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What were you doing 40 years ago? Dear Elizabeth,

What were you doing 40 years ago? It just so happens that exactly 40 years ago, in 1974, I moved to Washington to begin my career. I had just

finished graduate school at the University of Illinois-Urbana and, at 27 years old, was ready to make a difference in the world. Little did I know that three church women in Arlington that same year were ready to make a difference in the world of Northern Virginia, and they did!

They created OAR. Here we are 40 years later with the same mission: helping men and women put their lives back together when coming out of the criminal justice system. We teach life skills classes inside the Arlington County Detention Facility; help those coming home find housing, employment, and support as they transition back to our community; and oversee the Community Service program for the Arlington County and Falls Church courts. Our clients have just received a wonderful 40th Anniversary gift: the Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission has just released a report titled Ex-Offender Reentry and Employment, which recommends a number

of important changes in policy and funding to ensure that those coming home from incarceration have a chance to succeed. You can read the report by **clicking here**. You are the reason OAR has continued over so many years. Thank you. Check me out on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com /watch?v=GNedoSu1IDo. I hope you will share this link with your friends.

January was a busy month for us and our clients. Please enjoy the photos

in this issue.

Gail Gail C. Arnall,

OAR Executive Director

well.

see you there!

WAPPY WALENTINE'S DAY **Your Special Valentine Poem**

We give thanks for you - and all we hold dear, During this, our special 40th Anniversary Year!

So many places to go and things to see, I just know there is somewhere I should be.

But wait, it's almost Valentine's Day, Time to send words of love, and say,

Let's Party!! **Upcoming Fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen** Thursday, February 27, 2014 will be OAR day at the California Pizza Kitchen across from Pentagon City mall! OAR will get a check for 20% of all purchases made at the Pentagon City restaurant that day! You do not even have to eat there; it includes takeout purchases, as

You must have a **PAPER** copy of the flyer to give to the server...no screenshots on cell phones are allowed. The flyer is available by <u>clicking here</u>. Please mark your calendars to have lunch or dinner there on 2/27. CPK is not just a pizzeria; they have an great menu that

includes salads, small plates, pasta, soups, tacos, and several

-From the OAR Staff

clicking here. The restaurant is located at 1201 S Hayes St, Suite F, Arlington, VA 22202 (right across Hayes street from Pentagon City mall, by Nordstrom Rack, and right by the Metro).

Please pass the flyer on to everyone you know. Contact Adam Hand at ahand@oaronline.org or 703-228-7031 with any questions. We hope to

vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options. You can see their menu by

40th Anniversary Events and Opportunities Be on the lookout for special events during our anniversary year, including:

system Seminars on various topics surrounding prison and sentencing

Updates on changes that need to take place in our criminal justice

 Films that inform and move us to action Trends in crime and prison population--locally and internationally.

Stories from long-time supporters and former clients

Join NEW 1974 Society:

to have at least ten at the end of the year. Can you be one?

- The 1974 Society is for those able to give at least \$2,500 this year to support the work of OAR. We already have four members, and we hope
- This coming August, we are going to hold a "Santa in August" toy campaign to collect gifts to be given out in December to children whose

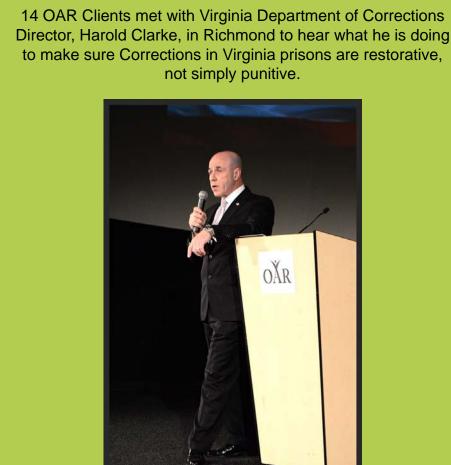
"Santa in August" Toy Campaign:

parents are incarcerated. We will be celebrating our 35th year of Project Christmas Angel, and we want to make sure we have enough toys for every child (last year, we were not able to get any gifts from Toys for Tots, so we are planning ahead). Please consider making this campaign

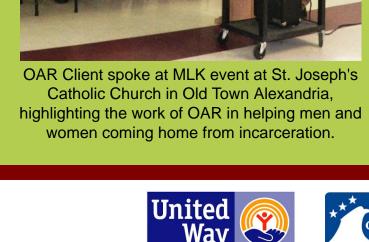
a focus for your organization or congregation in August. Contact Adam Hand for details at ahand@oaronline.org.

A Busy January!





Bernard Kerik, former NYC Police Commissioner spoke about needed reforms in criminal justice. Event sponsored by Miller & Long Concrete Construction, long-time advocates for hiring former offenders. Click here to read the press release.



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Renew Your ACDF ID

OAR Tours

We want you to swing by the OAR office and see how far your support goes in assisting

ex-offenders in finding jobs. To

schedule a tour, please contact Adam Hand by calling 703-228-7031 or email at ahand@oaronline.org. **Renew Your ACDF ID**

9:30am-1:30pm. To RSVP, contact Adam Hand by calling 703-228-7031 or email

The Arlington Jail will be

Saturday, April 12 from

offering a badge renewal on

at ahand@oaronline.org. **Support OAR** If you would like to make a monetary donation to OAR, please click the orange box

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below to donate through our Network4Good donation

page.

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