



Missouri Addiction Counselors Association

The MACA Newsletter

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President's Corner

Fall Conference

By Tracy Sovar, President

My name is Tracy Sovar, President of MACA. Missouri Addiction Counselors Association. We had a marvelous Fall Conference again at the Lake of the Ozarks! A few members joined along with a new agency membership! I'm so excited to watch MACA grow in membership.

We have a Spring conference coming up and would love to have you set up vendor booth! Sponsor a break! We do a spring and fall conference at the Lake of the Ozarks, each April and October. We will have new vendor forms, sponsor forms and speaker forms online after the 20th of this month. Accepting synopsis and bio's, along with photo of prospective presenters for the April Conference! Check out our group on Facebook along with our website www.missouriaddictioncounselors.org or email us at maca@socket.org or call our secretary for more information or anyone of the board members, in which you will find that information on our website!

We are accepting applications for executive secretary until November 15th, at which time the committee will review applications and start interviews.

Elections are right around the corner for the regional representatives, be watching for your election ballots and get it turned in in a timely manner.

CHALLENGE!

We challenge you to try to get the most members to join MACA by the Spring Conference! The person who recruits the most will win a prize!

Thank you for all you do to support MACA! Invite a new sponsor, vendor co-worker!

We are advocate here for you the counselors in Missouri to help in any way we can!

Thank you,

Tracy Sovar,

President of MACA

FALL BROUGHT ANOTHER FANTASTIC CONFERENCE!

First, I want to thank everyone that prayed for me. Still under the weather, but recouping. Second, a BIG THANK YOU to Kelly Bradley! She worked her tail off, meeting, planning, putting our Book together, creating the MACA money and many, many other promotions and work. The Fall Conference brought another great line-up. Our KEYNOTE SPEAKER, Wilma Harpole was back and great as usual!! Thank you, Wilma for the 'smiles.' Also, a Big Thanks to our presenters; Beth Elkassih, Peggy Pruitt, Randall Bacon, Clay Hyde, James Fillum, Patrice Mugg, Nathan Honeycutt, Ricky Maggard, Frank Fatino, Mark McDonald, Cliff Johnson, Terry Palmer and Adam Larkin.

We got it ALL! From topics on; motivation, cognitive, substance use on the brain, child sexual abuse, Prin life/stigma, substance use, peer support, creative group counseling, relapse prevention, supervision, medicated assistant treatment to recovery and Ethics.

Lots 'screamed for ice cream' at the ice cream break. Thanks, Smart Start, (Stephen George!)

And, Special Thanks for our Vendors/Sponsors. They are a huge help with our Conference. Some fantastic networking happened because of our Vendors/Sponsors.

The banquet was great! The Auctioneer, Clay Hyde did a Fantastic job and I hear, was entertaining. The Raffle was Great! Thanks, to Becky and Bella for doing a Great job of playing our; Vannas! Thank you to all that donated items for the Raffle and the auction. And of course, we couldn't have done it without all of you FANTASTIC professionals that attended the Conference.

Be there, at the Inn at Grand Glaze, Lake Ozarks, in the Spring, April 3, 4 & 5th, for another FANTASTIC MACA CONFERENCE!

Remember; go to the MACA site for other Newsletters, for the Spring Presentation Confirmation form (Yes, you can Present) for the Agenda, the Sponsor/Vendor form and Early Registration. If you make reservations at the Inn, tell them you're with MACA for your discount. Register early for the Conference and get a discount on registration. Become a MACA member and get those discounts. Heck, we might even put you to work! We always are appreciative of members, and nonmembers, helping out and being on committees. Shoot us any ideas and comments. We're open for suggestions, ideas and improving. Go to our website and/or Facebook. Leave comments and pictures.

See ya this Spring! MAKE IT SPARKLE!!!

A'ndrea Hyde, CRADC CCJP, MACA Vice-President

Conference Committee Update

By Kelly J. Bradley

Hello Fellow MACA Members and those who attended the conference.

I want to thank everyone that joined us at the Fall Conference. For those who were unable to make it, there will be another chance in the spring. The spring conference will be held April 3-5, 2020 at the Inn at the Grand Glaze in Osage Beach, MO. The theme for the conference will be Working Together. We will be trying some new things this time. We are adding a Conference Kick-Off and a discussion panel. The conference committee is hard at work filling the agenda. We already have 4 confirmed speakers. If you know anyone who would be interested in speaking let me know.

The fall conference went well. We had 74 attendees including speakers and vendors. For those of you who were unable to attend, we had a variety of speakers, including several newcomers. Thank you to everyone who presented. We did not have as many sponsors this time. However, we did have two new vendors – Midwest Recovery Centers and MRN.

We are always looking for new ways to keep the conference fun and engaging. If you have any ideas let us know. If you are interested in being a part of the planning and executing, you are welcome to join the committee. We try to meet in person, but anyone is welcome to join by phone.

Thank you again to everyone who helps make it possible for MACA to host these events.

If you are interested in being a speaker, vendor, or committee member, email me at maca@socket.net

Sincerely,

Kelly J. Bradley
Missouri Addiction Counselors Association
Conference Committee Chairperson

In Memory Of

By Lavern Blackorby

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I'm very happy to announce that there has been no passing reported of any members, family or friends in the past quarter.

Other Member news

We missed our dear friend and board member Al Crandall at the Fall Conference due to illness, and ongoing recovery, hope you recover soon. (Get well quick Al, we all miss you). Congratulations: Becky Losing Eastern Representative for the MACA Board on 10/16/19 Passed her CADC test. WAY TO GO!!!!!!

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 Fall 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 Spring Conference
Lavern Blackorby CRAADC, SQP-R
MACA Newsletter

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

JOB OPENING

Missouri Addiction Counselor's Association has an opening for the Following Paid Job Position:

Title: Executive Secretary

Requirements: To obtain the position you must be a member in good standing of Missouri Addiction Counselor's Association.

Persons wishing to apply send a copy of your resume to Tracy Sovar at Missouri Addiction Counselor's Association, P.O. Box 71, Owensville, MO 65066, or email it to maca@socket.net



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