



SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- Spring Conference, April 15, 2009 "The Job and Me: Back to the Basics" BWI Ramada, Hanover, MD
- Visit us on-line at www.mdle.net/

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President's Message



The Annual Spring Conference "The Job and Me: Back to the Basics" will be held on April 15, 2009 at the BWI Ramada in Hanover, MD

Member registration

Happy 2009! I am honored to say that a contingency of our membership along with friends and family participated in the Polar Bear Plunge on Saturday, January 24, 2009 at Sandy Point Park. The group was

known as the "MCJA Mavericks". Discussions are underway regarding our participation in 2010.

Preparations are currently underway to provide you another excellent training opportunity during our annual Spring Conference. The Conference is entitled: "The Job and Me: Back to the Basics" and will be held on April 15, 2009 at the BWI Ramada in

Hanover, MD.

Please check our website for updates with additional details:

www.mdle.net/mcja

Every effort has been made to keep the cost at a minimum as we all face financial challenges. The member registration cost will be \$25.00.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns. Thanks again for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you in Hanover, MD on April 15, 2009.

Melinda C. Grenier
Assistant Director
Community Services
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Frederick County
Sheriffs Office
President, MCJA

Steady Membership Numbers

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



Our membership numbers are maintaining them-

selves at a pretty steady rate. As of January 1, 2009 the Maryland Chapter of ACA has 359 active members, 12 members lapsed their membership in December, 1 new member joined in December and 13 members renewed in December.

In conjunction with the Professional Development and Training Division of the MD Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services we have recently begun providing

the ACA enrollment form to all correctional entry level program graduates as a new recruitment tool. We are also making every effort to mention this during graduation ceremonies as a professional development tool.

If anyone has suggestions or ideas on recruitment or membership, please share with our membership chair, Jane Sachs, at jssachs@dpsc.state.md.us or 410-875-3568.

Volunteer to chair or serve on a MCJA committee:

- By-Laws
- Communication
- Conference
- Membership
- Professional Development
- Vendor

MCJA to Host a Series of Mini Trainings

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Maryland Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) is planning to host a series of mini trainings around the State. The Association wants to give our members an opportunity to participate in quality training without having to travel to the far reaches of the State to attend. These trainings will be on hot topics specific to our criminal justice professionals' needs.

The first of these trainings will be held in July in Western Maryland on

Mental Health Issues. We will tentatively be scheduling the second training in Southern Maryland and we are seeking input for a topic for this session.

Future locations and topics will be determined. Your input is welcome so please contact me at tsatterfield@dpsc.state.md.us or at 410-875-3574 with any suggestions, questions or comments.

Thanks for helping to make MCJA the best!



Terry Satterfield
Professional Development Chair

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MCJA Takes the Plunge for a Great Cause



What began as a presentation to the MCJA Board of Directors by Greg Shipley of the Maryland State Police and Tom Schniedwind, Co-founder, Special Olympics Maryland soon evolved into a commitment to form a team for the January 24th plunge at Sandy Point State Park. The



MCJA Board of Directors made an initial donation of \$1,000.00 which quickly grew to over \$9,000.00 as the team solicited many generous donations.

On the day of the plunge, 24 MCJA Mavericks entered the icy waters of the Chesapeake Bay. A great deal of positive feedback was received and many team members hope to return next year. Those in at-

tendance agreed the plunge was worth it as many children and adults with intellectual disabilities will experience the life-changing benefits of participating in the organization's year-round training and competition programs — all at no cost to themselves or their families.



Member Spotlight—Dawn Pearson

Dawn Pearson is the Assistant Director for Institutional Training with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Professional Development and Training Division. In her role, Ms. Pearson is responsible for overseeing the planning, organizing, managing, implementing, and evaluating the Department’s pre-service, correctional entry level academy, field training, annual in-service, and other related professional development programs for all institutional employees.

Ms. Pearson began her career as a correctional officer with the Baltimore City Detention Center (formerly, Baltimore City Jail) more than twenty years ago. She has held positions as Correctional Officer Sergeant, and Correctional Officer Lieutenant at the Baltimore City Detention Center

and Baltimore Central Booking and Intake Center, prior to her current position. Before choosing a career in corrections, Ms. Pearson spent nearly ten years working for the U.S. Federal Government. She currently serves as the Chair of the Department’s Female Offender Workgroup Training Sub-Committee. Ms. Pearson also is Chair of the Training Sub-Committee for the Department’s Prison Rape Elimination Act Committee.

Ms. Pearson’s professional associations include serving as a member of the American Correctional Association (ACA), Maryland Criminal Justice Association (MCJA), Association on Programs for Female Offenders (APFO), and Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association (MASCA). Additionally, she serves on the ACA - Women



Working in Corrections Committee and ACA – Committee on Correctional Training, as well as the Secretary for the Association on Programs for Female Offenders.

Ms. Pearson holds a Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from the University of Baltimore. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Public Administration from the University of Baltimore. She is a member of the Public Administration Doctoral Student Association (PADSA) and formerly held the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

Do you have an idea for the next Nexus? Submit your suggestions, thoughts and or comments to John Nattans , MCJA Communications Chair at Jnattans@correctrxpharmacy.com

ACA Winter Conference

ACA Winter Conference – Kissimmee, Florida, January 9-14, 2009

ACA conducts two conferences a year: a Winter Conference in January and the annual Congress of Correction each August.

The Winter conference was recently held in Kissimmee, Florida with the following

theme: **Forward Thinking and Futurism.**

Our President Melinda Grenier was in attendance and networked with other State chapters much like MCJA from across the U.S.

A major topic of discussion at the Dual Membership meeting focused on providing the best

possible benefits to our membership and to improve communication between local chapters and ACA Headquarters.

During this conference a web blog was introduced. Check it out at www.acablog.org.

The Summer Conference will be held in Nashville, TN August 7-12, 2009. For more details log onto www.aca.org.

Election Results

MCJA President Elect

- **Patricia Schupple**



MCJA is proud to announce Patricia Schupple as the new MCJA President Elect.

Patricia (Trish) Schupple Biography

Patricia (“Trish”) Schupple has worked in the public safety profession for over 35 years, thirty of which were in various capacities in the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Trish’s career followed a path that is somewhat different. Beginning employment in the DOC’s Planning and Research office, Trish also held positions as Executive Assistant to the Commissioner and the Budget and Planning Manager for the Division of Capital Construction, as well as Assistant Warden at the Maryland Penitentiary, the Maryland Correctional Pre-Release Sys-

tem, and Assistant Warden and Warden of the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women.

Before retiring from the State in 2004, Trish held the Assistant and Deputy Commissioner positions for the DOC. At that time Trish became Program Supervisor at the Howard County Department of Corrections and has since been appointed as the Deputy Director.

Over her career Trish has held membership and offices in local and national corrections organizations, including serving as president of the Maryland Parole, Probation and Corrections Association (MPPCA), the predecessor to the MCJA. Trish is a member of the Association of Women Executives in Corrections, and in 2004 she chaired the 10th National Conference of Women Working in Corrections in Baltimore, Maryland, a conference of over 900 participants. Trish attained the status of ACA, Certified Corrections Executive and has completed numerous executive training pro-



grams. She now serves as a mentor with the Leadership Challenge Program of the Maryland Police and Correctional Commissions’ Executive Development Institute.

Trish holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and a Masters of Public Policy Degree from the University of Maryland, School of Public Affairs. She is a life-long Marylander and a long-time resident of Howard County, where she lives with her two children.

Miscellaneous News

- The MCAA Annual Scholarship Application Process will be announced soon. MCJA members are often nominated.
- MCJA Membership—
February 2009
Active—349
Lapsed—16
New—2
Renewals—1

MCJA SPRING CONFERENCE

**“The Job and Me:
Back to the Basics”**

April 15, 2009

BWI Ramada

Hanover, Maryland

MCJA - SPRING CONFERENCE 2009

“The Job and Me: Back to the Basics”

Topics

Gang Update 2009
MD Street Drugs
Offenders and Mental Illness
Financial Wellness

April 15, 2009

BWI Ramada—Hanover, Maryland

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