



Missouri Addiction Counselors Association

The MACA Newsletter

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Conference Committee Update

By A'ndrea Hyde

AHHHH...COOL FALL WEATHER COMING!!!

MACA FALL CONFERENCE, OCT. 11, 12 & 13!!!

REDUCING STIGMA (our theme)

There's another great line-up of presenters for the Fall Conference, Oct. 11, 12 & 13.

All the way from Alaska, Our KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Wilma Harpole. A few of the presentations will be: Motivation by Author, Beth Elkassih, Prison Life, How We're Changing Live by Peggy Pruitt, Understanding the traitor they call 'supervisor' (you'll have to attend to understand) by Nathan Honeycutt, Suicide Prevention by Michael Peterman, Experiential presentation by A'ndrea Hyde and Peer Support by Adam Larkin. Others presenting, Clay Hyde, Robert Davis and Gregory Parr. And of course, Ethics by Mark McDonald.

As always, interesting items at the Auction and the Raffle. Clean out your closets by donating those things you don't need, to the Auction.

Remember the Banquet is included in your registration. Out theme at the Banquet, 'Burn Out Stigma.'

\$50 Membership fee and \$25 off Registration; if you register early. Also, if you have any other ideas to make it worth your while for being a member, let us know. We have some ideas in the making.

Be there, at the Inn at Grand Glaze, Lake of the Ozarks, this fall for another GREAT MACA CONFERENCE! Remember; go to the MACA site for other Newsletters, the Agenda and Registration. If you make reservations at the Inn, tell them you're with MACA for your discount.

Check us out on Facebook. Leave comments and pictures.

See Ya this Fall!

**A'ndrea Hyde CRADC CCJP, Vice President
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In Memory Of

By Lavern Blackorby

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I'm very sad to announce that the passing of Terry Miksell's daughter Tara Michelle Miksell passed away at the end of May due to lung cancer she will be in all our thoughts and prayers and will be greatly missed by all. I also received notice of the recent passing of Lisa Bradley on August 2, 2019, following a heart attack on July 23, 2019. She was a best friend of Tracy Sovar, she will also be missed and thoughts and prayers go out to all her family and friends. It is with sadness, we have lost another Great Counselor, Ida Fleeer. She had been in the field for over 25 years. She had been with Hannibal Counsel Alcohol and Drug Abuse, now called Turning Leaf. She touched many lives, she will truly be missed.

Other Member news

We missed our dear friend and board member Al Crandall at the Spring Conference due to illness, and ongoing recovery, hope you recover soon. (Get well quick Al, we all miss you). Also, thoughts and prayers going out to Linda Dinwiddie and her family, husband Richard and mother Jean Blair. We also missed Jim and Kathy Gillum who were unable to attend.

I do want to extend to all MACA members as well as attendees to share with your friends and peers, if you know of any birth's, weddings or wedding anniversary, sobriety anniversary, graduation, or death of a member of the counseling friends and family, or any other hard working member of the counseling field, please let either Tracy Sovar or myself know and we will share it with all in the next quarterly newsletter.

I would like to also take just a month to thank all of you who attended the Spring Conference, and a very special thanks to the presenters, and our sponsors. It was a great conference and all the attendees I talked with enjoyed the breakouts and had a great learning experience, in a relaxed atmosphere and had a lot of fun while earning their CEU's.

Please keep in mind that you are the reason we are able to and why we have these conferences. MACA has strived from our conception 47 years ago to provide an affordable, educational, and fun learning experience for all who attend. I would encourage each of you to bring a friend or co-worker with you to the Fall Conference which will be held Oct. 11, thru 13, 2019 at the Inn at Grand Glaze Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri.

If you have problems getting signed up for the conference or need information please feel free to contact MADA office at (417) 554-1412 or email maca@socket.net, Web: missouriaddictioncounselors.org or Tracy Sovar at (573) 533-0598.

Hope to see you all at the Fall Conference
Lavern Blackorby CRAADC, SQP-R
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You Are Invited to Send in Articles

Individuals wishing to write and have their article posted in the MACA newsletter are welcome to send your article to myself lblackorby@pfh.org and cc the same article to Tracy Sovar at maca@socket.net. We also welcome articles on Wellness relating to physical and or Mental Health issues. All articles will need to be submitted prior to the 15th of the month ending the quarter. All articles will be considered and screened for appropriateness.

Thank you,
Lavern Blackorby

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