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MISSOURI ADDICTION COUNSELORS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Corner By Linda Christian-Dinwiddie, President

I would like to begin with thanking everyone for participating in the 2014 Spring Conference, held at Inn at Grand Glaize, Lake of the Ozarks, MO. We had a great turnout, with exceptional presentations by our speakers. Everyone seemed to have a fun time at the banquet with the raffles and white elephant auction. We really appreciated the hard work of the hotel staff who helped make the conference a big success.

To remind you of who is on the various Committee Chairs we have; Training and Education Chairperson: Matthew Silva, with Tracy Sovar and David Evans serving as committee members. Membership Chairperson: Elaine Campbell, with A'ndrea Hyde and Mae Lansford serving as committee members. The Ethics Advisory Committee Chair is Randall Bacon, with Elaine Campbell 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 really want to encourage all counselors 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 also looking for presenters for the Fall Conference, October 17 through the 19th, 2014. Who do you know or who would you like to see as a presenter? Is there a special subject that is near and dear to you that would also help others? We encourage each of you to get in touch with Matthew, Tracy or David and let them know! Before we know it, it will be fall.

See you at the conference! Don't forget to bring a friend and have fun learning and sharing with us!

Linda Christian-Dinwiddie, MACA President

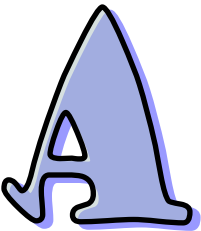
President's Corner

From the MACA Office By Ronnie Beaver, MACA Executive Secretary



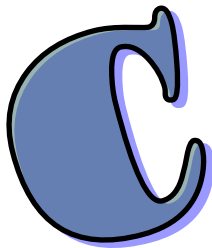
The 2014 Spring conference was outstanding! We had a good turn out and everyone and had a great time.

You will see on the President's corner a review of the committees. All members may be a part of any committee, and help shape the future of MACA. 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 are 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 is in the planning stage, and the schedule will be available sometime in July. Hopefully you noticed an e-mail from the MSAPCB announcing the conference dates and location on the MACA web site. We will 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 offering the opportunity for anyone to sponsor a break, speaker or the Sunday breakfast. Remember, MACA's conference is the most affordable for all you get. One agency member saved over \$500.00 on registrations just by being a MACA member.

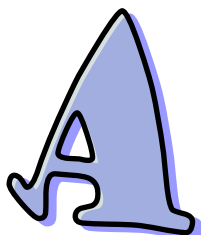
As always, I am honored to serve MACA, its membership and Board Of Directors. I continue to "Fly with the Eagles" in this position.

Sincerely,
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Also, like us on face book.



Shock to NBC

This is not sent for discussion. If you agree, forward it...If you don't, delete it. I don't want to know one way or the other. By forwarding it, you know how I feel.

Do you believe that the word God should stay in American culture?

NBC this morning had a poll on this question. They had the highest Number of responses that they have ever had for one of their polls, and the percentage was the same as this:

**86% to keep the words, IN God We Trust and God in the Pledge of Allegiance,
14% against.**

That is a pretty 'commanding' public response.

I was asked to send this on if I agreed or delete if I didn't.

Now, it is your turn. It is said that 86% of Americans believe the word God should stay.

Therefore, I have a very hard time understanding why there is such a mess about having 'In God We Trust' on our money and having God in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Why is the world catering to this 14%?

AMEN!

If you agree, pass this on, If not, simply delete.

IN GOD WE TRUST

Spring Has Sprung



PURPOSE

The Missouri Addiction Counselors Association is a not-for-profit Professional Organization for Counselors living in or working in the State of Missouri.

MISSION

MACA will actively engage in those activities which promote the integrity and professionalism of addiction counselors. MACA will provide continuing educational opportunities to addiction counselors, counselors-in-training, and other counseling disciplines. MACA will inform legislative and government officials of Missourians' treatment needs. MACA will explore and pursue ideas and principals which advance the Professional recognition of Addiction Counselors in Missouri.

Did You Know.....

MACA is the only Professional Membership Association in Missouri for Addiction Counselors and other Professionals in the Addictions field.

MACA was organized in 1971 as the Missouri Association of Alcohol Counselors to provide fellowship and support for persons professionally employed in alcoholism counseling. The role and mission of MACA expanded through the years to include persons providing professional counseling for alcohol, drug, and other addictive behaviors, thus necessitating a name change to the Missouri Association of Substance Abuse Counselors. In 1992, MASAC Membership and NAADAC (National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors) St. Louis Chapter agreed to combine and form one professional association in Missouri. MASAC then became Missouri Addiction Counselors Association.

In 2008 MACA discontinued its affiliation with NAADAC in order to focus resources on the needs of State membership.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Professional (Individual) Membership*:

Open to anyone engaged in the work of counseling or related fields who is interested in the addiction-focused profession. (*It is not a requirement that Professional Members be credentialed in Addictions.*)

- *May actively participate in the association, hold office, serve on committees, and have full voting rights.*
- *Will be expected to uphold the aims & actions of MACA and abide by the MACA Codes of Ethics.*

Associate (Registered) Membership*:

Open to persons with an interest in Substance Abuse and/or Addictions & the aims of the Association, **but not qualified for Professional or Student Membership and not yet certified by MSAPCB as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor.** Associate Members will inform the MACA Board of Directors when they qualify for Professional Membership status.

Student Membership*:

Open to any full-time (9 hours) student at an accredited college or university or students involved in full-time or part-time internships. Student Membership is limited to Student Members for four 1-year membership terms, Student membership is open to both new & renewing Members. Student Members will be required to present documentation of "student-status" to MACA

Agency Membership:

Open to those agencies, organizations, institutions, and associations wishing to support the purpose, objectives and actions of MACA. **Agency members receive the reduced conference rate for their employees.** Agency members can designate one representative who may vote and serve on committees, but is not eligible to hold office.

Retired Membership:

Open to anyone who has retired from working in counseling or related fields who is interested in supporting the addiction focused profession. (It is not required for the Retired Members to have been credentialed in Addictions)

MACA BENEFITS

- Inexpensive continuing educational opportunities
 - Annual Spring & Fall Conferences
 - Centrally located in Osage Beach
- Informative MACA Newsletters
- Networking opportunities with other Missouri Addictions Professionals and Agencies
- The chance to promote and enhance the role of the Professional Addictions Counselor
- MACA official certificate
- Individual members receive a discount on all MSAPCB training fees

Join today and you'll be on your way to gaining the professional edge, earning greater recognition, and keeping up-to-date with the newest field information.

In Memory Of

I'm very sad to announce, since the conference, we have lost two family members of our devoted members. Just prior to the conference, A'ndrea and Clay Hyde lost Clay's brother Patrick Hyde, who had been in failing health. Patrick had worked in the Mental Health field several years, serving as the Mental Health Coordinator in the Hannibal area in the early 1980's. During this time, he assisted many consumers and their families and/or friends of both alcohol and drug abusers as well as those in need of mental health treatment.

Also Bob and Ronnie Beaver, lost Bob's mother Gertie Beaver on April 30, 2014. Mrs. Beaver was 88 at the time of her passing. Services were held on May 5, 2014 in St. Joseph, Mo. Gertie was an amazing woman who spent life as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was active as a volunteer in causes such as Special Olympics, St. Joseph Safety Council, American Legion auxillary, PTA, and many others. Her involvement made a huge impact on the lives of countless people. She will be missed by many people in the community.

Ronnie states she was honored to be her daughter-in-law and friend. She requests we say a prayer of her Father-in-law who is still in the hospital. He is a very special man and greatly misses his wife of 67 years.

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

Also, I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who attended the Spring Conference, and a very special 'thank you' to the presenters. It was a great conference. All I talked to enjoyed the breakouts, 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 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 you are not. Bring a co-worker or friend to join with you.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Conference, as well as the friend you bring.

Lavern Blackorby, CRAADC, SQP-R

MACA Newsletter

You Are Invited to Send in Articles By Lavern Blackorby, Northern Representative

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 Ronnie Beaver ronnieabeave@live.com. We welcome articles on Wellness relating to physical and or Mental Health. All articles need to be submitted prior to the 15th of the month, ending the quarter. All articles will be considered and screened for appropriateness.