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The President's Notes

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As I attempt to write this final submission of the '07-'08 President's Notes, I find myself severely at loss for words. Serving this term as association president has truly been a highlight of my 18 years in corrections. And, I'm really not sure there are words sincere enough to express my appreciation for having been allowed that experience. There are so many fine, dedicated professionals active in our association. It has been a pleasure to work with each of you!

I must specifically thank the conference co-chairs during my term. The dedication and leadership of Sundi Simpson (7th), Rob Humphrey (8th), Crystal Corlett (1st), and Jennifer Wymore (1st) made the president's job an easy one. And more importantly, provided the awesome conference opportunities for membership this past Spring and Fall.

I'd like to say welcome President Gelvin and new board members! And, encourage any and all members who haven't yet to take a more active role. Consider joining in committee work or running for a board position. It is truly a rewarding experience.

"There are so many fine, dedicated professionals active in our association." – Kelly Johnson



Treasurer's Report By Jane Jansen

March - May 2008

Income:

Awards	
Board of Directors	
CEUs	
Elections	
Fall Conference	
Spring Conference	
Legislative	
Membership	\$700.00
Multi-Cultural Issues	
Nominations	
Publicity	
Rapsheet	
Registration	\$12,840.00
Spring Conference	\$565.00
T-Shirts	\$301.00
Training & Workshops	
Vendor	\$ 6,244.33
Website	
Women's Issues	
Interest	
Total Income	\$ 20,650.33
Checking Balance	\$10,886.32
Savings Balance	\$7,152.40
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,638.33

Expenses:

Awards	\$431.94
Board of Directors	\$58.12
CEUs	
Elections	\$531.86
Fall Conference	
Spring Conference	
Legislative	
Membership	\$2,144.95
Multi-Cultural Issues	
Nominations	
Publicity	\$407.50
Rapsheet	
Registration	\$180.00
Spring Conference	\$19,150.88
T-Shirts	\$356.60
Training & Workshops	\$500.00
Vendor	\$100.00
Website	
Women's Issues	
NSF Check	
Total Expenses	\$23,861.85

From the Training and Workshop Committee

The Training & Workshop Committee will be sponsoring a fall workshop in conjunction with the DOC 25th Anniversary October 2nd, 2008. More details will follow.

Due to retirements and new responsibilities the Training & Workshop Committee is in need of new members. If you have an interest in joining this group, please contact Jay Nelson, or Todd Roberts. Thanks.

ICA Spring Conference Golf Outing Results

The ICA spring conference golf outing was well attended with fourteen four member teams participating. The venue of Spirit Hollow Golf Course was beautiful. The golf was fun if not always "pretty".

Championship Flight—

1st place Scott Irwin, Tom Patterson, Scott Miller and Jeff Bailey with a score of 59.

2nd place Scott Jones, Teri Jones, Brett Grimshaw and Rick Fahnestock with a score of 61.

1st Flight—

1st place Sally Rodeffer, Ray Ham, Dustin Briscoe and Jay Whitaker with a score of 70.

2nd place Dr. Mike Ryan, Jay Nelson, Kelly Johnson and Frank Cooney with a score of 70.

2nd Flight—

1st place Dean Milius, Dave Creery, Steve Koencke and Larry Gibbs with a score of 72.

2nd place Sally Bednarik, Tara Freking, Scott Filseth and Bill Miller with a score of 75.

The last place team consisting of Rob Humphrey, Sundi Simpson and Stan Green scored 83 and won a dozen Pro V golf balls.

The following hole prizes were also awarded:

Hole #3: Women—closest to pin—Teri Jones

Hole #4: Men—longest drive—Scott Irwin

Hole #5: Women—closest to pin on 2nd shot—Sally Bednarik

Hole #9: Men—longest putt—Scott Irwin

Hole #10: Women—longest drive—Angie Morris

Hole #11: Everyone—closest to the creek in one shot—Dean Milius

Hole #12: Men—closest to the pin—Dustin Briscoe

Hole #13: Men—closest to the pin on second shot—James Slack

Hole #17: Women—longest putt—Sally Rodeffer

ICA Spring Conference 2008 OlympICA's Results

Twelve teams participated in the ICA version of the Olympics. There were four events which were Skee Ball; Basketball; Billiards; and Laser Tag. Each team had 5 people participate in each event. Points were tallied for scores of each team to determine overall winners.

The Gold Medalist Team was *3 Day D's* with team members Dan Blaylock, David Creery, Dean Milius, Larry Heckert and Larry Gibbs.



Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal Winning Teams

2008 OlympICA's Results (Cont.)

The Silver Medalist Team was *The Deadliest Catch* with team members Mara Ohrt, Laurie Thoma, Donna Wede, Jean Johnson, John Clark, and Pat Casey.

The Bronze Medalist Team was the *8th Wonder of the World* with team members Sundi Simpson, Rob Humphrey, Vickie Higgins, Kristina White, Tim Snyder and Charlie Higgins.

Best Team Sportsmanship went to the team of *Wuz' Up DOCS* with team members Sara Duvel, Mary Roche, Jackie Bradley, Katie Schumacher, Sherrie Miene, and Jane Duehr.

Best Team Spirit went to *The Deadliest Catch* with team members Mara Ohrt, Laurie Thoma, Donna Wede, Jean Johnson, John Clark, and Pat Casey.

On the darker side, medals were awarded for the worst scores in each event. The following medaled in the "worst" category:

Skee Ball—Jeff Askvig and John Capatani

Laser Tag Team—The Crushers—Jen Kimbrough, Jen Guild, Rich Kenworthy, Jeff Askvig and John Capatani

Billiards—Kristina White, Rich Kenworthy, Carrie Carson, Whitney Mann, and Dan Blaylock

Basketball—Vickie Higgins, Robin Albee, Rachel Smith and Jean Johnson

Team medals and certificates were also awarded for the winners in each event.

Billiards: Gold Medal Team—*Split Decision*

Silver Medal Team—*Second to None*

Bronze Medal Team—*Team P*

Basketball: Gold Medal Team—*3 Day D's*

Silver Medal Team—*Team Goulet*

Bronze Medal Team—*Team P*

Skee Ball: Gold Medal Team—*3 Day D's*

Silver Medal Team—*Team Goulet*

Bronze Medal Team—*8th Wonder of the World*

Laser Tag: Gold Medal Team—*3 Day D's*

Silver Medal Team—*The Deadliest Catch*

Bronze Medal Team—*8th Wonder of the World*



Memorials and Awards Ceremony 2008

MEMORIALS

The annual ICA Memorial / Award Ceremony was held in conjunction with the Spring ICA Conference. The Memorial Service remembered the following corrections staff:

Denny Moench, Food Service
Coordinator
Ft. Dodge Correctional Facility
2-20-98 to 3-22-07

Martha Dedecker, Special Education
Teacher
Fort Dodge Education Program
1-26-01 to 4-1-07

Jean Rusk, Purchasing Agent
Newton Correctional Facility
1-13-84 to 1-27-08

Steven Teel, Correctional Officer
Iowa State Penitentiary
3-22-82 to 4-22-07

Larry Neppl, Correctional Officer
Fort Dodge Correctional Facility
2-11-00 to 2-26-08

Donna Hatfield, LPN
Iowa Medical and Classification Center
7-9-07 to 10-18-07

Roy Woodsmall, Correctional Officer
Iowa State Penitentiary.
6-20-03 to 11-17-07

Dan Jones, Probation / Parole Officer II
Eighth Judicial District DCS
3-17-95 to 7-27-07

Rick Orme, Correctional Officer
Clarinda Correctional Facility
4-26-96 to 8-17-07

Eric Johnson, Residential Manager
First Judicial District D.C.S.
8-22-78 to 7-25-07

2008 AWARDS CEREMONY

Outgoing **ICA President**, Kelly Johnson was recognized for his contributions to the organization over the past year. With national conferences coming to Iowa this year, one of Kelly's biggest challenges has been to take care of ICA's interests. Kelly has supported ICA's growing affiliation with the American Correctional Association. He is believed to be the first ICA member to have completed the ACA certification process for Correctional Supervisors.

ICA Award recipients:

Outstanding Citizen – Ben Ratekin, Volunteer Associate with Prison Fellowship Ministries, appears like clockwork every Thursday evening at the Davenport Work Release Center with his cookies, a warm smile and a kind word. He has volunteered his time consistently for over 25 years, bringing a message of hope to the Work Release residents.

Awards (cont.)

His humanity has earned him the respect of residents and staff alike. He speaks with a tone of reality and understanding which has impacted many and has hopefully affected their decision-making. He has expanded his role through his church affiliation by assisting needy residents and their families with clothing, hygiene items, bicycles, etc. Whatever there's a need for, this person will make an effort to fill it.

Outstanding Multi-Cultural Issues Worker – Stephanie Kassel, Activities Specialist II, Iowa Medical and Classification Center - Stephanie's dedication as an active long term member of the ICA Multi Cultural Issues Committee was recognized. In addition to being a faithful meeting attendee, she has been valuable in helping the committee address their training goals. Stephanie also serves in active roles on the Iowa DOC Affirmative Action Sub Committee on Recruiting and is the staff sponsor for the IMCC New Directions offender organization. Her goal is for correction staff to have increased understanding of each other and to have a more diverse corrections department.

Outstanding Women's Issues – Cheryl K. Meyer, First Judicial District Assistant Director Cheryl was recognized for her advocacy of gender responsive case management and programming for female offenders. She has been instrumental in securing grant funds to begin a co-occurring program for women with substance abuse and mental health issues. She was recognized as a valuable mentor who helps provide opportunities for growth to women in corrections. In addition, Cheryl serves on the Department of Corrections Focus Group for Women Offenders and is a member of the Association of Women Executives. She is co-chairing the 2008 National Conference of Women Working in Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

Outstanding Public Official/Employee – no award

Outstanding Victim Assistance - Teresa O'Tool and Dean Lindeman, North Central Correctional Facility Counselors - As Victim Impact Facilitators, this team has provided outstanding services to crime victims. Victim speaker panels are the core part of their classes, which has taken much effort and outreach over the years. Through their work with crime victims, this team has developed long-lasting relationships with panel speakers, resulting in a correctional facility focused on meeting victims needs. Offenders are taught that crime victims deserve our attention and services, through the curriculum and through the facilitators role-modeling. Preparation and follow-up with speakers is thorough, offering speakers the opportunity to raise concerns and have questions answered. Offenders are taught how to be respectful in the classroom and in their interaction with victim speakers. Teresa & Dean are viewed as a gift to victims, offenders and the community.

Outstanding Correctional Program – Iowa Prison Industries Braille Program, Anamosa
The program was started as a collaborative effort of the Iowa Department of the Blind, the Anamosa State Penitentiary and Iowa Prison Industries. Offenders learn transcription work in the program; all transcribers are certified by the National Library of Congress. Transcribed books are placed on the Louis Database for potential customers to review.

Awards (cont.)

During its 16 year history, the program has produced Braille for all the lower 48 states, Alaska and Canada. In a typical year the shop will transcribe tens of thousands of text pages. Last year, Anamosa Braille produced 142,966 pages of Braille and helped untold numbers of blind students receive a quality education. The completed books provide visually impaired children with the same learning opportunities available to all. As the number of certified Brailleists dwindles in this country, this skill is becoming increasingly valuable. The Braille program has continued to grow and now utilizes offenders at satellite work sites in the Newton and Mt Pleasant prisons.

Outstanding Correctional Worker - Diana Wenner, Transportation Coordinator for the Iowa Medical and Classification Center -Diana's primary responsibility is to coordinate transportation of offenders, a complicated task made simpler by her work ethic. She is described as a tireless worker, coordinating numerous requests and activities covering not only all of the institutions and districts but also county jails, criminal justice entities in other states, and federal authorities. The nomination for Diana included supportive comments from staff across the entire state; words used to describe her included: flexible, "can do" attitude, pleasant, never complains, a great "go-to" person, positive, helpful, and a strong sense of responsibility.

Outstanding ICA Member – Janet Harms Administrative Assistant, First Judicial District Janet was honored for her ongoing involvement with a variety of ICA projects including: Co-Chairing the Membership Committee, DOC 25th Birthday Committee, and Women Working In Correction's Conference Committee. In addition, she's chair person of the ICA Vendor Committee and Webmaster of ICA's Website. She handles tasks that others would prefer not touch, such as such as developing a database for the Registration Committee. She is a frequent ICA Award Nominator, much more of the type to nominate others for awards & doesn't seek recognition, but is certainly deserving of this award!

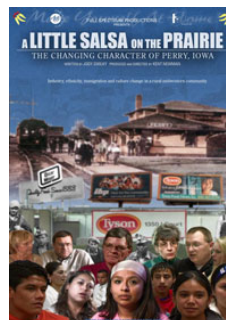
2008 Awards Committee members: Jerry Burt (ASP), Becky Schneider (IMCC), Marie Carter (MPCF), Bill Sperfslage (ISP), Patti Wachtendorf (ICIW), Scott VerSteeg (NCF), Erin Thomas (CCF), Teresa O'Tool (NCCF), Dustin Lutgen (FDCF), Sherry Miene (1st District), Janet Neuschwanger (2nd District), Pam Whalen-Reinke (3rd District), Steve Weis (4th District), Jeff Schultz (5th District), John Hannaford (6th District), Angie Morris (7th District), and Sally Rodifer (8th District).

Awards Committee co-chairs: Lowell Brandt and LuAnn Smith encourage all ICA members to begin thinking about nominations for the 2009 awards. Nominations can be submitted through the ICA web site at any time.

You are also asked to consider participating on the Award's Committee next year. We will be sending a letter to District Directors and Wardens just after the first of the year to solicit names for the Committee. Please let your Director or Warden know if you would like to serve.

Multi Cultural Issues Committee

The Multi Cultural Issues Committee invites you to a screening of "Little Salsa on the Prairie" Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 10am at Fort Des Moines ballroom. Please RSVP with Mary Avaux to ensure seating. Deadline is August 7th. Phone: 515-242-6612 or Mary.Avaux@iowa.gov



A Little Salsa on the Prairie: The Changing Character of Perry, Iowa, a documentary that chronicles the rapid ethnic diversification of the community, drew hundreds of viewers when it premiered in October 2006 in Perry and Des Moines, Iowa. In addition, the film won the Gold Eddy for Professional Documentary at the Cedar Rapids Independent Film Festival.

The 55-minute film explores the significant change that began in Perry in the early 1990s when the complexion of a once predominantly white community shifted dramatically. An influx of Latino workers and their families came from as far away as Texas, California, Mexico and Central America to work at the local meat packing plant. Perry's Latino population increased from 47 in 1990 to 1,873 in 2000, accounting for 24.5 percent of the total population.

The film presents a historical look at the city, particularly immigration, ethnicity and industry, including the rise and fall of the railroad and the emergence of meat packing as the major employer in the 1960s. The film examines recent changes in the economy, society and physical environment that arose due to Latino immigration.

Documents a bilingual dialog process concerned with the state of the city, especially issues pertinent to immigration, employment and social relations between different ethnic groups.

The documentary was produced by [Jody Swilky](#), professor of English at Drake University, and [Kent Newman](#), owner of [Full Spectrum Productions](#) and president of the Iowa Motion Picture Association. They found Perry to be representative of many rural communities in the Midwest that experienced rapid ethnic diversification during the 1980s and 90s, primarily due to changes in the livestock and meat packing industry



American Corrections Association 2008 General Election ... ICA Congratulates Tony Fountain! *ACA Delegate Assembly – Institutional Line Operating Personnel (Adult)*. Tony Fountain is employed at the Mt. Pleasant Correctional Facility and is a current ICA At-Large-Member.

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