

Newsletter

American Criminal Justice Association
Lambda Alpha Epsilon

September 2000

2001 National Conference

Plans are being finalized for the 2001 National Conference to be held in Williamsburg, VA March 19-23, 2001. The theme of the 2001 National Conference is "Forensics: Looking at Old Evidence in a New Way" presented by Dr. William Bass. The Conference is being hosted by Region 4. The Conference will be held at the Williamsburg Marriott Hotel.

The Hotel has six floors with 295 rooms. Hotel amenities include the Harvest Grill, Pitchers Sports Bar with pool tables, TV, and dart boards; and Williamsburg Café featuring Pizza Hut, Dannon, and The Gourmet Bean. The Hotel has recreational facilities including an indoor and outdoor pool, health club, whirlpool & sauna. Major attractions include historical Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown and the Busch Gardens.

The room rate (single through quad) is \$92.23 (price includes tax). Room reservations must be made by February 23, 2001 to avoid higher rates. Please call 800-442-3654 to make your reservations.

Pre-registration packets for the 2001 National Conference will be sent out to all members in November. The pre-registration fee for members is \$125; guests \$85 (prepaid and post-marked by February 11, 2001). Late and on-site registration for members is \$150; guests \$100 (after February 11th).

The **Firearms Competition** will be held off-site at the Henrico County Police Department Firing Range. Transportation will be provided or you can drive your own vehicles. The **Physical Agility Competition** is currently planned to be held at the Conference site. **All participants MUST attend the Safety Meeting on Tuesday morning to sign waivers. (This meeting is mandatory. You will not be allowed to compete in these competitions if you do not attend the Safety Meeting.)**

Standard National Competitions information, including the course of fire for the pistol match, is available from the

National Office. **The textbook reference books for the written competitions are also available from the National Office or on our website at www.acjalae.org.** All written tests will be 75 multiple-choice questions. If you wish to receive textbook or national competition information by mail, please contact the National Office at (916) 484-6553 or Email: acjalae@aol.com.

Start practicing now for the **Tenth Annual Lip Sync/Talent Contest** to be held on Thursday, March 22nd. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third places. You must furnish your own tape cassette. Contact Glenn Schleve if you have any questions about this event. Telephone (307) 532-8297; Email: gschleve@ewc1.ewc.whecn.edu.

Region 4 is working hard to bring you five days of workshops, competitive events, guest speakers, and entertainment. Plan now to attend! If you have any questions at this time, please contact our Region 4 President and 2001 Conference Director, Mike Snow; Email: Michael.Snow@potomachospital.com or telephone: (703) 339-8619.

2000 Regional Conferences

Planning is nearly completed for the 2000 ACJA/LAE Regional Conferences. Below are the dates, location, registration and contact person for each Regional Conference. Additional information is available on our website.

REGION 1

Dates: November 16-19, 2000
Place: Whittier Hilton, Whittier, CA
Reg. Fee: (Not Available)
Contact: Bob Feliciano at (619) 668-1066
Email: bfeliciano@rh.cc.ca.us

REGION 2

Dates: October 26-29, 2000
Place: Holiday Inn, Sherman, TX
Reg. Fee: \$75 pre; \$100 onsite
Contact: Dwayne Barber at (903) 463-8703
Email: barberd@grayson.edu

REGION 3

Dates: October 27-29, 2000
Place: Holiday Inn, Sheridan, WY
Reg. Fee: \$75 pre; \$80 onsite
Contact: Chuck Guilford at (307) 674-7583
Email: guilford@wavecom.net

REGION 4

Dates: October 19-22, 2000
Place: Quality Inn, New Haven, CT
Reg. Fee: \$85 pre; \$100 onsite
Contact: Tasha Majeski at (860) 620-0711
Email: laeatunh@charger.newhaven.edu

REGION 5

Dates: November 9-11, 2000
Place: Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort
Panama City, FL
Reg. Fee: \$65 pre; \$90 onsite
Contact: Laura Bedard at (850) 644-7367
Email: lbedard@mailers.fsu.edu

REGION 6

Dates: October 19-21, 2000
Place: Days Inn, Victorian Port City of Manistee, MI
Reg. Fee: \$45 pre; \$60 onsite
Contact: Ray Landis at (231) 723-4170
Email: sharay@jackpine.com

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Change in National Scholarship Competition

At the 2000 National Conference held in Indianapolis, IN, the Executive Board voted to remove the "written paper" criteria from the National Scholarship Competition. **Applicants are NO LONGER REQUIRED to write a paper on the theme of the upcoming National Conference!**

Apply now for the 2001 National Scholarship. Applications are available from the National Office.

The **Scholarship** is awarded in three categories: Graduate, Upper, and Lower Divisions. To enter, members must complete an application and return it to the National Office. All applications must be **postmarked by December 31, 2000** to be considered.

Student Paper Competition

The **Student Paper Competition** is also awarded in three categories: Graduate, Upper, and Lower Divisions. To enter this Competition, members must complete an application and submit an original paper which deals with issues and problems in areas of criminology, law enforcement, juvenile justice, courts, corrections, prevention, planning and evaluation, career development, or education in the field of criminal justice. All applications must be **postmarked by January 31, 2001** to be considered for this Award.

Persons entering the Student Paper and Scholarship competitions must be members in good standing **BOTH** at the awards are granted. The winners will be announced at the 2001 National Conference.

Police Chaplains

Problems in Ethics and Policing (PEP) is a non profit organization, approved by the IRS in 1981. It was the creation of late Star Member, Hu Owsley, who was inspired by the accomplishments of Star Member, Father Frank Nouza. Father Nouza has a police diploma from the highly-esteemed Oakland Police

Academy, a Master's Degree in Ethics, a second Master's Degree in Law Enforcement, and a Doctorate in Law (Law School was a gift from the Bar Association). All of the above has enabled Father Nouza to counsel hundreds of officers (and their families and friends regarding job-related problems) more effectively.

PEP has raised funds to send experienced police chaplains to what is recognized as a full-training academy in their state (distinguished from modified programs like, in many states, reserve officer training programs). PEP also has funds to enable chaplains who have never had such a course, to take a college course in Ethics (taught as a Science).

Please talk to the police chaplains in your area about these offers. If you know of anyone who is interested in either offer, encourage them to write before October 15th to:

Mr. Francis O. Morris, Chairman
Problems in Ethics and Policing
P.O. Box 444
Escondido, CA 92033

Delta Omega Gamma

The DOG Chapter of ACJA/LAE located in Big Stone Gap, VA is raising money to purchase vests for the Wise County Sheriff's Department's three police dogs. The vests, which cover a dog's chest and midsection, are made of lightweight Kevlar fabric and protect against bullets and knives. President Vicky Wiandt believes it is a small price to pay to protect those who serve so faithfully. At least three police dogs were killed in Virginia last year. The 20-member DOG chapter will continue raising money to order all three vest together. Each dog will be measured for a custom fit.

National Elections

2001 is an election year for the offices of National President and Vice-President. The election for both offices will be held at the National Business Meeting on Friday, March 23rd. If you wish to nominate anyone for the office of President or Vice-President, please send all written nominations to Glenn Schleve, 2001 Nominations Coordinator, in care of the National Office.

Chapter Officers and Advisors

Please keep the National Office apprised of changes in chapter officers and/or Advisors. At least two mailings a year go to Chapter Presidents, Secretaries, and Advisors to share with chapter members. Our information is only as complete as the information that is supplied. **Your assistance in helping us maintain accurate records would be greatly appreciated.**

Key Awards

As a member of ACJA/LAE, you are entitled to receive our **Scholastic Honor Awards**. In recognition of outstanding scholastic attainment in the field of the administration of criminal justice, Keys (a distinctive charm/pin with the ACJA/LAE logo) and a Certificate are awarded to members who exemplify themselves academically. Members who qualify can obtain their awards by submitting a Certified Grade transcript, with a cover letter, to the National Office. The letter must state which Key Award you are applying for. Upon verification that the candidate meets the requirements for the Award, the Certificate and Key Emblem will be mailed to the recipient. The qualifications are as follows:

Graduate Keys—are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with a Graduate/Masters Degree. In order to qualify for a Graduate Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

Gold Keys—are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with a Bachelors Degree. In order to qualify for a Gold Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.

Silver Keys—are awarded to those members who meet the requirements with an Associate Degree. In order to qualify for a Silver Key, a member's GPA average must be at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0.



”Key Awards”

As described on the previous page, Key Awards are available to our members with a 3.5 or better GPA in achieving their Associates, Bachelors, or Graduate / Masters Degree. The latest Awards include:

Roger L. Patrick, Jr.

Graduate Key Awards

Marshall University
Huntington, WV

Connie F. Tolbert-McClinton
Columbus University
Columbus, GA
Jennifer M. Mariner
Member-at-Large

Gold Key Awards

Waynesburg, PA

Debbie Deller
New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, NM

Edward R. Rall
Member-at-Large
Lawton, OK

Richard S. Snider
Marshall University
Huntington, WV

Dean O. Bulford
Wilmington College
New Castle, DE

Dennis Tyree
Member-at-Large
Woodbridge, VA

Amery E. Vasso
Member-at-Large
Ft. Irwin, CA

Flossie A. Garrett
Richard Stockton College of NJ
Pomona, NJ

Caroline L. Campbell
University of Central Florida
Orlando, FL

Lannette Silvey
Member-at-Large
Oklahoma City, OK

Robert C. Allison III
Tri-State University
Angola, IN

David R. McGuire
Tri-State University
Angola, IN

William Malcott, Jr.

Silver Key Awards

Georgia College State University
Milledgeville, GA

Carol A. Rexrode
Northern Virginia Community College
Manassas, VA

Trenton C. Hoffman
Irvine Valley College
Irvine, CA

Jennifer Montante
Member-at-Large
Pittsford, NY

Lambda Kappa Beta (re-charter)
North Carolina Wesleyan College
Rocky Mount, NC

Tau Phi Alpha Sigma
Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Myrtle Beach, SC

Alpha Gamma Chi (re-charter)
Chattahoochee Valley Comm. College
Phenix City, AL

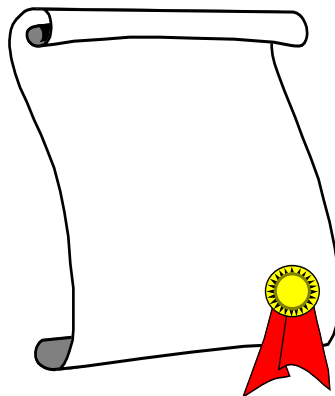
Alpha Sigma Theta
Charleston Southern University
Charleston, SC

Alpha Upsilon Beta
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, NC

Lambda Sigma Omega
Florida Metropolitan University
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Alpha Xi Omega
Concordia University of Wisconsin
Mequon, WI

Eta Alpha
Education America Inc.
Colorado Springs, CO



Chapters Chartered

With the help of the Regional Presidents and the Membership Committee, the Association continues to charter new chapters. The chapters that have been chartered since the last Newsletter include:

Delta Phi
State University of West Georgia
Carrollton, GA

Gamma Epsilon
Fort Valley State University
Fort Valley, GA

Richard F. McGrath Remembered

(by Jim Hooker, Star Member)

I knew Richard F. McGrath for 36 years. He passed away last year. Since 1961, “Mac” was an exceptional Advisor to Pi Kappa Chapter at Cerritos College, which is located in the Los Angeles area. Mac brought his experience and training as a Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff to Cerritos College to develop an excellent professional academic program.

Richard McGrath did much to promote professionalism in criminal justice by providing his students with excellent, ethical educations. He earned the respect of criminal justice professionals throughout California and America through top-quality education and training programs and superior graduates. He also shared his knowledge and experience with ACJA/LAE members by establishing professional skills and knowledge competitions at the 1965

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Richard F. McGrath Remembered (cont)

Annual Meeting. Mac's chapter always did well in the National competitions. Mac also shared his talent at the Regional and National levels. He was elected ACJA/LAE's National President in 1966 and provided exceptional leadership for the Association by always working to develop professionalism in all areas of criminal justice.

To know him was to love him even though he always spoke his mind and argued his points effectively. He never compromised his principles for any reason.

We will miss this great man!

Richard F. McGrath Memorial Fund

In honor of Richard F. McGrath, the Executive Board, at the 2000 National Conference, established the Richard McGrath Memorial Fund to benefit our student members. President Sam Dameron established a Committee consisting of John Webb, Chair, Marv Engquist, Michael Glaubach, and Richard Coughlin to work out the criteria for disbursing the funds. The Committee's recommendations will be presented to the Board at the 2001 National Conference. The Executive Board voted to donate \$500 from the General Fund to establish the Memorial Fund. The Board also voted to donate \$200 to the Richard F. McGrath Scholarship Fund that has been set up at Cerritos College.

ACJA/LAE Mouse Pads

ACJA/LAE mouse pads are available from the National Office. The mouse pad measures 7-1/2" x 8" and are royal blue with lettering and logo in white. All proceeds from the sale of these mouse pads will go into the Journal Endowment Fund. Mouse pads can be ordered by completing the form below and sending a check or money order payable to ACJA/LAE to the National Office.

The National Office would like to invite chapters that have web sites to email their "web site address" to acj-lae@aol.com so we can "link" your web site with our National Web Page. Also, please check our web site often as new information will be added as it become available.

ACJA/LAE Mouse Pad Order Form

Please complete the information below and return to the National Office



Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Please send me _____ ACJA/LAE Mouse Pads @ \$8.00/each

I have enclosed a check/money order payable to ACJA/LAE

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