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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone,



I am your FCCD President, Gina Giacomo. For those of you who do not know me, I have been a member of FCCD for 25 years. I am a passionate leader and am dedicated to FCCD's mission. Thank you for electing me and entrusting me to serve you. I am honored to be your president and am proud of all that our organization does. I look forward to taking the next steps -- together.

FCCD is a multi-diverse criminal justice organization which has survived and prospered over the past 86 years by successfully adapting to change. Building on this long and dynamic history, this year's vision will be "LEADERSHIP: Honoring the Past, Treasuring the Present, and Shaping the Future." Working together, we will see this vision fulfilled as we honor the past by relying on the wisdom of our Past Presidents, treasuring our current Chapter Presidents, and working to groom all members for future leadership roles in FCCD.

Our plans for this year are coming together, and I am already excited by what I know we will be able to accomplish. Together we will work to strengthen our foundation by growing membership, delivering high-quality criminal justice training, and providing impactful community services to the State of Florida. To focus our efforts, Chapter Presidents met this August and selected Re-entry as our statewide community service project. I now challenge every FCCD member to join us as we create our own opportunities to develop professionally and personally through a host of re-entry community service projects.

On November 6th and 7th, we held our first quarterly board meeting in Daytona Shores. Chapter reports submitted at the meeting showed that members completed 56 community service projects and provided 22

trainings statewide during the months of September and October. This year's statewide goals were also set by the members at the meeting, to include 300 community service projects, 100 trainings, and an increase of 1300 new members. We were fortunate to have Tena M. Pate, Chair of the Florida Commission on Offender Review, with us to provide training on leadership. Her presentation explained how to excel as a leader regardless of the position you hold, and the true meaning of being a servant leader. It was well-attended, well-received, and greatly appreciated. The community service project for this quarter's board meeting was dedicated to Avenues 12, which provides women transitional living facilities to help bridge the gap between treatment centers and their full integration back in to the community as productive members.

Communication is key to a successful organization. This year, we are sending out the agenda, budget, and prior meeting's minutes before meetings, allowing us to spend less time on the business of FCCD and more time on the mission of FCCD. In addition, the agenda and the minutes for each board meeting will be posted on the FCCD website to ensure access to all members.

While the sun has only just risen on my term as President, my mind is already focused on the opposite horizon—August, 2016 and the Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute. I know we want it to include the best possible career development opportunities, provide the most useful skill building workshops, and present the latest research and training in criminal justice. For this, I need your help, your ideas, and your support. I see many challenges ahead, but you can be confident that we will be successful. You can count on me, and I know I can count on you—as together we ALL move FCCD forward toward tomorrow.

On behalf of myself and the Executive Board, I wish you a Happy and Safe holiday season,

Gina Giacomo

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New Membership Challenge

By Karen Michael, Past President & Membership Chairperson

In an effort to continue to build, grow and diversify our organization, President Giacomo has asked me to Chair the Membership Committee. I have selected a great team of members from throughout the state who will be working diligently with me to rejuvenate and revitalize our organization through the recruitment of new members.

President Giacomo is also offering a special incentive for you to take on the challenge of recruiting new members. She has agreed to offer both partial and full FCCD SCHOLARSHIPS to as many members who meet the new member recruitment challenge. The full scholarship includes (1) training institute registration, one banquet ticket AND three nights lodging during the 2016 FCCD Annual Training Institute at the beautiful Hilton Daytona, directly located on the World's Most Famous Beach! Sign up 100 new members and receive a SPECIAL BONUS of one additional free hotel night during the training institute. Partial scholarship requirements are outlined below.

Here's the challenge: Sign up new members (if a previous member, he/she must have been expired for 1 ½ years to be considered a "new" member) and you will receive the following:

20 New Members = One Banquet Ticket

30 New Members = One Banquet Ticket & One Registration

50 New Members = One Banquet Ticket , One Registration & One Hotel Night

60 New Members = One Banquet Ticket , One Registration & Two Hotel Nights (Full Scholarship)

70 New Members = One Banquet Ticket , One Registration & 3 Hotel Nights (Full Scholarship + Bonus)

You must keep a list of the new members you recruit. Your list must include the new member's name, telephone number, and the date their new member application was submitted.

Here are just a few of the great reasons you can share with a potential new member to encourage him/her to join FCCD:

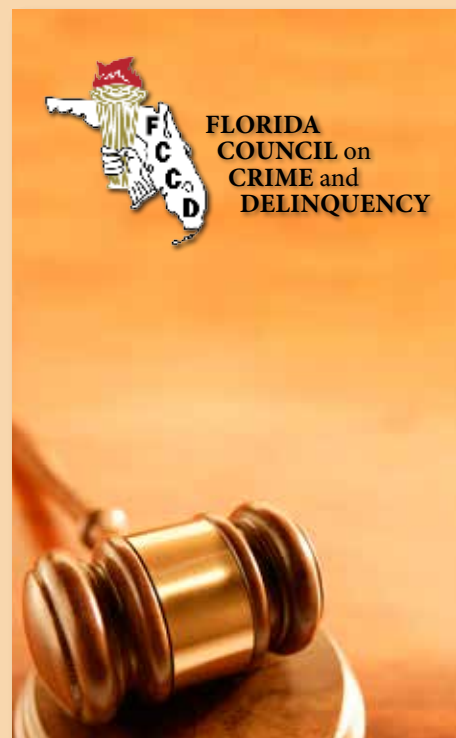
- **Serving others in our communities**
- **Career and personal betterment training**
- **Networking with other criminal justice agencies**

- **The ability to develop professional and personal relationships throughout the state of Florida**
- **Membership in professional organizations enhances a résumé**
- **Increased employment opportunities**
- **Leadership opportunities**
- **Members can choose their personal level of involvement**
- **And the list goes on...**

All of this for the low annual membership fee of \$25.00 or \$15.00 for a student membership.

Hard copy membership forms can be obtained from the FCCD website or the new member can complete the membership form electronically at http://www.fccdweb.org/main/?page_id=797

Don't wait! Get started now! This special membership incentive ends June 1, 2016. Don't forget your spouses, relatives, friends and neighbors. Anyone who is interested in the betterment of our communities and improving the overall quality of life in Florida is welcome to join.





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What is FCCD?

The Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion of high professional standards for criminal justice agencies and criminal justice personnel.

The mission of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency is to serve as a catalyst for the prevention and reduction of crime and delinquency and to enhance the quality of justice for all Floridians.

The Keystone for FCCD is its educational programming, which is designed to foster an interchange of information and training between professionals in Law Enforcement, the Courts, Corrections, Probation and Parole, Juvenile Justice and Interested Citizens.

FCCD has 35 chapters throughout the state of Florida. Each chapter focuses on providing a multitude of community services in their surrounding counties, as well as offering relevant training opportunities to educate and enhance those involved in the criminal justice arena.

FCCD is the flagship organization in the State of Florida for bringing the various criminal justice disciplines together to help recognize issues and develop strategies to solve our great state's Criminal Justice challenges.

FCCD traces its history back to 1935 through an

antecedent organization, the Florida Probation Association. The Council was chartered by Secretary of State in 1964 as a non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting high standards for criminal justice agencies and criminal justice personnel.

Through the years, FCCD has continued to focus the attention of its members and the citizens of Florida upon the needs of the criminal justice system. The emphasis at the state and local level has been on a variety of challenges facing the state in the criminal justice arena.

FCCD strives to improve criminal and juvenile justice systems by examining problems, proposing solutions, and monitoring and evaluating the impact of those solutions. FCCD assists criminal justice systems to function more productively by fostering interagency coordination and cooperation, developing and coordinating policy issues, rendering training and technical assistance, and by granting funds to support system improvements.

Membership in FCCD is open to all criminal justice disciplines, as well as any concerned citizen who wishes to be a part of this great organization. Please take a moment to complete the included membership application or visit us online at fccdweb.org and join through our online process.



Why Join FCCD?

If you are interested in furthering your career, joining FCCD is a good start. It is a professional organization where you have the opportunity to meet and network with other professionals who have mutual interests. The effect of a group of people is greater than just one person. Creating professional relationships is important, and joining FCCD allows you to network with other professionals away from work. You can "talk shop" if you want but more importantly you get to know people in a more casual way. From this, you are able to support and help one another to achieve professional goals. You can share ideas and ask for advice. You may find a mentor to help you or you may be in a position to mentor someone else.

FCCD also provides you the opportunity to work on various committees. At the local and state level you can get involved in making a difference in your community! FCCD is a big advocate for Community Service. The list

of projects we have completed is long and getting longer. You can't measure the benefits of giving and serving others selflessly! Additionally, at the annual conference you can participate and learn about new innovations in your profession, "best practices" and new ideas.

In summary, a person must have a genuine interest in becoming a member. Becoming a member will enhance his/her professional network, broaden his/her knowledge on the latest trends in his/her profession and allow him/her to achieve something positive in the community by giving and serving others. We hope the above will be helpful to you as you consider whether to join FCCD. To paraphrase from one of our greatest presidents. "Ask Not What FCCD Can Do For You, But What You Can Do For FCCD!" We need you!

Chapter 1 News



FCCD Chapter 1 continues to collaborate with the Department of Juvenile Justice-Circuit 13, the Department of Corrections-Circuit 13, the Florida Commission on Offender Review-Region V, and the Department of Health to provide volunteer hours, food items and other non-perishables such as diapers, personal hygiene products (travel-sized shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.) to Metropolitan Ministries. Over the past few years

we have contributed more than 6000 pounds of food and non-perishable items.

Metropolitan Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational, faith-based organization that faithfully provides answers for poor and homeless families. Founded in 1972 by 13 downtown Tampa Churches, this community-supported ministry has earned the trust and support of charitable individuals, volunteers, businesses, churches, synagogues, civic organizations, schools and collaborative partners. Metropolitan Ministries does not depend on government funding and is not a United Way agency. Today, Metropolitan Ministries offers a wide spectrum of supportive services to alleviate suffering, promote human dignity and instill self-sufficiency.

In 2014, Metropolitan Ministries helped 25,689 families through

outreach services, served 1,357,440 meals, assisted 3,004 families with utility bills, provided 91,250 shelter nights for children, and clothed 3,768 children. 87% of participating families had a successful exit from their transformational residential program and 205 adult residents gained employment. Metropolitan Ministries serves Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk, and Pasco Counties. For more information visit www.metromin.org.



Chapter 2 News

2015 F.C.C.D. TRAINING INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

By DebbieSue Fleck

The 2015 conference was amazing! The breakout trainings that I attended were educational, whether geared for work or your personal life, and my interaction with attendees was interesting and a lot of fun.

The vendors were great and had a lot to offer, including fun and

games. It was nice to see them on property, whether at dinner, while

Thank You to the FCCD Training Institute Conference Organizers!

shopping or just hanging at the pool. They were so pleasant and I

hope many will return for our 2016 conference. The resort's staff was always willing to assist if we needed anything.

The Awards Banquet was outstanding, including the food and entertainment, etc. Award recipients were well-deserving of each of the awards and I am

so proud of them all for their outstanding work through the years and their commitment to the organization.

Activities, such as the Fun Relay and our purple human ribbon, were

heartwarming and fun, and support such a good cause. The golf and pool tournaments, as well as all of the other activities, were so much fun; the committees did an outstanding job!

Thank you all for your dedicated work to make the 2015 Conference a great learning, loving experience. I cannot wait to attend the 2016 conference!

Chapter 2 Focus on Mission By Tim Strickland, Chapter President

Over time, organizations develop a culture that tends to become self-fulfilling. Things are done because they have always been done in that manner. Many times the organization has to step back and re-evaluate what is being done and why it is being done. FCCD Chapters are no exception to this phenomenon. Chapter 2 has begun looking at the traditions of the chapter. Are the traditions and actions in focus with the organization's mission? If not, what do we do?

The chapter board is all new. As such, the normal "we have always done this" does not exist. The new board decided that focusing on the core missions elements were going to be what defines Chapter 2 this year. We look to the mission statement: "The mission of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency is to serve as a catalyst for the prevention and reduction of crime and delinquency and to enhance the quality of justice for all Floridians." So what are we doing for the prevention and reduction of crime and delinquency?

Prior to the announcement of the statewide focus of re-entry,

the Chapter 2 board determined that we would focus most of our efforts on children. Our hope is to reduce delinquency and hopefully assist in preventing new victims by keeping kids from entering into the criminal justice system. We will be incorporating the state community

students who could not afford them. Without education many people turn to crime. Our next project was to help collect household supplies for HOPE that assists in providing housing for homeless families. Without a stable residence a person can easily turn to crime.

While we can perform projects that help provide resources to address criminogenic needs or Maslow's hierarchy of needs, we are also looking at finding training classes that focus on the mission, as well. Our only training meeting this year has been on holiday crime prevention. While crime occurs due to many reasons, opportunity is a mandatory element. Training provided by the Tallahassee Police Department's Crimes Prevention Unit focused on steps a person can take to reduce their potential to become a victim of crime.

If you always do what you always have done, you will always get what you have always gotten. If you have any suggestions on training or service projects, bring all ideas in. If we stay focused on our mission, together we can accomplish great things in our community.



service of re-entry into our original focus. Our first community service projects have been mission focused. Chapter 2 collected school supplies and backpacks. We provided 98 fully supplied backpacks to the Leon County School Board to assist in providing needed supplies to

Chapter 3 News

Chapter 3 Holds Toiletry Drive by Miriam Y. Martinez



Sgt. Sylvia Turner and Miriam Martinez

FCCD Chapter 3 teamed up with Avon Park CI Staff in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month by holding a Toiletry Drive to benefit the local safe house/shelter. These items were presented to special guest speaker Flor Watts, Child Welfare Advocate & Outreach Specialist from

Peace River Center Victim Services, at a luncheon and training held on October 23rd. Ms. Watts presented information and statistics concerning domestic violence issues. At the end of the program, she was presented with all the items collected.



Chapter 4 News

Helping Others Locally and Internationally

By Jill Holness, Chapter 4 President

Again this year, Chapter 4 received the Chapter Effectiveness Award at the 86th Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute held at the Tradewinds Island Grand Resort in St. Pete Beach, Florida. Our chapter was honored that three of our nominees were selected for statewide recognition. Juvenile Probation Officer Marlene Jefferson was presented with the Juvenile Justice Distinguished Service Award. District Chief Gregory Holness of the Broward County Rescue Department was awarded the Criminal Justice Distinguished Service Award. Captain Carol Starling, Chief Administrator of the Bradford County Sheriff's Office, was selected to receive the Louie L. Wainwright Award. She previously had a long career with the Florida Department of Corrections, beginning in 1979. We are very proud of our nominees, as they are well-deserving of this honor.

All of the chapters raised money for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life this year. At the Training Institute, President Karen Michael presented the organization with a check for \$10,850.00 to fight cancer. We also wore purple shirts and made a giant human purple ribbon on the beach to honor this cause.

The training at the Annual Institute was exceptional and everyone enjoyed the hotel accommodations. We encourage all of our members to join us next year at the Daytona Beach Hilton.

Gina Giacomo is our new State President and she has chosen re-entry as her statewide community service project. The chapter presidents have set a goal of 300 community service projects statewide to be completed during President Giacomo's term. Chapter 4 started working on our projects immediately. We conducted a



L to R: Sherry Cole, Jill Holness & Marny Lewis with Chapter Effectiveness Award

business suit drive to benefit the women of Sheridan House Family Ministries. The single mothers use the suits to go on job interviews and obtain employment in a professional occupation. We worked with Chapter 8 in collecting donations and had a very successful outcome.

We had a newspaper drive for Faith Farm Ministries. They use the newspapers in their thrift shop to wrap items, keeping them from breaking. This saves them from

having to pay for packing supplies. They offer free residential treatment for substance abusers and support their treatment program through the proceeds from their thrift store.

Our chapter collected much needed school supplies for the Oriole Elementary School in Lauderdale Lakes.



Jill Holness & school administrator

We are continuing to collect manufacturer coupons for our overseas military personnel. They use the coupons at their base commissaries to save their families money on food costs. Last year, we collected plastic bottle caps for the Caps of Love project. We will be continuing this effort throughout this year. The proceeds of the recycled bottle caps are used to purchase electric wheelchairs for disabled children. We collect a large amount of caps

because eight (8) tons of plastic is only worth \$3000.00. Caps of Love is expanding their efforts this year and some of the money they receive will purchase prosthetics for our military personnel wounded in action.

State Treasurer Tammy Marcus and Chapter 4 Treasurer Sherri Cole attended the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics International Conference in September at the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas. The conference was attended by 1500 participants from 140 different countries. Many of the Special Olympics athletes attended the conference, as well. The Bahamian Police made the conference a great event. In spite of having a hurricane hit the Bahamas at the time of the conference, 250 Bahamian Police Officers participated in the Torch Run event. The Florida chapter raised the third largest amount of money in the United States. Our chapter members will be involved in the Torch Run again this year.

In recognition of domestic violence month we held a food drive for AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse). We had an overwhelming response from our members in Palm Beach, Broward and the Gainesville area. We donated sixteen very large

boxes to AVDA to help them restock their food pantry.

In conjunction with Circuit 17, we were able to conduct three trainings for staff. Several of our members are participating in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Light the Night walk. We are happy to help them raise money for this worthy cause. Again this year, our chapter participated in Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse. We filled boxes with school supplies, toiletries and toys and included \$7.00 per box for shipping. The boxes are sent to needy children all over the world. This organization has assisted more than 113 million children since 1993. Last year nearly 10 million gift filled shoeboxes were shipped. At our first state board meeting we will be bringing sheets, comforters, blankets and towels to donate to the Avenues 12 women's recovery house in Daytona Beach, Florida.

In order to view our newsletter and upcoming events, please follow us on our FCCD Chapter IV Facebook page. We have a very busy charitable season approaching and hope to be able to assist many people in our community this year. It is also very important that we take the time to appreciate our own loved ones, because charity begins at home.

Chapter 5 News

Kick-Off Training by Terrasa Wood

Chapter 5 held an open kick-off board meeting on 9-12-15 to discuss the upcoming year's events, such as the State's initiative on Re-Entry. Other topics discussed were some of the upcoming events, training and fundraising ideas, as well as goals for Chapter 5 this year. President Terrasa Wood shared with us her desire to make as many training and board meeting events that are held after work hours

family-friendly events. This will allow chapter members to feel free to bring their kids and spouses. As a working parent and spouse, she understands that after being away from your family for possibly 8 or 12 hours it means a lot to be able to bring them along to an after-work event that is family-friendly. Making family a priority and drawing families together should always be important and Chapter 5

would like its members to know it is important to them.



Chapter 5 Kick-Off Training attendees

Party Awareness by Julie Crews



Sergeant Russell Gordon of the Bradford County Sheriff's Department

Sergeant Russell Gordon, of the Bradford County Sheriff's Department, conducted a "Party Awareness" training event for Chapter 5 at the Sheriff's Office for Chapter 5. During the training, he shared with us the important facts on drinking and driving and the dangers for party-goers. He conducted a mind-blowing demonstration on turning

hand sanitizer into alcohol. It was a true eye opener to what you can make with just a bottle of hand sanitizer and table salt. Some of the members and teenage



Field sobriety test with impairment goggles

children present participated in another demonstration conducted during the training. They each wore a pair of Drug & Alcohol Impairment goggles while attempting to complete a field sobriety test. This training was very informative and a lot of excellent information was shared with us.

DON'T DRINK & DRIVE!

First Time Annual Conference Attendee by Je'Michael Agnew

I attended my first Annual Conference after being nominated for and receiving Chapter 5's award for "Correctional Person of the Year." I was not disappointed.

I don't know where to start. I can truly say that it was a great experience that I didn't expect. The training courses had to be some of the best around, filled with so many partner agencies showing what true professionalism, combined with community building, is all about. So many things were showcased to educate and assist attendees, not only to enhance themselves individually, but as leaders to inspire others around them.

The Conference is worthwhile training to be a part of and participate in.

That's just an example of what the Training Conference had to offer. There are not enough words to describe

the priceless, unforgettable knowledge, motivation and experience I obtained from the FCCD Annual Conference. I'm thankful to have been a part of this year's conference and can't

wait to attend more in the near future. Since attending I've told everyone I've spoken with that attending the Annual Conference is a must and that they are missing out every year they do not attend.

F.C.C.D. Store

In its 26th year of non-profit operation, the FCCD Store has continued to stock items for its members that enhance FCCD's presence. At each quarterly board meeting, as well as the Annual training Institute the FCCD store is available to sell t-shirts, polo shirts, visors, key chains, and other FCCD logo printed items. All proceeds from our store go directly back to the organization. TR Page and Mary Bradford do a terrific job keeping the store stocked with beautiful color shirts, and a range of different logo printed items.

At the 86th Annual Training Institute, two gift baskets (Gator and FSU) were

made by Mrs. Pat Honour for the store as a fundraiser. The baskets were won by Cassie Brewer and Winfred Warren.

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all who participated and to everyone who continues to support the store.

Please email any ideas that you may have for items you would like to see in the store to:

Mary- bradfordlimerocksales@embarqmail.com

TR - trpage2@windstream.net.



Chapter 6 News

Chapter 6 Plans Community Service by Major Kraig R. Carter

Greetings from the Chapter 6 Family. We represent Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Our Chapter continues to make strides in the community and we are looking forward to another great year. Our community service campaigns will include:

- Breast Cancer Walk • Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Light the Night Walk for Leukemia and Lymphoma
- Christmas Toy Drive for the Ronald McDonald House
- Going Coastal program at Oak Crest Elementary School
- Favor House for Domestic Violence
- Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run

Our Chapter recently sponsored a Gang/Security Threat Groups training at Century Correctional Institution. We also have two more training events scheduled this year.

We would like to thank all of our members for their continued support and for helping us to build a successful Chapter.



Chapter 7 News

What is Re-entry?

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), more than 650,000 people are released from state and federal prisons annually. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) estimates that two-thirds of all released prisoners will commit new offenses (recidivate) within three years of their release.

The return to society after jail or prison is a difficult transition for most former offenders, as well as their families. It also presents challenges to their communities. Upon reentering society, the ex-offender population is likely to struggle with substance abuse, lack of adequate education and job skills, limited housing options, and mental health issues. Congress recognized the importance of this issue by passing the Second Chance Act of 2007 (SCA). SCA provides federal grants for programs and services that work to reduce

recidivism and improve offender outcomes. Federal grants are also provided to support research and evaluation on a variety of aspects related to offender reentry.



What does reentry mean for Corrections? The U.S. Department of Justice indicates that "Reentry involves the use of programs targeted at promoting the effective reintegration of offenders back into communities upon release from prison and jail. Reentry

programming, which often involves a comprehensive, case management approach, is intended to assist offenders in acquiring the life skills needed to succeed in the community and become law abiding citizens." Reentry, therefore, should be an integral component of the Corrections model because it is an effective vehicle for reducing the soaring rates of recidivism.

Decreased recidivism can lead to a greater probability of increased public safety and welfare. For example, former offenders who obtain and maintain gainful employment, and do not recidivate, reap the rewards of being a productive and law abiding member of society. Their communities reap the cost savings of fewer incarcerations, an increased tax base and the increased potential for a safer community overall. This is one snapshot of successful reentry.

There are a variety of resources available to those involved with reentry programs. The Florida Department of Corrections has a reentry resource which can be found at dc.state.fl.us/orginfo/reentry/resources. Another resource is the Federal Interagency Reentry Council, which has produced a series of fact sheets entitled Reentry Mythbusters. The fact sheets are designed to ... "clarify existing

federal policies that affect formerly incarcerated individuals and their families" (Federal Interagency Reentry Council). They address many topics including public housing, food assistance benefits, parental rights, and employer incentives, and are helpful for ex-offenders, prison, jail, probation, community corrections and parole officials, reentry service providers, and faith-based organizations, employers and

workforce development specialists. Reentry Mythbusters can be found at csgjusticecenter.org.

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Federal Interagency Reentry Council

U.S. Department of Justice
Florida Department of Corrections

Chapter 8 News

Chapter 8 Donates Clothing

By Tammy Marcus, Chapter 8 member and Executive State Board Treasurer

Chapter 8 in Miami had a breast cancer awareness workshop event on October 28, 2015. A representative from Florida Health presented the ladies in attendance with some very informative and life-saving facts about breast cancer. The attendees of the training further showed their support for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink on every Wednesday during the month of October. Additionally, members donated much-needed clothing to the Florida Breast Cancer Foundation.



Miami Probation Staff

Chapter 8 also donated several bags and boxes of women's clothing (enough to take the entire space of Dawn DiNatale's SUV!) to Sheridan House Family Ministries in Broward County. The donated items will be used by women receiving services from Sheridan House

who lack the funds to obtain work attire needed for job interviews and employment.



Tammy Marcus with Donated Clothes



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



VISION

Inspiring success by transforming one life at a time.

MISSION

Provide a continuum of services to meet the needs of those entrusted to our care, creating a safe and professional environment with the outcome of reduced victimization, safer communities and an emphasis on the premium of life.

VALUES

Safety
Accountability
Fairness & Integrity
Innovation

GOALS

Talent Development
Invest in our members for their professional development, growth and success.

Inmate/Offender Programs
Implement rehabilitative programs that support a continuum of services for offenders and inmates, resulting in a successful transition into the community.

Communications
Promote a transparent and interactive communications framework that engages all stakeholders.

Environment
Provide healthy, sustainable and compassionate environments that are the foundation of our values.

Chapter 10 News

Chapter 10 Donates to Victims of Domestic Violence by Justine Patterson

In an effort to assist some of our probationers and others in our local community, Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapter 10 rallied together between the dates of September 14th and October 14th to collect much-needed items for a homeless shelter, as well as women and children who are the victims of domestic violence.

St. Ann's Place Homeless Shelter received six large boxes of their requested items of backpacks, men's

clothing, sneakers and toiletry items, such as shaving cream, soap, toothbrushes, razors, etc.

Association For Abused Women & Children, Inc. received eight large boxes of women and children's clothing, toiletry items, comforters, blankets, etc.

All items were delivered on Friday October 16, 2015 to very appreciative workers and volunteers for each organization.



Justine Patterson & Rosalyn Baker with Volunteers at St Ann's Place



Justine Patterson & Rosalyn Baker with volunteers at Association For Abused Women & Children



Items collected for donation



FCCD Chapter 10 in Re-entry Mode

State President Gina Giacomo, Chapter 10 President and FDOC Deputy Regional Administrator Justine Patterson, Chapter 10 Vice President and FDOC Circuit Administrator Rosalyn Baker and Chapter 20 President Patricia Guest met with Palm Beach County Juvenile Correctional Facility and Martin Girls Academy administrators Shantia Daniels and Anne Posey on October 31, 2015. They discussed an initiative to create wall murals inside the facilities' dayrooms to encourage and motivate the facilities' residents and provide them with a brighter environment.

FCCD members met with children in both locations and provided a short teaching on murals. The children provided input on what they would like to see on the walls and will be providing their own artwork for use in the murals. The children are excited and had many insightful ideas as they shared their thoughts. FCCD has committed to murals in each of the six dayrooms of the Palm Beach Juvenile Correctional Facility, and large murals in the dayroom and the medical hallway

of the Martin Girls Academy.

FCCD Chapter 10 will continue to have its members be involved in supporting the children to be successful by providing items that are needed throughout the year.



Vice President, Rosalyn Baker; State President, Gina Giacomo, Patricia Guest -Chapter 20; President, Justine Patterson

Chapter 11 News

Chapter 11 Busy With Many Projects

Hello and welcome! With the new officers gearing up here at Martin CI, we have quite a few projects in the works. We held a very productive FCCD member meeting on October 5, 2015 during which we began setting plans in to action for the Martin CI Fall Festival. We are volunteering our time to create a safe place in staff housing for staff members to bring their children to Trick or Treat. Some of our members have built a large movie screen; there will be movies playing, music, trick or treating at staff housing, and staff dressing up to give the children a "spooktacular" evening.

For our Fall Festival, we are holding a "slime the whiteshirt" competition. Whoever raises the most money for FCCD will get a bucket of slime

dumped on their head. A Cornhole, Horseshoe and Grillmaster Cookoff competitions will also be held to help raise money, as well. We will have many fun activities for children and adults alike.

We are currently putting together a team to donate time and manpower to our local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. This will benefit not only the nonprofit organization, but our officers, as well, who will receive mentoring hours for volunteering their time to this cause.

Our Martin CI Bulldogs Softball team (with FCCD members) participated in the Annual Darla Latham Softball Competition Fundraiser in Punta Gorda on October 24th & 25th. We were far from winning, but a good deal of money was raised and a

great time was had by all who participated. In the spirit of this event, and in conjunction with our EBTF team, we are also fixing our institution's own softball field so that we may host similar events in the future. We will soon have a beautiful field where our team can practice, play and host events complete with a concession stand organized by our FCCD members.

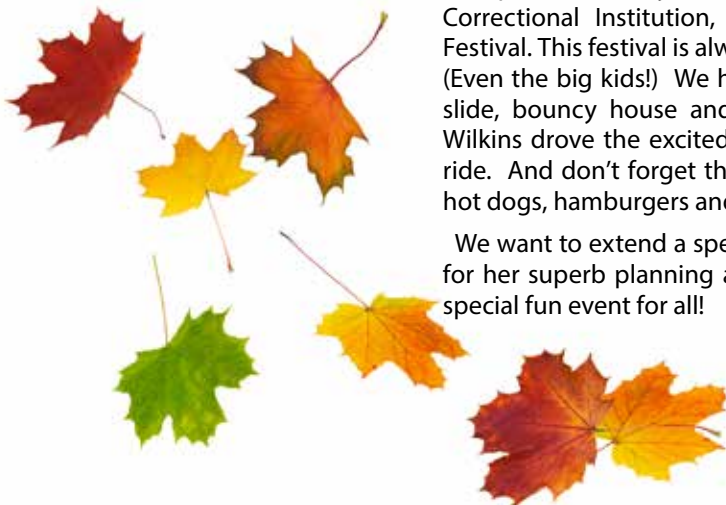


Chapter 17 News

Good Times at the Fall Festival! by Myra Willix, President, Chapter 17

Chapter 17, in conjunction with the EBTF at Tomoka Correctional Institution, sponsored the Annual Fall Festival. This festival is always a big hit with the kiddos! (Even the big kids!) We had all the big thrills; a water slide, bouncy house and a dunking booth. Sgt. T. Wilkins drove the excited attendees around on a hay ride. And don't forget the snow cones, cotton candy, hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken fingers!

We want to extend a special thanks to Donna Wilkins for her superb planning and for making this an extra special fun event for all!



Chapter 18 News

Chapter 18 Hosts School Supply Drive

By Kelly Cotton, Chapter 18, President-Elect

In August, Chapter 18 hosted a school supply drive for Back to School. We collected a remarkable \$1600.00 in donated school supplies which we split and delivered to two local elementary schools, Legacy Elementary and Madison Street Academy. It is always an amazing feeling to help these children and provide them with the tools needed to succeed in the classroom.

In addition to the school supply drive, Chapter 18 hosted a fundraiser at Painting with a Twist to sponsor children to play football for Marion County Pop Raiders. We also participated in Marion County's Making Strides Against

Breast Cancer Walk. We strive to find unique and exciting ways to support our community.

We are truly excited about this year's statewide service project and have dedicated ourselves to serving our community. This year, our chapter intends to focus on service projects and increasing our membership. There is strength in numbers and the more people dedicated to this cause the more successful it will be.

Being a part of this organization allows us the opportunity to help those who need it most.



L to R: Emma Cotton, Angela Gordon, Kori Seiler-McClellan, Kelly Cotton & Piper Cotton



Thank you poster for school supplies from Madison Street Academy's 3rd Grade Class



Standing: Nancy Leslie, Kori Seiler-McClellan, Kelly Cotton, Shannon Johnson, Emilie Keeling, Angela Gordon
Seated: Eleatha McClellan, Chris Southerland, Lori McDonald, Ms. Abala & Kay Turner

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Chapter 20 News

RE-Entry for VA Homeless Veterans of Brevard County

FCCD Chapter 20 participated in the NVHS 7th Annual Stand Down for Homeless Veterans of Brevard, on October 3rd, 2015. During this event, FCCD Chapter 20 members volunteered to serve the veterans by accompanying them as they went to each booth for assistance in medical, dental, and legal assistance. This was hosted at the DAV 109 Post in Titusville. It was a one-

day event, and the community came together to serve, offer hope, services, counseling, food supplies and a lifeline to veterans living without.

Many FCCD members served in the military, including our Chapter 20 President, Patricia Guest. FCCD Chapter 20 would like to extend our personal thanks to Veterans for their courage and service to our country.



This search and rescue van brought many veterans to the VA Sandown event



Veteran participant, Harold



Left Patricia Guest, Lydia Bessent and VA helpers

The Spot - A Special Place For Our Teens by Donna Martin Bolton

This summer I spent some Friday nights serving the youth at The Joe Lee Smith Center in Cocoa with the R.E.A.L Church. It was the hot spot and an outreach to keep the teenagers off the streets, giving them a safe place to hang out, playing basketball, eating good food, and hearing the word of God presented by Pastor Jarvis Wash.

This is the 2nd year that The R.E.A.L Church has hosted this event. This outreach, ministers to the youth of all ages. It is a privilege to serve God by

servicing food to the youth. It does not matter the skin color and it does not matter the background of who you are serving with. This ministry is for the youth; giving them a safe place to hang out on Friday nights! The youth are our future and we have to invest time in them!



Thank you to The R.E.A.L Church for hosting Friday Nights for the youth. They are having an impact in our community; they are committed to the youth. It was a privilege to serve with them!

Chapter 22 News

Chapter 22 Treats Kids by Melinda Strickland

On October 31, 2015, Chapter 22 participated in a Trick or Treat Trail at England Brother's Park in Pinellas Park. Little ghosts and ghouls descended on the park at approximately 6:30 PM, where they enjoyed a long trail of tricks and treats at each table. Chapter 22 provided candy and greeted the little goblins with our very own ghoul, chapter president, James McMillian. He was quite the attraction with the trick or treaters and even posed for pictures for those who were brave enough to get close. The kids enjoyed a full evening with games, contests and filled their bellies with tons of candy!



*FCCD would like to Thank thank the following
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Thank You!



Chapter 30 News

Annual Golf Tournament and Looking Forward to Our Future

Chapter 30 had 11 members in attendance at the Annual Training Institute in St. Pete Beach. All of the trainings offered this year were well-received by all of the attending members.

We held our 4th Annual Golf Tournament on September 26th at the Brooksville Golf and Country Club. Our chapter raised \$1,126.00 through registrations, raffles and silent auction items from the tournament. We are looking forward to the 5th Annual Golf Tournament next year. Our chapter membership continues to grow and we are at 136 members currently.

We are holding our first Wine Tasting fund raiser



Deputy Balish and Deputy Brown Chapter 30 Golf Tournament Team, sponsored by KEEFE Commissary

on November 21st at Strong Tower Winery in Spring Hill. We are also looking in to other Fall fundraisers and hope to schedule a Turkey Shoot. We are contacting the local Habitat for Humanity to assist in their efforts, as well.

We will be receiving a Salvation Army Christmas Tree again this year to help provide for needy children in the Brooksville area.

Our Chapter is currently raffling a Remington 12 gauge shotgun. Only 100 tickets will be sold.

We are looking forward to a successful year with our new Executive Board.



Chapter 30 representatives to the 86th Annual Training Institute - Front Row, L to R: Gail Page, Julie Satre, Tonya Griffin, Trish Perkins. 2nd Row: Julio Dejesus, Jennifer Celt, 3rd Row: Dan Martinez, Mike Moffit, Mike Page

Leadership Training at the First Quarterly Board Meeting

by Justine Patterson, Chapter 10

Tena M. Pate, Chair, Florida Commission on Offender Review, provided excellent training on leadership-focused tactics at the first quarterly board meeting in Daytona Beach on Friday, November 06, 2015. She has employed these practices, including envisioning the future, the importance of setting goals, how to excel regardless of the position you hold, and the true meaning of being a servant leader, throughout her extensive public safety career to ensure both professional and personal success. We thank her for an informative training session.



Tena Pate

1st Quarterly Board Meeting Statewide New Chapter Presidents Introduced

Daytona Beach – November 6-7, 2015

State President Gina Giacomo introduced the new Chapter Presidents for the 2015-2016 year.

The newly appointed Presidents are first-timers and Mrs. Giacomo ensured their success by pairing them up with a mentor who has been a past President. We wish them all the success!

State President Gina Giacomo recognized our past State Board Presidents as current active committee chairs and Executive Board Advisors. Thank you for staying active and being positive role models for our future presidents.



From left to right: State President Gina Giacomo, Chapter 16 Proxy Randy Windham, Chapter 5 Proxy Tracy Diggs, Chapter 22 President James McMillian, Chapter 7 President Markeda Clayton, Chapter 11 President Stephanie Tredinick, Chapter 10 President Justine Patterson



Past State Presidents left to right: Karen Michael - Membership, Cornita Riley - Executive Director, Maria DiBernardo - Past President Liaison and Membership Team, Jim Curington - Constitution and By-Laws, Jim King - Parliamentarian, Art Gormley - Historian, Executive Assistant - Rob Lingis

2015-2016 Community Service Project: Re-Entry

By Jean Leonard, Statewide Community Service Chair, Work: 352-742-6242 • Mobile: 407-721-6310

I have the honor and privilege to serve you as this year's 2015-2016 Community Service Chair. This year, the Chapter Presidents selected re-entry as our statewide community service project. Re-entry encompasses all aspects of assisting adults and children to successfully reintegrate back in to society. I recommend working with organizations or agencies within your community that have the mission to help people re-enter the community. They already know what needs to be done and they know who needs the help; they just need FCCD members to partner with them by volunteering or supplying goods to help them achieve their mission.

The Chapter Presidents set the goal of 300 Re-entry Projects Statewide.

Each Chapter President will document their chapter's re-entry projects and share them at each Quarterly Board Meeting. The community service re-entry projects are to be included on each Chapter President's Chapter Report. All of the re-entry projects will be posted on the website under Community Service.

At the 1st Quarterly Board Meeting FCCD members collected and donated 37 sheet sets, comforters, 40 blankets, 10 mattress covers, 6 pillows cases, 43 towels, 77 wash clothes and 1 bathroom rug to Avenues 12. Avenues 12 is a women's recovery house in Daytona Beach founded with the philosophy that recovery

from the diseases of alcoholism and substance abuse requires a clean, healthy and sober environment. Avenues 12 bridges the gap between treatment centers and integration in to daily family and social life.

As a transitional living facility, Avenues 12 provides a structured and stable atmosphere that facilitates personal growth and accomplishment to help residents create a new life and become functioning members of society.

Thanks for joining me this year in our effort to make a difference in our communities and the State of Florida.

Kay Hayes, Executive Director, Avenues 12, Inc. says:

"I wanted to say thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you, and thank you! FCCD members provided an amazing donation to Avenues 12. The women are so excited about going through all of the donated items. They are excited about putting the new comforters, blankets, sheets and pillow cases on their beds. The new women that just came to Avenues 12 will now have towels and wash cloths of their own. This was such an amazing gift.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and the women we serve. I wanted to personally thank you for this wonderful donation."

Distinguished Service Award Recipient – Marlene Jefferson, Juvenile Justice

Marlene Jefferson was born and raised in Winter Garden, where she attended the local public schools. She received an AA degree from Valencia Community College, a BA in Social Work from the University of Central Florida, and a Certified Public Manager (CPM) degree from Florida State University. She worked for two years as a Learning Resource Assistant at Valencia Community College before embarking on her 25 year career with the Department of Corrections, where she began as a probation officer and worked her way up to Deputy Regional Director. For the last seven years she has been working at the Department of Juvenile Justice.



Marlene also has a special talent for baking and cooking. These talents evolved in to a catering side-business for more than 20 years. She shared her talents as a cook and entertainer by holding cooking classes, teaching manners and etiquette to youth in the community and

at church, and hosting community events. Additionally, she is a phenomenal and inspirational public speaker. She is a woman of faith who is strong-willed and loves conducting instructional training programs. She enjoys mentoring children and young adults and giving back to the community.

Message from Governor Rick Scott to State Employees - Florida State Employees are working hard for Florida Families:

I would like to applaud Juvenile Probation Officer Marlene Jefferson of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice for receiving a Distinguished Service Award by the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency at their 86th Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute. Marlene has worked at DJJ for seven years and was recognized for her efforts to mentor and educate those in need.
Governor Rick Scott

Why I Fell in Love with FCCD



In 1980 I was working at the Miami Women's Work Release Center as a Correctional Officer when I first heard of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency. It sounded like a professional organization where I could network with others in my field, but it wasn't until I met a young warden, who was

transferred to Miami to run South Florida Reception Center in 1985, that the fire was lit. That warden was Jim Curington. The Miami Chapter had been defunct for years and, as President, he brought back the excitement and energy that was needed to revive Chapter 8. He approached me and challenged me to take the Program Chairperson position and I said, "Yes."

That "yes" changed my life and career forever. I attended my first conference in 1987, at the Ritz Carlton in Naples, Florida and was hooked. Not only were we helping our community and providing excellent training in Miami, but this was happening all over the state of Florida in 30+ chapters. These were my brothers and sisters, those who worked in prisons, sheriff's offices, state and federal probation offices, and included parole examiners, police, state attorneys and more. We were brought together to network, share information and attend training. The State President was Gloria Henderson that year and I will never forget how she impressed me with her confidence and gift of public speaking. I had always been afraid of speaking in front of a group and I remember thinking, "I want to be like her someday." The conference was a real success and I met a lot of new friends.

By Maria DiBernardo, Past State President

Well, that "someday" did come. After years of serving on Chapter 8's Board as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President, I accepted a position on the State Board as a Chairperson. For the next nine years I served as Chairperson of many different committees until I was approached by Jim Curington again. This time he said, "I think it is time for you to run for State Secretary." Once again, I took on the challenge, even though I was scared and just trusted that this was God's plan for me.

In 2002 I was State President and had my conference in Daytona Beach. I was excited that I was going to be able to serve and lead this organization, which I had loved for so many years. My theme was "Our Youth are our Future, Let's Make a Difference." It was a busy year, with my job responsibilities, but my awesome TEAM saw us through and we had a great conference. Needless to say, I did a lot of public speaking that year and actually felt comfortable.

I retired in 2014 as Circuit Administrator after 35 years in Corrections. The friendships and professional relationships I made with FCCD over the years assisted me personally and professionally throughout my career with DOC. And even now that I am retired, I still enjoy the networking and lasting friendships with my criminal justice buddies.

Thank you, Jim Curington for introducing me and so many others to this great organization.

This year, State President Gina Giacomo will return to Daytona for her conference. I wish her and her TEAM a successful institute. Please sign up, get involved and I promise it will change your life. This may be the year that you attend, get hooked, and have the FCCD fever.

The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis by Ashley Moore

The bravery of a police officer is the reason I am able to write this article today. My name is Ashley Moore and I was in an automobile accident when I was seven years old. The first person at the scene of the accident was a police officer. I had suffered a spinal cord injury and would have died if he had not been there to perform CPR on me.

The top three most common causes of spinal cord injuries resulting in paralysis are vehicular accidents, falls, and acts of violence. Although the reason I am now a quadriplegic is a vehicular accident, I wanted to take this opportunity to talk about the acts of violence that result in spinal cord injury.

Stabbings and gunshot wounds are the most common reasons a victim sustains a spinal cord injury during an act of violence. The tearing, crushing, or severing of the spinal cord results in a loss of function below the level of injury, or in other words, paralysis. However, I have good news. There is an organization called The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis that exists purely to give thousands of people like me hope of a cure to paralysis.

In 1985, Barth A. Green, MD, and NFL Hall of Fame linebacker, Nick Buoniconti, helped found The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis after Nick's son, Marc, sustained a spinal cord injury during a college football game. Today, The Miami Project is the world's most comprehensive spinal cord injury (SCI) research center, and a designated Center of Excellence at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. The Miami Project's international team is housed in the Lois Pope LIFE Center and includes more than 300 scientists, researchers, clinicians and support staff who take innovative approaches to the challenges of spinal cord and brain injuries. Committed to finding a cure for paralysis resulting from spinal cord injury, and to seeing millions worldwide walk again, the Buoniconti family established The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis in 1992, a non-profit organization devoted to assisting The Miami Project achieve its national and international



“The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis is my second chance to walking again.”

goals.

This is an unbelievable time for The Buoniconti Fund, The Miami Project's research and for medical history. In late July, 2012, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) gave permission to The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis to begin a revolutionary Phase 1 clinical trial to evaluate the

safety of transplanting human Schwann cells in patients with acute (recent) spinal cord injuries. Found mainly in the peripheral nervous system, Schwann cells are essential to sending appropriate electrical signals through the nervous system. Miami Project scientists and supporters believe Schwann cells are key to finding cures for paralysis. The Miami Project's physicians

and researchers have enrolled the first participants in this Phase 1 clinical trial, which is part of the Christine E. Lynn Clinical Trials Initiative. These first participants are doing well and the team is moving forward with the trial.

In parallel to this acute study, The Miami Project has begun a human Schwann cell transplantation clinical trial in chronically injured individuals to test the safety of human Schwann cells. There are millions of people living with chronic spinal cord injury paralysis (those paralyzed for a year or more) who will benefit from this experimental procedure.

Never in the history of spinal cord injury research have the prospects of finding a cure for paralysis been better.

I truly believe that the only reason I was given a second chance to live was because an angel in the form of a police officer came to my rescue after I was involved in an automobile accident. I'm sure many others with spinal cord injuries due to an act of violence were given a second chance to live purely because of the efforts of a law enforcement officer. Now, . Please help me and thousands of other people with spinal cord injuries walk again by going to <http://www.miamiproject.miami.edu/> and donating.

Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency President's Annual Statewide Community Service Project 2015

by Karen Michael, Past President

With a monetary goal of \$10,000, I knew that this was truly going to have to be a collective effort of all chapters and members.

Donna Wiebe accepted this Chair position, and the monumental challenge, and hit the ground running. Each Chapter President was presented with a "purple money bag" and asked to go back to their communities and hold some type of fundraiser to help us reach this goal. As a special incentive, the chapter that brought back the most money in their purple money bag during each Quarterly Board Meeting was rewarded with (1) paid hotel night and a Training Institute registration or Awards Banquet ticket. This certainly brought out the competitive nature in the chapters, but in the end, Chapter 12 President Shelley Liddle took the win on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th quarters. Winning the 2nd quarter was Chapter 30 President Trish Perkins.

During our Quarterly Board Meetings, we incorporated special presentations to bring awareness to our mission. We were honored to have Keith Brooks, FCCD Member and husband to Linda Brooks, State Treasurer share his cancer survivor story. Matthew Lingis, age seven (7) shared with us that he put several of his toys in his family's garage sale and donated his proceeds to help towards our cause. Matthew is the son of Past President Rob Lingis and wife Melissa; they are certainly very proud parents. Additionally, we heard from Donielle Dietz, Statewide Volunteer with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. She shared with us the many programs and services, as well as research and treatment that are provided through donations such as the one we were working toward.



Human Ribbon on the Beach

Throughout the year, Janet Worsham designed and created countless purple bracelets and "manlets" (bracelets for men) that were sold during each board meeting, as well as at the training institute. Shelley Liddle had several multi-size purple ribbons constructed with a variety of encouraging words such as "HOPE, LOVE, SUCCESS, STRIVE, SURVIVOR, etc. Additionally, she spent countless hours on the phone and on the

computer requesting donations to be sold via a silent auction that was located in the Vendor Area.

With the collective efforts of the chapters statewide, and the bracelets and ribbons that were sold, we were at 62% of our goal by the conclusion of the 3rd quarter. This meant we still had to raise an additional \$3,772.00 during the Training Institute. With each event, the money kept coming in. We collected donations from those who participated in the "Fun Relay" as we formed a purple human ribbon on St. Pete Beach. For those brave enough to continue to endure the

August heat, a Fun Run was held immediately following the ribbon-forming project. On Wednesday morning, during our Plenary Session, we were all moved and touched by the amazing story of strength, courage and survival shared with us by four-time cancer survivor, Yvette Salinas, employee of the Florida Department of Corrections. Following her presentation, FCCD Chapter 36 President, Tomasi Matautia, of the Calhoun Sheriff's Office, was moved to share the story of his family and how deeply they have been affected by cancer. He shared that he has lost his mother, father, several siblings, and other family members, as well. Immediately following their presentations, a hat was passed around and those in attendance opened their hearts and their wallets and gave with amazing generosity. On Wednesday afternoon, the final call was made for bids on the silent auction. This event raised just shy of \$1,000.00.

Heading into the home stretch of our Training Institute, we were still short about \$500.00 but, yet again, the attendees came through and by Thursday morning's Closing Session and General Business Meeting, we were able to present the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life a check in the amount of \$10,850.64

What an amazing accomplishment!! The goal was set high, but the desire to accomplish it was even greater. Thank you so much to Chairperson Donna Wiebe for your yearlong commitment to this goal and to all those who worked tirelessly to contribute the many items we were able to sell.

We would like to extend a special heartfelt thank you to both Yvette Salinas and Tomasi Matautia for sharing their stories with us and, of course, a special thank you to everyone that opened their hearts and opened their wallets. This could not have been possible without all of you!



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Michelle Jordan for the Executive Board position of State Secretary



My name is Michelle Jordan and I am running for the Executive Board position of Secretary. I am currently employed with the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) in the Security Threat Intelligence Unit. I have been with the State of Florida for 25 years and have been a member of FCCD for 23 of

those years. During my employment with FDC, I have had the opportunity to travel around the country conduct presentations on Prison Gangs for the American Correctional Association, Southern States Correctional Association, National Major Gang Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Through my travels, I have been fortunate to establish relationships with other Correctional and Law Enforcement agencies.

Through my membership with FCCD I have been involved in Chapters 2, 7, 17 and have been on numerous committees (over 15 years) with the State Board. Positions I have held are: Secretary, President-Elect and President (twice) for Chapter 2, President of Chapter 7, Time and Place Co-Chair, Local Arrangements, State President Liaison, ACA Liaison, Door Prize Committee, Program Chair, and Vendors Co-Chair to name a few. I have also been involved in the Florida Gang Investigators Association (FGIA) for over 20 years where I served as Secretary and President and currently serve as the membership coordinator.

I was honored to have been selected as the FCCD Distinguished Service Award recipient from Chapter 2 for Corrections and Law Enforcement, and was awarded the Bill Bedingfield Scholarship on the State level. I have also won the Gang Investigator of the Year twice from the Florida Gang Investigators Association.

What does FCCD mean to me? There are two words that come to mind, family and friends. My best friends are those I

met through FCCD. When going through my own family loss, my FCCD family was there to lift my spirits. This organization has also helped me professionally. There are so many people I have met in the past 23 years that are now in administrative positions that I can call and ask a favor of.

Community service and training are two key elements for our organization. Each time I attend a board meeting, it amazes me how much our members give back to the community by donating their time and money. And the training that is offered, not only at the local level, but also at the annual institute, is top notch. If elected to the State

Board, I want to continue to give back to the community and to our members. I would like to dig in to our membership and reestablish a connection with those that have not been active in some time.

Speaking of our members, that is YOU. Without you, there would not be a FCCD. We need all of our members to be active and to tell us what we can do better. It is YOUR organization and everyone, from the Chapter Presidents to the State Board, work for you. Thank you for the continued support you give this organization.

I hope all of you have a Happy and Safe Holiday season.

Shelley Liddle for Executive Board position of State Secretary



Greetings fellow FCCD members! I am seeking your support and nomination for the position of State Secretary. I have been an active FCCD member since 2002 and worn many hats during this time. I began serving on my local Chapter 12 board as Secretary after chairing several committees to include Community Service, Membership, and Training & Fundraising. Progressing

through the ranks, I became the Chapter President in 2009, and then again in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2015, each year leading and successfully guiding the chapter to the coveted Chapter Effectiveness Award. Throughout this five-year tenure, the chapter performed countless hours of community service, as well as offering a multitude of outstanding training opportunities in the Polk county area.

Currently, I am serving as Past President for Chapter 12 for the third time and looking to assist the chapter in reaching new heights. During my time as Past President, I chaired several state committees, including Chapter Effectiveness, CPOF scholarship, Institute Manager, Time and Place, Board Meeting Manager, Local Arrangements Chair, and Food and Beverage Chair. I am currently serving as the Silent Auction Chair for the upcoming Annual Institute.

My commitment to this organization runs deep in to my veins. I was very humbled, at the conclusion of the 2012 and 2015 Institutes, to receive the very prestigious State President's Award. At the local level, anyone who is a part of this great organization knows how difficult it can be to keep a chapter active and afloat due to many challenges and changes in our criminal justice organization. But, amidst all the hurdles, I have managed to make Chapter 12 one of the most active chapters in the state.

Our core values include training, education, community service, prevention and maintaining a network that is often considered a family rather than an organization. I believe

that I have the leadership, commitment, work ethic and love for this organization that would make me a perfect match for a position on the State Board. I overcame the challenges of not only keeping up our membership, but have excelled in the recruitment department, catapulting Chapter 12 to over 160 members strong. As we know, it is the membership that drives FCCD. In the training and education department, I have made strides with interesting topics that not only broke attendance numbers, but have been beneficial to everyone in attendance. Community Service projects for Chapter 12 have been taken to new heights, thanks to the willingness to demonstrate the importance of giving back. This was validated at the 2015 Annual Institute when Chapter 12 was awarded the State Community Service Award. Many lives have been changed through the community service projects which include: Relay for Life, March for Babies, Special Olympics Florida, Paint Your Heart Out Lakeland, Habitat for Humanity, Employee Charities, Soda Tab Collections, Adopted Soldiers and Families, and the list goes on and on. There is no telling how many lives have been helped or changed through the leadership role I have so dearly embraced. I am confident that if elected as State Board Secretary, I will make you proud. My love for this organization is endless and I continue to demonstrate it over and over again. My diverse background with our wonderful organization, I believe, makes me an excellent choice for the State Board Secretary.

I am a twenty-six (26) year veteran of the Department of Correction where I serve as the Training Sergeant for Polk Correctional Institution. Currently enrolled in the DROP program, if elected my time as State President will come as I complete the program in 2019. In addition to my involvement with Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency, I also belong to the Corrections Foundation and Correctional Peace Officers Foundation. In my "spare time" I enjoy traveling and furthering my education. My current plans are to begin the Master's Program at Florida State University in 2016.

I would love the opportunity to speak with each of you to share my desire to continue moving this wonderful organization forward as your State Secretary.



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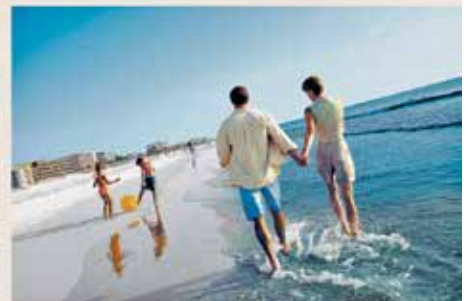
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