordinating ribbon, yarn, cord ties, Christmas tissue paper, gift tags, and gift bag assortments, all of equally high quality and value.

The sales campaign began on Friday, August 29, with the initial distribution of the sample kits. Seven Step families should have received their sample kits through the mail. Anyone who needs additional sample kits for friends or additional order forms can call Linda F. at 513-561-8380.

There are just a few things to remember with regard to this all-important project of the Straight Booster Club. All orders should be **paid for in advance**, with **checks made out to Straight, Inc. of Cincinnati**. In order to insure delivery by Thanksgiving, orders must be in to Straight **no later than Friday, September 26**. But don't wait until the last minute.

Selling these wrapping papers and supplies is something that every mom and every dad should expect to do for the benefit of the Straight Program, and yet this can be done with very little extra effort. Nearly everyone you know will need to buy wrapping paper of some kind. If you just carry your sample kit around with you, to work, to school, to club meetings or church, you find friends who are happy to support Straight, while getting terrific gift wrap at a great price! Remember **you** can make a difference!

Carey E.
Chairman
Gift Wrap Sales Project

Hugs

*It's wonderous what a hug can do,
A hug can cheer you when you're blue.
A hug can say, "I love you so,"
Or, "Gee, I hate to see you go."*

*A hug is "Welcome back again,"
And, "Great to see you! Where've you been?"
A hug can soothe a small child's pain
And bring a rainbow after rain.*

*The hug! There's just no doubt about it—
We scarcely could survive without it!
A hug delights and warms and charms.
It must be why God gave us arms.*

*Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,
Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers.
And chances are your favorite aunts
Love them more than potted plants.*

*Kittens crave them. Puppies love them.
Heads of state are not above them.
A hug can break the language barrier
And make your travels so much merrier.*

*No need to fret about your store of 'em;
The more you give the more there's more of 'em.
So stretch those arms without delay
and Give Someone a Hug Today!!*

—Dean Walley



Confront with Compassion

1. First, do an attitude check. What do you hope to accomplish by correcting someone? It is your concern (love) for that person, or only a desire to tell him off?
2. Remind yourself this person may be doing the best he can. Consider his background, environment, stress level, and knowledge of God. Consider how you would be coping in his situation.
3. Appreciate his uniqueness. Maybe the person isn't wrong, only different. Make sure you base your corrections on scriptures, not prejudice.
4. Apply the Golden Rule. How would you react if someone said to you what you plan to say?
5. Study the way Jesus corrected. He asked questions to make his followers think. Then he compared their behavior to what God desires. They immediately saw their sin and their need of God. He never accused or condemned. Notice how he handled the sin of the Samaritan Woman in John 4.
6. Don't speak to anyone else before you confront your friend. (It's not necessary afterwards, either.)
7. Pray before speaking. And promise to pray after the confrontation.
8. Try not to speak in anger. Wait until you've cooled off and can speak from concern.
9. Speak directly to the subject. Separate behavior from personhood (how he acts, not who he is).
10. You can't order a person to change. Try encouragement and promises of support. Give one positive stroke for every point of criticism.

Kathy Bence

From "Today's Christian Woman"

The Great Straight Talent Show

The Straight Talent show is scheduled for **Sept. 20th**. We need 25 parent acts and all phases are eligible. Singing, dancing, skits, comedy routines, clown acts, juggling, or playing musical instruments are just a few examples of what goes on! Parents can also participate by helping in the popcorn booth. It is truly a night to be remembered. Good therapy especially for newcomer parents on first phase.

Get your application from and return to the Reception Desk as soon as possible.

For New Parents

The following are the words to one of the songs you hear the Phasers sing during open meeting:

I AM STRAIGHT

I am Straight, hear me roar, in numbers to big to ignore

And I know too much to go back and pretend.

'Cause I've heard it all before, and I've been down there on the floor,

No one's ever gonna keep me down again! *CHORUS*

CHORUS

Oh, oh, yes I am wise, but it's a wisdom born of pain.

Yes, I've paid the price, but look how much I've gained.

If I have to—I can do anything.

I am strong (strong), I am invincible (invincible), I am STRAIGHT!

You can bend but never break me, for it only serves to make me

More determined to achieve my final goal.

And I'll come back even stronger, I'm not a novice any longer,

'Cause you've deepened that conviction in my soul. *CHORUS*

I am Straight, watch me grow. See me standing toe to toe,

As I spread my loving arms across the land.

But I'm still an embryo, with a long, long way to go

Until I make my brothers understand. *CHORUS*

HOT LINES

1-800-544-KIDS National Federation of Parents for Drug-Free Youth

1-800-241-9746 PRIDE (National parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education)

1-800-COCAINE National Cocaine hotline

1-800-638-2045 NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse)

1-800-282-DRUG Ohio's hotline for anonymously reporting information about illegal drug sales or trafficking.

1-800-282-3477 Ohio Department of Liquor Control to report sales of alcohol to those who are under age.

614-224-4506 Ohio Federation of Families for Drug Free Youth and Youth to Youth

Moving On

Joyce Salquist, the head of the Admissions Department has resigned. Joyce ended her year and a half in July. Most of the families now in the program remember her as their original contact person and someone who represented hope for their family. We all offer our sincere appreciation to Joyce for her care and counsel during the past months and wish her well as she "moves on" with her life. Thank you Joyce—we wish you well!



It's a Boy!

Barbara Pinson, Program Counselor, is now holding rap sessions with little Andrew William Pinson who got "Coming Home" on August 26th. Barb will be busy building a relationship with Andrew, who weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz., on a full time basis and will not be coming back with us. We offer our sincere love and best wishes to the new family! **Love ya, Mrs. Pinson!!**



Minister Concerned About Alcohol Ads

"There is growing concern in America about the drunken driver. Perhaps it is time to also take a look at the overall cost of alcohol-related problems in relation to television advertisements of alcoholic beverages," says Edward Kirkpatrick, minister at Indian Springs Church of Christ in Columbus.

In the Columbus Dispatch column "A Cleric's View," Kirkpatrick criticizes "commercials that portray drinking as a positive and enjoyable part of everyday life." He maintains that advertisers reach about 90 percent of our adolescent population with these commercials.

Television advertisers spent about \$550 million on alcoholic beverage commercials in 1983—100 times the amount contributed in the form of public service announcements on the problems of alcoholism, he said.

While Kirkpatrick acknowledges that some see a ban on advertising of alcoholic beverages as ineffective, he asks, "... if commercials make no difference in sales, why do advertisers spend such large sums of money on television advertising?"

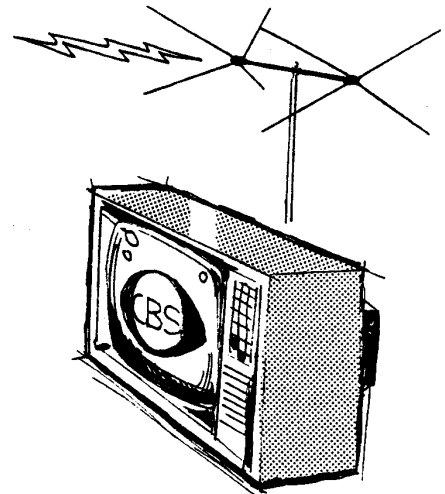
(from the Nov. 2, 1985 issue of the Columbus Dispatch)

Of Special Interest

**Movie about
DAVID TOMA on CBS
September 10th at 8:00 P.M.**

David Toma, former detective who was the model for the *Toma & Baretta* series will play himself in the CBS special "**The Drug Not.**" The one hour show will focus on teenage drug abuse and will be telecast from 8:00-9:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 10th. Arnold Shapiro, who won an Oscar and Emmy for the documentary "**Scared Straight**" was the producer and Anson Williams directed.

The special is a fictionalized drama of various situations Toma has encountered as a lecturer on drug abuse in schools across the country.



SEPTEMBER 1986

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <small>LABOR DAY</small> <i>Open Meeting 6:30 P.M. Parent Sessions Sibling Sessions</i>	2 <i>After-Care 6:00 P.M.</i>	3	4 <i>Professional Dinner 5:30-7:00 P.M.</i>	5 <i>Open Meeting 6:30 P.M. Parent Sessions Sibling Sessions</i> Parent Weekend	6 <i>Sessions: Siblings 10:00 A.M. After-Care 7:00 P.M. After-Care Parents Only 7:00 P.M.</i> Parent Weekend
7 Parent Weekend	8 <i>Open Meeting 6:30 P.M. Parent Sessions Sibling Sessions</i>	9 <i>After-Care 6:00 P.M.</i>	10	11 <i>Professional Luncheon 12:30-2:00 P.M.</i>	12 <i>Open Meeting 6:30 P.M. Parent Sessions Sibling Sessions</i>	13 <i>Sessions: Siblings 10:00 A.M. After-Care 7:00 P.M.</i>
14	15 <i>Open Meeting 6:30 P.M. Parent Sessions Sibling Sessions</i>	16 <i>After-Care 6:00 P.M.</i>	17	18 <i>Professional Luncheon 12:30-2:00 P.M.</i> <i>Session: 5th Phasers & Parents, 6:15 P.M.</i>	19 <i>Open Meeting 6:30 P.M. Parent Sessions Sibling Sessions</i> Special Anniversary Meeting	20 <i>Sessions: Sibling 10:00 A.M. After-Care Clients & Parents 7:00 P.M.</i> Talent Show
21	22 <i>Open Meeting 6:30 P.M. Parent Sessions Sibling Sessions</i>	23 <i>After-Care 6:00 P.M.</i>	24	25 <i>Professional Luncheon 12:30-2:00 P.M.</i> <i>Session: 4th Phasers & Parents, 6:15 P.M.</i>	26 <i>Open Meeting 6:30 P.M. Parent Sessions Sibling Sessions</i>	27 <i>Sessions: Siblings 10:00 A.M. After-Care 7:00 P.M.</i>
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