



Missouri Addiction Counselors Association

The MACA Newsletter

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From The President's Corner

By Linda Christian-Dinwiddie, President

I would like to start with thanking everyone for your support of MACA. There are changes with as we move forward this year. So the next few months will be exciting.

First off, Ronnie Beaver, our Executive Secretary, is retiring. This is a major loss for us as Ronnie has been a driving force behind MACA for many years. So it will be up to all of us on the board to step up and make her proud. I can't think of better folks to stand up with and am proud to do so.

As you all have heard, the MSAPCB has moved from the state buildings to stand on its own. We are hoping that their transition is smooth. We look forward to working with them as always!

Our committees are working hard to bring us together in the fall for a good conference. To refresh your memory they are: Training and Education Chairperson Matthew Silva, with Tracy Sovar and David Evans serving on the committee. Membership Chairperson is Elaine Campbell, with A'ndrea Hyde and Mae Landsford serving on the committee. The Ethics Advisory Committee Chair is Randall Bacon, with Elaine Campbell also serving on the committee. The Constitution and By-Laws will be chaired by the Executive committee. The Fundraising Chair is Randall Bacon with A'ndrea Hyde serving on the committee. The Newsletter Chair continues to be Lavern Blackorby, with Matthew Silva on the committee to help with MACA's Facebook page and LinkedIn. I encourage all MACA members to help out with these committees. You do not have to be on the Board to help! This a great way for you to be in on the action and help build our membership!

I would love to hear about what ideas, thoughts, concerns, etc. you might have. I encourage you to visit the web site at <http://www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org/> and get in touch with your representative. Do you know new counselors? Let them know about us! Let's get the word out! What a better way for a new counselor to know they have a voice and a way to get training and network with other experienced counselors!

We are always looking for presenters for our conferences. Who do you know or who would you like to see as a presenter? We encourage each of you to get in touch with Matthew, Tracy or David and let them know!

Our Fall Conference is October 17, 18, and 19th. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Bring a friend and have fun learning and sharing with us!

See you at the conference!

Linda Christian-Dinwiddie

MACA President

From the Office

By Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

The 2014 Fall conference is getting closer. It will be held on October 17-19 at the Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO. I hope to see a BIG turnout.

I am so proud of the work we do at MACA, and look forward to more members getting involved in all we do. Our speakers continue to be second to none in their knowledge, and willingness to share their skills with our conference participants.

We will continue to have conference information, including registration, membership and sponsor forms on the web site; missouriaddictioncounselors.org.

The fall conference schedule will be available the beginning of August.

You will probably notice an e-mail from the MSAPCB announcing the conference dates and location on

the MACA web site. We are going to continue this approach instead of mailing conference flyers/postcards. If you know of anyone who might like to attend our Fall conference, please pass this information along to them. This year we are starting an opportunity for anyone to sponsor a break, speaker or the Sunday breakfast. We will be offering 16 CEU's this Fall instead of the normal 15.

Remember, MACA's conference is the most affordable (and fun) for all you get.

As always, I have been honored to serve MACA, its membership and Board Of Directors. I continue to "fly with the Eagles". Therefore, it is with great regret I will be leaving the position of Executive Secretary at

the end of October. I have served on the MACA board since 1989, and have been a member since 1985. I have served as Executive Secretary since April, 2008, and have really loved the experience.

I hope to see many of my friends and MACA family at the Fall conference.

I will miss you all, and love you all.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary

In Memory Of

By Lavern Blackorby, Past President

On May 18, 2014 Megan Lynn Blackorby daughter of Lavern and Vickie Blackorby graduated from Adair Co. R-1 High School in Novinger, Mo. and has enrolled in Northwest College in Maryville for this fall. Her plans are to become a Dental Hygienist.

I'm very sad to announce since the conference we have lost two family members of or devoted membership. On May 20, 2014 Emil Dee Blackorby (89) Lavern's father passed away unexpectedly on May 20, 2014. Emil was born on January 19, 1935. Emil was a World War II Veteran and was a lived his entire life in the Novinger Missouri area. He active with many charities and enjoyed watching his grand daughter play softball.

In addition on July 4, 2014 the counseling lost another of the family Sharon Wilson of Hannibal, Mo. Sharon worked as an Alcohol and Drug

Counselor for many years in the Hannibal area, and she retired from the Missouri State Department of Corrections in Vandalia, Mo. She enjoyed spending time with her family and especially her grandchildren.

It saddens me to have to announce that Dian Banks our immediate past president has resigned from her position due to health issues. Dian has been a loyal member of MACA for 9 years. Good luck to you Dian, you will truly be missed.

I am also saddened to announce as of October our devoted Executive Secretary Ronnie Beaver will be retiring as the executive secretary. I for one have done battle with her as a friend and as a fellow board

member since 1989. Wish to extend my very best wishes from both myself as well as the board of Directors our very best wishes to Ronnie, and thank her for the outstanding job she has done for both the profession as well as MACA.

If any of you know of any birth's, wedding anniversary, sobriety anniversary, graduation's, or death of a member of the counseling profession or any friends and family of one of our professional counselors, or any other hard working member of the counseling field, please let either Ronnie, Linda or myself know and we will share it with all in the next quarterly newsletter.

I would like to also take just a moment to thank all of you who attended the Spring Conference, and remind each and everyone of you of the upcoming Fall Conference which will be held at the Inn of the Grand Glaze at Lake of the Ozarks on October 17 thru. 19, 2014.

Please keep in mind that you are the reason we are able to have these conferences and the most important reason why we have them. MACA has strived from our conception to provide an affordable, educational, and fun learning experience for all who attend. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to become a member of MACA if your not, and have a co-worker or friend join with you.

I really hope to see you all at the Fall Conference, with a friend you bring with you.

Lavern Blackorby CRAADC, SQP-R

2014 Forms

All of our 2014 forms can be located by clicking on the links below:

- [2014 Fall Conference Registration Form](#)
- [2014 Fall Conference Sponsor Form](#)
- [Membership Application](#)

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