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The Grapevine

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I have been involved with NAAWS since the mid–1980’s. The time to move on is long overdue.

I want to take the opportunity to thank the members and activists who have supported me and contributed to efforts to make NAAWS the strong organization and effective voice in Correctional Leadership.

Todd Thomas, our President has taken steps to expand our reach to the younger leaders in our field. His leadership is evident in all our activities.

Gloria Hultz and Gail Heller have effectively managed the day to day activities of this 1000 member plus organization. Pat Keohane has made sure the organization is relevant in the vendor community, and as a result financially healthy.

The move to a closer relationship with Sam Houston University insures a solid academic footing along with a way to regularly involve the new leadership who attend the Warden Peer Training. The passing of the GRAPEVINE production to Doug Dretke and Kathleen Gilbert will result in a vastly improved product.

I am told the next training Conference will move to Kansas City, MO, in March of 2015. We are counting on strong support from BOP and the U.S. Army.

Wexford Health has announced it will fund the VERN HOUSERIGHT SCHOLARSHIP in order to insure several up and coming men and women might attend a conference for the first time.

OUR ORGANIZATION IS IN GOOD HANDS.

Editor’s Note: Kathleen Gilbert, Staff Associate, can be contacted at kgilbert@shsu.edu, (936) 294-3073
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
By Todd Thomas

This message is somewhat bitter-sweet for me. Art Leonardo, otherwise known as Mr. NAAWS, will officially retire after this edition of the Grapevine. We are happy that a gentleman, who has given many years of his blood, sweat, and tears to our organization, is entering into full retirement. Art has served the State of New York, American Correctional Association, North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents, and numerous other professional organizations with immense purpose and passion for success. Although Art has been away from ACA/NAAWS for the last couple of years, he has remained behind the scenes assisting us in whatever capacity we needed. Not surprisingly, he again agreed to transition the Grapevine responsibilities to Doug Dretke and the Correctional Management Institute at Sam Houston State University. Art has assembled 56 Grapevine editions over the years and this one, the 57th, will be his last. We wish you nothing but peace and prosperity as you enjoy retirement, friend.

The NAAWS meeting in Tampa, FL was well attended and produced a few changes/ideas that were postponed until the Memphis Conference. Mike Graziano has accepted the Membership Coordinator position with NAAWS, and will be a strong asset as we continue to grow our organization. Barbara King has also accepted a position to assist Pat Keohane with the Vendor Coordinator responsibilities. Pat requested that we work on a 2-3 year transition plan so that he could retire one day too, but my hopes are that he reconsiders and sticks around for a long time. Laurie Wright, with Buford Satellite Systems, has volunteered to manage and update the NAAWS website. There was also a discussion on how we handle site selections and enter into partnership agreements for upcoming conferences. We will have more discourse on this topic before a final proposal is forwarded to the board. Change is inevitable and we are extremely lucky to be able to prepare as we move the organization forward.

In closing, I am so proud of the committee in Memphis that has worked through the location change. They were notified a few weeks after the Tampa ACA conference that the original site would not be able to host the conference. The team did not hesitate to pick themselves up and secure another location. They implemented an excellent communication plan to notify our members and vendors, as well as the local, state and federal agencies. With the amount of talented people we have working together, I have no doubt this conference will be a success, as always. I look forward to seeing each and everyone one of you in Memphis.

Sincerely,
Todd Thomas  NAAWS President

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2011-13  Darrel Vannoy  Louisiana

Wardens of the Year

1979-80  Roger Crist  Montana
1980-81  George Sumner  California
1981-82  Carl Robinson  Connecticut
1982-83  Phillip Coombe, Jr.  New York
1983-84  Pierre Viau  Canada
1984-85  Bobby D. Morgan  Texas
1985-86  Thomas R. Barry  New York
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1987-88  Hilton Butler  Louisiana
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1999-00  Ron Edwards  Ohio
2000-01  Pam Withrow  Michigan
2001-02  Emmitt Sparkman  Mississippi
2002-03  Burl Cain  Louisiana
2003-04  Dale A. Brown  Texas (Cornell)
2004-05  Fredric A. Rosemeyer  Pennsylvania
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2006-07  Brian Fischer  New York
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2009-10  Ralph Kemp  CCA–Georgia
2010-11  Louis Scott Folino  SCI – PA
2011-12  Catherine Linaweaver  Illinois (BOP)
2012-13  Robert Lacy, Jr.  CCA–Texas
Medal Of Valor
2013

• ARKANSAS (DOC) - Sgt. Darren Dill *
• FLORIDA (DOC) - C.O. Raymond Carris (not on duty)
• FLORIDA (DOC) - C.O. Esly John Hodge
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• COLORADO (US PENITENCIARY, FBP)
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The week Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced plans to fund college classes in New York state prisons, I celebrated two years out of Auburn Correctional Facility and the Cornell University classes I took there. His proposal reminded me of a drug rehab saying I now take to heart: “If you always do what you’ve always done, you’ll always get what you’ve always gotten.”

I had served 8½ years, and it was my second term in prison. The first time, I served nearly 4½ years, then broke the law within four months of my release.

Addiction made me stupid. I would get sober for a while, begin building a life and doing well, and then I would use drugs again until I destroyed everything I built and sank to new lows. It seemed like my brain never got enough time to heal well enough to think.

I continued using drugs and drinking homemade alcohol for the first couple of years I was in prison, but in 2005 I went to solitary confinement for three months and was transferred to Auburn prison, where my outlook began to change. Cornell University had been offering college classes taught by volunteers. When I began my ten-year sentence for robbery and escape, I hoped to become a writer. However, without formal training and mentoring, everything I submitted for publication was rejected.

A year after completing my first Cornell writing class, a small essay I wrote about prison food was printed in the Ithaca Journal.

The struggle toward publication taught me my most valuable lessons. I learned discipline and how to manage criticisms instead of reacting to them. I became attracted to decent people who did things well. And I hate to admit it, but being busy locked in my cell gave my brain enough time to heal and develop maturity. Before leaving prison, I published three more op-ed pieces, including one about voting rights that ran on Election Day in 2008, and an autobiographical essay that received honorable mention in the book, “Best American Essays 2011.”

I never got a degree or had a career as a writer. What happened is a long story that revolves around the friends I made as a college student. My business began as an act of gratitude. I fixed a clogged drain for a friend who gave me a couch to sleep on when I was released from prison in 2012. At the time, I was struggling to find a job. That clogged drain led to a new sink I got paid to install. Then my professor needed his deck painted, and the couch friend had a friend who needed some shelves put in. Within two months I had a bag of tools and a bicycle. Six months later, I had a van I bought with cash and a YouTube channel I created to show what I could do.

College, for me, wasn’t about the degree. It was an opportunity to learn skills I could transfer to more practical objectives. The act of completing an essay on time turned into the practice of showing up every day and serving a customer until the job is done. The research I do today is profitable. The questions I asked in those prison classrooms, the advice I took and the powerful emotions I learned to manage all help me navigate the new life I now live in Ithaca.

Last month, I posted my 16th video on YouTube and had to struggle with the joy of paying taxes and reporting not just to parole but to my accountant.
Well, the Tampa ACA Conference has come and gone. It was a busy time for NAAWS. We had 18 nominations for Warden of the Year and 11 nominations for the Medal of Valor. It was wonderful to see all the states that participated. Our selection for this year’s Warden of the Year is Warden Sheri Duffey, who is with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Our Medal of Valor winners are Sgt. Darren Dill, who is with the Arkansas Department of Corrections, and Dee Dee M. McEvoy, who is with the Federal Bureaus of Prisons. This was an intense meeting and it allowed us the opportunity to look at all the wonderful people who work in a very difficult environment and make a difference every day. Thank you to all who submitted their Superintendents, Wardens, and staff for these two great honors.

Our NAAWS Memphis Conference will have come and gone by the time this issue comes out, but there are many people who worked very hard to give us all the best training possible. Warden Lindamood and her host committee did a wonderful job of entertaining all and providing great sessions. Also a very big Thank You to Deborah Schumann who literally had to go from one hotel to another to make this happen. THANK YOU. Not last by any means, Patrick Keohane, Vendor Chair. Without him, I would be lost; he does an outstanding job for NAAWS. If you are interested in assisting Patrick, please let me know. He could use an assistant who is as energetic as he is.

Last but not least, I want to say THANK YOU Art Leonardo for always being there for us all. I cannot say enough about you because you are NAAWS as far as I am concerned. We all will miss you, but now you can just be Art.

See you all in Salt Lake City, Utah. We will be at the Marriott and I will have more information on our events as they become available to me.

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