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2014 Vocational Service Project for the Men

Update #5

Your Vocational Service Committee: Max Alavi, Patricia Bintliff, Tim Brown

Our final Success Skills Workshop for the Class of 2014 was on Saturday April 12 and we continued to refine our clients responses to the traditional, behavioral and background interview questions. Prior to the workshop, VIP Cleaners sent one of their tailors to the residence facility to measure for alterations on the new business suits provided to our clients last week by Working Wardrobes. Please be sure to patronize VIP Cleaners located on the Balboa Peninsula at 2825 Newport Blvd. Each year, VIP Cleaners contributes over \$500.00 in alterations for our clients.

With six coaches this week, we were able to have some intensive small group work on these interview questions. We also conducted some mock interviews with selected clients from each group in front of the whole class. After the break we discussed the importance of visualizing success. Each of our clients was provided with a "goal map" that included several important dynamics in reaching any goal including the reason why the goal was set, what actions are to be taken to reach the goal, and a time line to complete the actions. For our clients, that goal is to land a transitional job. We talked about each of those dynamics in relation to the job search. Our coaches this week

were Caroline Babott, Donna Cody, Lisa Goodlad, Jeff Heileson and Gil Thweatt. As always, their insights were spot on and very valuable to the class

Graduation followed this workshop and several club members attended including Virgil Galey, John Hedlund, Laura Reilly. All the current residents of the facility attended as did the administration. Kerry Oh who was a member of last year's class delivered the keynote. Kerry is doing very well away from the Salvation Army. He is working and attending school he will transfer to California State University Long Beach in the fall. Afterwards, our club members enjoyed cake and punch with our graduates. It was inspiring for everyone to hear about the successes of one of our own.



Our Success Coaches this week



Gil Thweatt



Lisa Goodlad



Donna Cody



Jeff Heileson



Caroline Babott



Stephanie Murguia



Tim Brown



Mock Interviews



Intensive Small Group Work



Gill holding court...

Workshops:

March 18, Expectations and Self-Assessment

March 20:Transferable Skills "Elevator

Speeches"/S.M.A.R.T. Goals

March 22: "Elevator Speeches"/Master Application

March 29: "Elevator Speeches"/Resume, Building

April 1: Success Day Off-site Club Breakfast at

Working Wardrobes

April 5: Interviewing Skills/Business Etiquette

April 12: Interview Skills/Vision



Mapping/Graduation