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NINTH ANNUAL BALL TO BENEFIT YOUTH



Chairpersons Jodi, Don Cook

After months of planning, Co-Chairpersons Don and Jodi Cook along with a dedicated committee consisting of PAL President Glenna Barousse, Executive Director Chuck Price, Stephanie Price, Alan Loud, Tom and Lynley Barry, Carol Bollinger, Donna Marie Lilley, Marianna Hutchinson, Trish Bills, and Gary Nickerson have finalized plans for the ninth annual Titusville PAL Policeman's Ball. This years Policeman's Ball will be held at 7:00PM, Saturday, November 12, 2005 at La Cita Country Club in Titusville. The Policeman's Ball is the largest annual fundraising event to benefit children served by the programs, scholarships and services of the Titusville Police Athletic League. The money raised from this event allows Titusville PAL to fund our many athletic, academic and youth leadership programs throughout the year. Titusville PAL serves more than 1,000 youths ages 8 – 18 in the North Brevard area annually. The organization's goals include offering youth a positive alternative to negative influences in the community by merging sports, cultural, recreational, and civic activities Some of the many programs and services of Titusville PAL include

wrestling, basketball, golf, 3 v. 3 soccer, after school enrichment program, Youth Directors Council, and Titusville Police Explorers. The semi-formal, black tie optional event is open to the general public and promises to be a fun filled evening of dining, dancing, and entertainment.

The acclaimed band "Reflections" will provide live music. A silent auction will be held featuring items donated by local businesses, sports franchises, and other contributors. Tickets to the Policeman's Ball are \$50 each and can be purchased at the PAL office, located at 835 Sycamore Street in Titusville. As always, Titusville PAL is actively seeking sponsors and silent auction items for the Ball. For more information call the PAL office at (321) 268-8771, Chairpersons Don or Jodi Cook at (321) 268-1008, or Officer Chuck Price at (321) 383-5611.

President's Corner

"Though it felt like 100 degrees or more almost everyday this summer, that didn't slow down Titusville PAL! PAL kept busy winning State and National Basketball titles! Our Explorers and Youth Director's Council stayed busy giving back to the community. During all of this activity, we have actually had time to publish a PAL Calendar (available November 2006) and planning our ever popular 9th Annual Policeman's Ball (also in November). Our devoted Board of Directors spent the summer attending meetings and working for the benefit of the children involved with Titusville PAL. Our Education Committee revamped our After school Enrichment Program and chose our 2 annual scholarship recipients! There is no rest for Titusville PAL. We are now gearing up for Basketball and Golf all while focusing our attention on our largest fundraiser of the year, the Policeman's Ball. You can get involved with PAL in many ways.... Financial support, volunteering, joining our board.... Anyway that you can contribute to PAL is always appreciated. Thank you for continued support of Titusville PAL." Glenna Barousse/President, Titusville PAL



Trophy and awards presented to Pal President

Today's Youth Is Tomorrow's Future

SUMMER FUND RAISER BY YDC A GREAT SUCCESS



Titusville PAL's Youth Council had a car wash on Saturday, August 13, 2005 at Wal-Mart Super Center from 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. The support for this fundraiser was great. Tickets cost was \$3.00. This fundraiser helped pay for the 8th annual Youth Directors Conference, which is being held at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort. The youth who will be attending this conference had to earn points through their valiant efforts at community service. For those of you who are not familiar with the Youth Directors, allow me to give you a little history. The Youth Directors Program is implemented in each State of Florida Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues. This program is to:

1. Involve youth in decision making as it pertains to Programs offered by SFAPAL and its local chapters.
2. Train youth to use the democratic process, i.e. how Government's function and how service organizations function including PAL.
3. Teach youth how to organize and conduct meetings using Roberts Rules of Order.
4. Train youth in the importance of doing volunteer community service.
5. Provide on-going communications between PAL directors and the youth they serve.
6. Teach alcohol, drug, tobacco, and violence prevention techniques.
7. Provide positive peer role models and a continuous forum to improve the live of Florida's Youth.

If you have any further questions about YDC programs contact Program Director Cheryl Edmonds or PAL Executive Director at 321-268-8771.



The annual holiday gift grab will be held again this year in December. This annual event has been a very successful event where children from the community are taken to the local Wal-Mart on a shopping spree. The Miller family of Titusville donates each year along with Wal-Mart so that kids from the community can have a great Holiday. Volunteers will be needed so watch you local news paper for the time and date shortly.

Titusville PAL remembers Mrs. Rhoda Ann Bryant 1953-2005

With great love, respect, and sadness, the members of Titusville PAL share the loss of one of the cornerstones of our organization, Mrs. Rhoda Ann Bryant. Rhoda spent her time loving and caring for her family, friends, and her PAL Kids. As a founding members of Titusville PAL, Rhoda served on the board of directors from 1992-1996 and held the office of secretary. In 1996 she became PAL's first employee when she was hired to perform housekeeping tasks at PAL's "Odyssey 2000 Teen Center." In 1998 she was promoted and became PAL's Program Coordinator/Office Manager. This position allowed her the opportunity to touch the lives of many children in the community. She was known throughout the state of Florida because of her dedication to PAL. The kids were her life. Rhoda took her life experiences and used them as a training tool to help "her children." She was a "community mother" who was greatly respected, for she believed in and lived the age old adage that, "it takes a village to raise a child." Her soul was received into the hands of the Lord on Saturday, July 16, 2005 and she was laid to rest on Saturday, July 23, 2005. All of our lives were made a little better and brighter because we knew her and she will be sorely missed!

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I am presently attending the University of Florida on a Pre-Med track. My plans are to positively affect the Gainesville Community through my leadership and volunteering. Upon graduation from UF, I plan to go to Medical School to become a Psychiatrist in order to help those with mental disorders. Many people decide to not get mental help because of what others might think of them. My goal is to change the way most people feel about getting mental help so we as a civilization can be more healthy. Being part of PAL in the sports programs and doing volunteer work for PAL has made me a better person. I hope to in the future to help people think better of themselves by helping others in need. Thank You Titusville PAL for selecting me as one of the winners of the 2005 PAL scholarship.
Sincerely, Ken Estes

I would like to take this opportunity to thank PAL for making a difference in my life. I have been involved with PAL for the last eight years. I started with the basketball program. I had the opportunity of attending different basketball games in different cities. My coaches really were positive role models for me. Being involved with the basketball program challenge me mentally and physically.

The biggest impact for me was being a Youth Directors Council member. This program exposed me to many leadership conferences. I had the opportunity of meeting outstanding motivational speakers. Speakers that taught me the importance of being a leader. I learned the importance of being involved in my community. I was able to make a difference in many others life. I enjoyed going to the nursing homes and interacting with the elderly. I had the pleasure of spending the Christmas Holidays with them and handing out gifts. Their smiles really touched my heart because I knew they were thankful that I took time out to share with them. I also had the wonderful opportunity of interacting with different youth in the community. Each time I saw a youth or an elderly person smile, my heart rejoiced because I knew I was making a difference. I enjoyed going to Social Services and make a difference to those that were less fortunate. We handed out dinners and we served the community. These wonderful experiences taught me the importance of giving.

PAL has truly impacted my life through my hard work I reap the reward of receiving a scholarship from the local and State PAL. Although I have graduated and moved away, I promise to stay involved with PAL. I want to hold truth to the motto "filling playgrounds, not prisons." I am truly blessed to be a PAL Kid.



Pals new presentation piece

I would like to thank the many adults that have been involved and touched my life in one way or another. I want to especially thank my mother for guiding me in the right direction. She has always been a solid ground for me and without her I don't know where I would be. She made me attend the YDC meetings and stay involved in the community when I thought "oh boy, here she goes again". Now that I am a young adult I truly do understand the importance of making a difference.

I am currently attending the University of North Florida working on my Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. I know this field will give me the opportunity to reach youth and impact their lives.

Sincerely, James Edmonds

Titusville PAL brings on new staff member, Michelle Lewis



Staff member Michelle Lewis

The Titusville Police Athletic League has brought on staff, Michelle Lewis to run and revamp the Youth Enrichment Center Program. Michelle has been with the Boys & Girls Club and worked with the PAL Summer Program. The revamped program will offer after school tutorial/homework, FCAT Tutoring, Fun Educational Sessions, Arts and Crafts, and promote healthy life styles at an early age. The program will be offered to young people from Kindergarten through third grade. Titusville PAL is not just sports but offers well rounded programs to help youth develop leadership traits, respect for themselves, and respect for others, there by building good citizens for tomorrow.

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**The Board of Directors of Titusville PAL voted to donate the Hurricane Katrina relief effort in Mississippi .
One of the Titusville Officers who delivered the relief supplies reports in his own words on the experience .**

Joel Hunter and I made a 26 hour trip to Hancock County Mississippi and delivered a 15 foot truck load of very needed supplies to the local law enforcement agencies working that area. It was a very long and interesting trip to say the least. From breaking down and having local prisoners from the jail help us unload and load the truck to becoming a victim of price gouging from a gas station.

We made contact with the Madison County Sheriff's Office (Mississippi) which is about 150 miles north of the coast and to hear the problems they were having to deal with from the hurricane. The biggest problem the chief deputy told us about was the fuel shortage. There deputies were located at every gas station providing security because the fuel shortage had people fighting over gas and the gas lines were causing such a traffic hazard it was every car for itself. Most of the gas lines were blocks long and one line we estimated was over 1 mile long. The closer we got to the coast the worse the gas problem got. At one point we had to pay \$4.00 a gallon (Pensacola Florida area) and when we confronted the store manager about gas price gouging he did not even care and continued to sell his gas because he was the only station within miles with gas.

After leaving Madison County we continued towards the coast and we ended up on some very back country roads in Mississippi and the destruction became more evident and the desperation of the people became worse. We stopped at a gas station where the only thing at the gas station was gas and when we said we would give the people some of our bottled water they were in disbelief that we had bottled water and that we were going to give them some. We unloaded several cases of water to these very desperate people and continued on our way.

After leaving the gas station we came across a young man walking on a 4 lane highway and we stopped to give him some water and he told us an unbelievable story about how his car ran out of gas and he had been walking for a day and a half (42 miles). His shoes were worn completely through and he was dehydrated and in desperate need of help. We gave him a ride to his house and loaded him up with some more food and water.

Once we arrived in Hancock County at the County Command Post it was an unbelievable scene. The Command Post was located in a Wal-Mart parking lot and the entire parking lot was filled with police cars and officers and about 80% of the law enforcement presence was from Florida. The Hancock County Sheriff's Deputies and the local police were in the clothes they had worn since the storm hit. According to the Sheriff, out of 33 deputies 29 of them had lost everything in the storm. They had nothing. We began to unload our supplies to them and to see the reaction from these officers was indescribable. Tears were in their eyes and one deputy even hugged us. The thanks we received from the officers were the most sincere thanks I have ever received. The stories they told us about how they had lost everything they owned and how grateful they were to the City of Titusville brought tears to our eyes you just had to be there to see it.

After delivering the supplies to the deputies we returned back to a small supply distribution point which was being run by a preacher and he was in the most desperate need of an item we all take for granite. Toilet paper. We told him we had several case of toilet paper and he began telling us how he was praying for toilet paper because it was one of the most desperately needed items he was giving out to local people. At this same location there was 1 doctor and a pharmacist from Wal-Mart giving out medicine and providing medical treatment.

When we were leaving this supply point a man drove up to us and asked us to help him look for his sister who was missing and he said she lived in the apartment complex next to where we were. The apartments were completely destroyed and we had to direct him to the Command Post to get help.

After delivering the supplies we began to drive through the city and look at the destruction and it was unbelievable. Blocks and blocks of total destruction. There was nothing left standing and it was very strange because there was no wild life and it was extremely quiet except for vehicle traffic.

In my 31 years of life this was the most emotionally draining and most rewarding experience ever. The City Of Titusville should be proud of the direct impact it had on this community and its residence and I could not be more proud to be a Titusville Police Officer and a citizen of this great community. This city did a great thing to help out fellow law enforcement officers and fellow human beings in one of the most desperate times this country has faced. I thank you and the people we helped thank you.
Titusville Police Officer Kevin Hickey



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Titusville PAL in pictures



FAMILY'S OF ALL TITUSVILLE PAL KIDS ALL SAY



THANK YOU ALL WHO DONATE TO PAL



PAL Calendar

The new PAL 2006 calendar will be completed and ready to be mailed out to any one who would like to support Titusville PAL by becoming a member. Send in a donation of \$25.00 or more to Titusville PAL to support the programs provided by PAL, we will send each donor a PAL calendar, PAL sticker, News Letter each quarter, and their name will be placed on a plaque at PAL administrative offices. The calendar has great information on PAL, along with information that a person could use every day, such as important phone numbers, and more. Pictures of the youth who participate in PAL programs are shown along with sports events, and much more valuable information. Any one who knows of a person or business who would like to be a Titusville PAL supporter please have them call the PAL administrative office at 321-268-8771. Remember, PAL'S goal "Filling playgrounds not prisons".