



ROSE MARIE DINKINS

SCI Muncy
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STATUS

Incarcerated in 1972 at the age of 24
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

OBJECTIVE: Forty-three years into my life without parole sentence, (the longest serving of the women in Pennsylvania), I plan on being a motivational speaker. I believe that I have proven through tenacity and resiliency I can help anyone to overcome their personal challenges.

WORK HISTORY:

Math Tutor, College Level, 1987
Infirmary Dental Assistant
Laundry – Dry cleaned staff uniforms
Maintenance: Car Wash
Garment Factory
Central Kitchen: Cook
Central Kitchen: Baker
Mental Health Unit
Unit Detail: Catering, Health & Nutrition
School Building: Janitorial Services

EDUCATION:

General Education Diploma, 1974
Cosmetology License, Empire Beauty School, 1976
Basic Sewing, 1977
Auto Mechanics, Basic Certificate, 1985, 86
Department of Education: Micro Computer, Typing and Shorthand, 1985
Bloomsburg University, complete 12 credits, 1987
Red Cross First Aid, 1988
PA Business Institute: Management and Paralegal, President's List: 1989-1990
Penn State University Paralegal Certificate, 1991
Vocational Education; MS Excel, MS Word, 1998
Bloomsburg University, "Women in Prison and Rehabilitation" course, 2015
Bucknell University: Women and Crime Bucknell University, "Women and The Penal System", 2015

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PROGRAMS:

Surviving and Thriving 1, 1992
Creative Non-violent Conflict Resolution, 1996
Life Plan Seminar, "Going For the Gold," 1996
Survivors Group, 1999
Grandmother's Support Group, 2000
House of Hope, 2008

Long Term Offenders, 2009; 2010-2015
Cage Your Rage, 1998
House of Hope: Seeking Safety, 22 sessions, 2006
Pathway to Success, 2019
AOD-Co-Occurring, Out Patient Treatment, 2020
Living Safely for Women, 2020

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Community First Step, President, 1974
Muncy Softball Team, 1977, 1985, 2001
Drama Workshop, 1979

PA Lifers Association:

Vice President, 1974-75;
Committee Chairperson 1983;
Treasurer, 1984-85;
Member, 1986;
President, 1990; 1991

PA Jaycettes, 1984

Prison Run-a-thon participant and committee member:
1986-88, 1992-93, 1998-99, 2001, 2003

Fashion Show Certificate, 1989

Weightlifting, 1989, 1996, 1999

Black History Month Committee, 1992-94

Toy Lift Committee Chairperson

Aerobics, 1995-97, 1999

Trendsetters, President, 1995; Treasurer, 1996

Wisconsin Cheese Committee Chairperson, 1996

Muncy Inmate Organization:

Participation, 2000 to present
Committees: Parole Seminar, Run-a-thon and Ernie Preate Panel, 2002
President, 2007-08;
Treasurer, 2001;

Fitness and Conditioning, 2003

Certificate of Excellence: "just Stop It", play, 2017

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AWARDS:

Scholarship: Voice Lessons, 1974-75
Women's Varsity Softball, Golden Gloves, 1986
Trendsetters, Unselfish Service, 1987
Talent Show, First Place in Large and Small Group:
1990, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
Muncy Graduation, Speaker for GPA Achievement

SPIRITUAL LIFE:

Choir Director, 1972-79
Evangelistic Bible Study Series, 1989
New Believer Course, 2012
Baptized, 2012
Baptism Certificate, 2012

THE WOMAN I AM NOW:

At the initial onset of my life sentence, I experienced personal difficulties in adjusting due to my rebelliousness and peer pressure handicaps. I was angrier with myself than with the system for allowing myself to cause death. As time progressed, I realized that I had to face the responsibility of self-improvement. The thrust towards this goal came to me in degrees; depending on the amount of hope I had at that particular time. Sometimes the weight of this sentence became too overwhelming and it was during these times that I would shut down emotionally.

As I became more active in the church, I realized the beginning of my change in attitude. I was able to tie in all of my experiences from the various programs, educational opportunities and athletic teams I had been participating in. I've learned through numerous self-help groups to accept full responsibility for the acts I performed. I continue to experience extreme remorse and sorrow. My participation in numerous therapy groups has proven to be a great asset to my personal reconstruction.

I am the longest life sentence serving women in Pennsylvania. I am in my 43rd year of confinement. When I arrived at Muncy, there were no fences. At one point, I was a part of the varsity softball team. We played teams from neighboring communities and we went to their towns to compete. As the director of the chorus, we performed in local churches. As a result, I learned to appreciate not only the value of my life, but the lives of others as well. After so many years of doing this time and living my life to the fullest, my health is not great. I hope to one day be able to take care of my mother who has sacrificed so much for me.

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HOW WILL I ACCLIMATE MYSELF BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY?

My longtime friend and supporter throughout my incarceration is the artist, Mary Dewitt. Mary has graciously extended her support to me when I am released with a place to live and a community of helpful friends



Rose, aka Roddie
Tile Mural by Mary Dewitt
Located at 44th St and Locust St
Philadelphia, PA