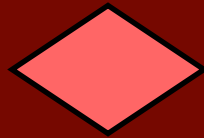


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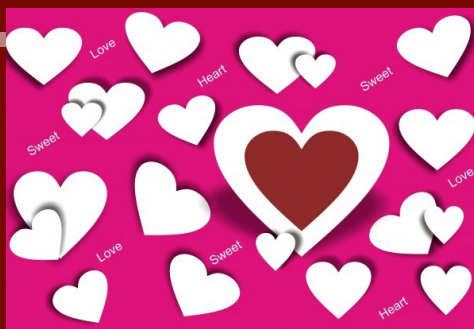
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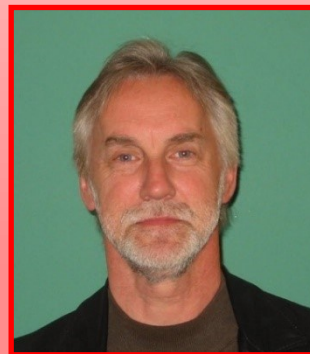
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## **President's Corner**

### **Mark Groves**

### **2018 MCA President**



It is a special honor and a privilege to begin my term as president of MCA. I am flattered that you have entrusted me with this role. Our outgoing president, Sarah Eischens, deserves an enormous thank you from all of us— for guiding our association so ably and for making us feel that we really are a part of MCA. She has been a terrific role model, and her shoes will be challenging to fill. Luckily, for all of us, Sarah will continue to serve as our Past-President for an additional year. I am especially grateful that I will be able to rely on our new Executive Committee (Debbie Beltz, Sarah Eischens, Gina Evans, Jennifer Guse, Connie Hartwig, and Mary Oberstar) during my term as we move forward.

Steve King has assembled a fine group of folks, whom he considers the most fun and competent corrections professionals he's ever been associated, to serve on the Minnesota Corrections Association 85th Anniversary Planning Committee in Duluth. We will keep you apprised of what we are planning and developing.

I know you all will agree with me when I say that MCA is a wonderful organization aimed at promoting the professional development of individuals working in all aspects of the corrections field and promoting ethical and just correctional practice. We will continue advancing evidence-based practice; providing and developing education and training events; developing new collaborations with other associations and work groups plus strengthening those already in existence; as well as supporting and expanding efforts already in place through MCA's mission and committees. We are especially appreciative of our dedicated association sponsors who continue to support us.



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### President's Message Continued...

We hope you will continue taking time to browse our website and read our bi-monthly Forum newsletters that are meant to help you stay apprised of our goings-on and highlighting people and happenings.

I am really excited to lead the association in 2018. MCA has an established, rich history. MCA can and should lead the "charge" as we witness and experience a dramatic change in "how we do things" in this time of uneasiness.

Please know that you can contact me anytime you have a question or a suggestion that will enhance the value of MCA. I'm looking forward to our journey together this year and hope you will all hop on board!

**Fun was had by all at the MCA Board Meeting  
Annual Holiday Potluck.**

**On behalf of the board, we wish you a very  
Happy New Year!**







## Best of the 2018 Consumer Electronics Show

*By David Heath - Technical Committee Chair*

Each year, I report on the Consumer Electronic Show (CES) in Las Vegas which ran this year from January 9<sup>th</sup> through January 12<sup>th</sup>. The show continues to grow every year with 2018 being no exception, with the most floor space ever. The enormous Consumer Electronics Show that features over 3,900 companies from more than 150 countries. The big themes at this year's CES was that nearly every company infused their tech with Artificial Intelligence and Voice Assistants, meaning our smart products are about to get even smarter. Because there are so many gadgets at the show, it is tough to sort through which ones may actually be useful to the average person. For example, Sony's robot dog, Aibo, was hugely popular at the show and won some awards. But at \$3,000 for an electronic toy dog, I personally wouldn't buy it. I would rather have a real dog, even if I have to pick up after it. Robot's like Aibo are generically considered entertainment robots and development on Aibo started in 1998 by Sony. The 2018 model is the 1<sup>st</sup> new release in eleven years. Sony claims this 4<sup>th</sup> generation model will be able to form an emotional bond with users. As an owner of two live and breathing hunting dogs, I definitely prefer the real thing, even if it does mean an occasional expensive trip to the veterinarian. But hey, maybe I am just old school. Possibly this thing works for a lonely big city apartment dweller wanting companionship. **Here is a link to Aibo with a great video clip. Check it out, it's pretty amazing what this thing can actually do.**

<https://www.theverge.com/2018/1/11/16876086/sony-aibo-hands-on-video-ces-2018>

On the other end of the cost spectrum, I found a few items under \$200 that were sort of interesting and listed them below:

1. Lishtot's Testdrop - a product the size of a guitar chip that can analyze a glass of water and tell you if it is safe to drink. They say it actually works too. Cost \$50.

<https://techcrunch.com/2018/01/11/lishtots-testdrop-tells-you-whether-water-is-safe-to-drink-without-even-touching-it/>

2. Blink Video Doorbell -- The Blink Video Doorbell is a battery-powered doorbell and video security camera. It lets you see record or speak with anyone at your door even if you're not really at home. The system is \$129 and will be available for purchase soon. Possibly a crime stopper, you can always appear like you're home, whether you're upstairs or across the globe. See and speak to anyone at your door with live video and two way audio, or be notified of lurkers with instant-on motion-activated alerts right to your smartphone.

<https://blinkforhome.com/pages/blink-video-doorbell>

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Best of the 2018 Consumer Electronics Show

3. The OneStep 2 -- Once again, the popular Polaroid camera they stopped producing and making film for 10 years ago, is back. This product is for the person who has grown tired of sorting through too many digital pics that never get looked at. Like the old camera, it develops the film and gives you a hard copy picture. It has a few digital enhancements from the original version, for example, a built in USB port. Perfect for the individual who still wants instant hard copy pictures for an old fashioned photo album or poster board art form. If you buy this, just remember, you will need a digital photo if your home ever has wall paper screens, like the link I provide in the TV section. This retro technology only cost \$ 99.00, so at least the investment is low.

<https://www.theverge.com/circuitbreaker/2017/9/13/16304360/polaroid-onestep-2-instant-camera-impossible-project>

**And last but not least, I have to include the future of TV technologies at the show.** A rollup TV Screen prototype by LG, a 146" TV Samsung calls the WALL, and LG now has a TV with Google Assistant built right in, to control it with voice commands. All are pretty cool. Open the link below to see them:

<http://money.cnn.com/2018/01/09/technology/ces-2018-tvs/index.html>

Here are the actual official winners at the show including the Aflac Duck for child cancer patients. Aflac plans to get one of these toys to every kid diagnosed with cancer in the US for free. Lots of other interesting products in the winners group as well:

<https://www.engadget.com/2018/01/11/best-of-ces-2018-winners/>

In summation, it looks like the Internet of Things (IoT) is really starting to explode in 2018 and is bound to continue every year. Experts estimate that the IoT will consist of about 30 billion objects by 2020. Thanks for reading.

Ted Spencer was a parole/probation agent, a field supervisor of agents, and for 23 years a personnel director. He retired in 1989, but every two months, from 1996 – 2015, he printed and mailed out the “D.O.C. Retiree News.” That publication inspired our present day Minnesota Corrections Family Facebook page and the MN Corrections Family E-mail news distribution list.

*Minnesotacorrections@groups.facebook.com—David Korte, Administrator*

My tenure at OPH by Harriet Link

My tenure at OPH began on 4/4/1984 and lasted until my retirement on 4/4/2014. An interesting note is my grandmother, Harriet Barrett, was a regular visitor to the old Minnesota Territory Prison, long before I was born. I don't know her actual role, however I've been told she delivered books to the offenders and may have acted as a teacher. Maybe I followed in her footsteps without even knowing?

I originally interviewed for the position of Medical Record Clerk one year prior to my hiring but I had to wait until the position was created as OPH was just beginning to gear up to full capacity and my position had not yet been approved. Dr. Ken Carlson hired me and became my first supervisor (he was the supervisor for Mental Health Unit and Health Services). Later these units were combined into the Transitional Care Unit, Cx-8.

Phil Navarro and I began on the same day. He was an RN and worked on the Health Services Unit; there were only 3-4 nurses and one lab/x-ray tech working there when I started. I was the first medical records person at OPH, transcribing notes for the practitioners and maintaining medical records. When offenders were transferred from facility to facility we had to make certain their medical records transferred with them. When they were discharged from the DOC the medical records were sent to Central Office for storage.

Within 4 months of my hiring, a pay-equity raise went into effect and my hourly wage increased 85 cents. That was mind boggling to me and very much appreciated.

Providers in those early days—doctors, dentists, physical therapists, radiologists—came from the community. The offenders would frequently file lawsuits against them and I would be required to copy charts and send information to their lawyers. The liability insurance rates skyrocketed so much for these providers the DOC had a difficult time retaining them. Eventually the State contracted with a company who provided health care to correctional facilities throughout the country and I became responsible for coordinating medical special duties with them.

Prior to the out-state contract, offenders requiring inpatient hospitalization were admitted to a locked unit at St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center. This unit was staffed by DOC officers and nurses. Clinics were also held in this locked unit when offenders needed to be seen by specialists.

Originally, Cx-8 housed both MHU and HS. There were 10 beds in the Infirmary, which was on level 2 on the HS side and level 3 was used as Intake. There was one swamper living in the Infirmary and on rare occasions we would house an offender or two on a temporary basis. The Mental Health Unit was quite busy; it had about 20 beds, staffed with 4 or 5 nurses.

Up until about 20 years ago, offenders were allowed to change their names upon incarceration, I was involved in handling about 90 of those. A few of them requested name changes more than once and each time the State paid for it. This finally came to a close due to outrage by the public, specifically following one of the offenders changing his name to Lord Victorious Almighty.



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## My tenure at OPH by Harriet

For a brief time we housed a transgender offender at OPH. They were undergoing medical transformation and fighting to be housed in Shakopee. They eventually won that right but I can't tell you what became of them. We also had a very mysterious offender housed in the Intake unit who was closely watched by staff; rumors were he was connected to a mafia trial but it was never shared with us. I remember approaching his cell to interview him for his intake and he looked like he stepped right out of a movie.

I also remember a film crew shooting a documentary - OPH -Super Max - that aired on cable TV. Years later it was determined that OPH should never be open for filming or photos due to the possibility of revealing information that could be used in escape attempts.

We "survived" the move to Cx-4 while a complete renovation of the future TCU was underway. It was an extremely difficult time because we had limited access to the necessities required to meet all of the medical needs of the offenders. Many of the temporary accommodations to meet those needs were pieced together as best as possible, but we were still left with challenges. Finally TCU was ready to open up and the Health Services staff moved back to Cx-8 and TCU became an acute care, long-term care, and chronic care unit, able to meet the needs of the entire DOC offender population. It was as complete as any long-term or chronic care facility in the community. A dialysis unit was opened at the same time so offenders who required dialysis were moved to OPH. This eased transportation because dialysis patients, who require treatments three times per week, had needed to be transported to an off-site dialysis treatment center.

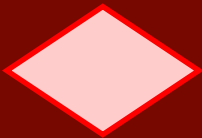
I retired as an OAS-S but always felt I was actually a patient care coordinator. Much of the responsibility for requesting and confirming off-site appointments was my responsibility and I took it very seriously. I worked closely with the staff at the company that had been hired to provide medical care for the DOC offenders. I also worked closely with transportation staff and the correctional officers at OPH. Because we housed the most seriously ill offenders in the TCU we also had a large number of off-site consults so we were kept very busy.

OPH is the epitome of what a maximum security facility should be, and I was so proud to have worked there. There were some highs and lows during the 30 years I was at OPH but I truly felt it was an honor to work with the staff that made the facility run as safely and smoothly as it did. I had a difficult time letting go when I retired because I identified with my position and the responsibilities that went with it. When I walked out the door for the last time I was no longer an intricate member of the OPH staff and it was hard to let go.

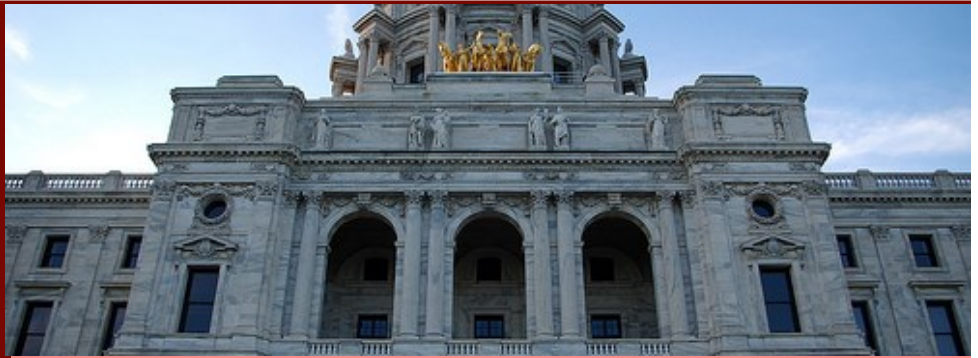
## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

### Capitol Day Update!!!

April 5th  
8 a.m.—11:30 a.m.  
State Capitol  
L 'Etoile du Nord Vault Room.



Calvin Saari  
Legislative Liaison  
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As I prepare this article for the new edition of the FORUM, it continues to be "a lull before the storm" in Legislative halls. The 2018 Session does not convene until February 20th this year, so that this point, there isn't a lot of activity around the Capitol. We are anxiously awaiting news from the House leadership on an appointment of a new Chair of the House Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee as a result of the resignation of Rep. Tony Cornish in recent weeks. One could assume that current Vice Chair Brian Johnson would move into that position, but the leadership could also name anyone else if they desired. There is currently a lot of speculation on names, but no information from the House leadership at this point.

As I mentioned earlier, this will be a short session as the Legislature must adjourn no later than May 21st, and being an election year this Fall, most believe there won't be much action in the Session, and for sure they won't dwell on anything controversial unless they feel they can make political fodder on an issue.

We are scheduled to have our Corrections Capitol Day this year on April 5th, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM, the event being held within the newly restored State Capitol, in the L 'Etoile du Nord Vault Room. This will be a catered breakfast meeting featuring a good number of Representatives and Senators who will present and respond to your questions. Because of the room size, attendance will be limited to 100 registrants. We are still in the process of establishing agency sponsors for this event. Registration will again be handled by MCA so watch for a meeting notification announcement from MCA Administrative Manager Deb Beltz.

Once the Legislature begins, I will start reporting on the bills being considered by Legislative Committees and we'll keep you updated with our "Legislative Tracker" report. Please contact me with your questions and/or suggestions.



# History of The Prison Mirror

by

Jonathan Young  
Stillwater Gazette  
Jan 18, 2018



“It is with no little pride and pleasure that we present to you, kind reader, this our initiative [sic] number of The Prison Mirror, believing as we do, that the introduction of the printing press into the great penal institutions of our land, is the first important step taken toward solving the great problem of true prison reform,” the first issue declared Aug. 10, 1887.

Recently The Prison Mirror celebrated its 130th anniversary, and boasts the distinction of being the oldest continuously published prison newspaper in the country. It’s still written and edited by offenders, and prison staff and inmates say it still plays a positive role in the prison.

“This is a vital piece for the offenders to have a voice, and in a positive way,” said Victor Wanchena, associate warden of the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Stillwater. “They wield a tremendous amount of power in terms of setting tone and a positive voice.”

Wanchena also sees the paper as “a grand historical tradition” and feels responsible for its upkeep.

## **A ‘revolutionary’ experiment**

The Prison Mirror was founded with \$200 raised by convicts themselves, including \$50 donated by the infamous Younger brothers. Lew P. Schoonmaker was the editor, and the paper’s motto was “God helps those who help themselves.” The paper sold advertising, and subscriptions cost \$1 a year. Profits from the paper benefited the prison library.

One of the paper’s missions, according to the first issue, was to offer inmates “a glad ray of hope to light and encourage them upward toward a higher and nobler life, to banish from their hearts the midnight gloom of prejudice, envy and malice, and in their bosoms reflect the cheering light of reason, truth and love.”

Halvur G. Stordock, who was prison warden in 1887, was taking a risk when he approved the newspaper’s publication.

“If it shall prove a failure then the blame must all rest on me,” he wrote in the first edition. “If it shall be a success then all credit must be given to the boys who have done all the work. It was necessary to have my consent before the experiment could be tried and therefore I am responsible for the venture.”

# History of The Prison Mirror continued...

According to Wanchena, allowing offenders to print a newspaper and express their views in an officially sanctioned manner was “revolutionary” and “incredibly progressive forward-thinking.”

In addition to providing learning opportunities and a means of self-expression for prisoners, the paper served as a historical record of the happenings at the Stillwater Prison.

Martin Hawthorne, a vocational education teacher who currently oversees the Prison Mirror, said it’s fascinating to look through old issues.

“There’s some really interesting stuff,” he said. “You read some of it and you go, ‘They did what?’ ... It’s amazing some of the stuff that’s gone on here.”

## **The Mirror today**

Today the paper is published monthly and funded by the sale of phone time to offenders. The Mirror is still distributed both inside and outside the prison, with copies sent to locations across the U.S. and even Canada.

Working on the paper is one of the jobs offenders can hold in prison, and they can make up to \$1.50 an hour. The job is seen as privilege for inmates, who must apply and go through a competitive selection process, according to Hawthorne.

“I’ve always wanted to work on the Mirror since I’ve been here,” said the current sports editor in an interview with The Gazette. The Department of Corrections allowed interviews with editors of the paper on the condition that names not be disclosed, out of respect for victims.

The paper’s three editors work on the paper six hours a day, plus time spent covering events.

Prison staff reviews and approves each month’s issue before it goes to press at an offender-run printing shop in Moose Lake. Although prison staff members check tone, appropriateness of content and general grammar and punctuation, they don’t dictate what offenders write about. Topics often include programs within the prison or an offender’s perspective on general news that might affect the prison population.

Assistant Warden Wanchena said the offenders who work on the paper take it seriously. “It’s almost universal that they are good stewards of that position,” he said.

Like the founders of The Prison Mirror, the offenders who write for the paper today often view it as a positive force within the facility.

“I think one of the most effective tools to be a positive influence in this environment is through your writing,” said the associate editor of The Prison Mirror.

The current editors also find it meaningful to work for a paper that’s been around 130 years. They say its longevity speaks to its importance. And even though other state correctional facilities publish newspapers, the Prison Mirror is the flagship.

“Even if you’re in the other facilities in the DOC, you’re looking at the Stillwater paper,” the paper’s senior editor said



**The mission and highlights of this year's Annual Training Institute Committee**

**include:**



# Let's Celebrate 85 years of MCA

## MCA Annual Training Institute

AMY MOECKEL, DAN RADEN, & SHANNON FETTE

MCA Annual Training Institute Chairs

The Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) Annual Training Institute Committee is looking forward to what is sure to be a memorable conference in Duluth on October 24-26, 2018!

MCA is committed to making this year the most amazing year yet to celebrate the members!

- \* Cutting edge training at the front of the latest trends in corrections
- \* Provide a top location for networking with fellow peers in corrections from all over the state
- \* 2 ½ day training
- \* Provide training that will attract a diverse population of participants
- \* Offer a conference with quality programming at a low cost to agencies/ participants
- \* Provide a venue for the annual Association business meeting
- \* Awards recognition of staff that show exemplary service to the field
- \* Connect resources/vendors with agencies to meet their needs and include an excellent opportunity for sponsorships as well as the popular resource fair venue

# MCA Monthly Training

## January 2018

### **Domestic Violence: Victimization from Behind Bars**

**Presenter: Lori Korts, Victim Services & Restorative Justice Program Supervisor with the MN DOC**

The presentation highlighted the increase of the incarcerated population that is identified as having a Qualified Domestic Violence Related Offenses, both active and in their history. As the population has increased, so have the reports of unwanted contact and continued victimization from within the prison. This presentation talked about the methods and tactics utilized by offender to continue to control, harass and victimize while they are incarcerated.





# LEGISLATIVE NEWS!!

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

## Save the Date!



April 5th

8 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

State Capitol

L 'Etoile du Nord Vault Room.

## Capitol Day



# Juvenile Justice Committee

Jane Schmid  
MCA JJC Chair

Hello MCA Members,

MCA Juvenile Justice Committee (JJC) is comprised of a wonderful group of professionals who are dedicated toward making Juvenile Justice in Minnesota a strong passion and priority for improving services to our youth and families. Meetings are held monthly, every 2nd Thursday of the month from 10-11:30am at the DOC Central Office.

Key issues and activities for JJC monthly meetings consist of legislative reviews/updates, review/discussion progress of JJ21 Project, Trainings/Upcoming Events, and discussion of future projects/direction for JJC in 2018.

JJ21 has been a main focus for JJC since 2014, when MCA, with the assistance of Mark Haase, undertook the project through a grant funded by Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act managed through the MN Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee. The direction for JJ21 began by involving and convening juvenile justice stakeholders throughout MN in order to identify a unified vision for the future of juvenile justice in MN. Thus far, the project, through a literature review, 11 forums throughout the state, and a comprehensive survey, brought over 450 juvenile justice professionals together to help create a report and recommendations for changes to Minnesota's juvenile delinquency policies and practices. In Dec. 2016, a forum was held addressing two of the six identified needs in MN Juvenile Justice; Mental Health and Systems Collaboration (Crossover Youth). As a result, a JJ21 Tool Kit for Mental Health and Collaboration was created. The future goal for this project hopes to address a data advisory site for Juvenile Justice in MN. This site would be a working data site accessible by any professional in the state seeking information or wishing to share valuable input on juvenile issues, including EBP national practice reform.

I genuinely want to thank all of our MCA JJC members for their passion and dedication to improving juvenile justice in Minnesota!



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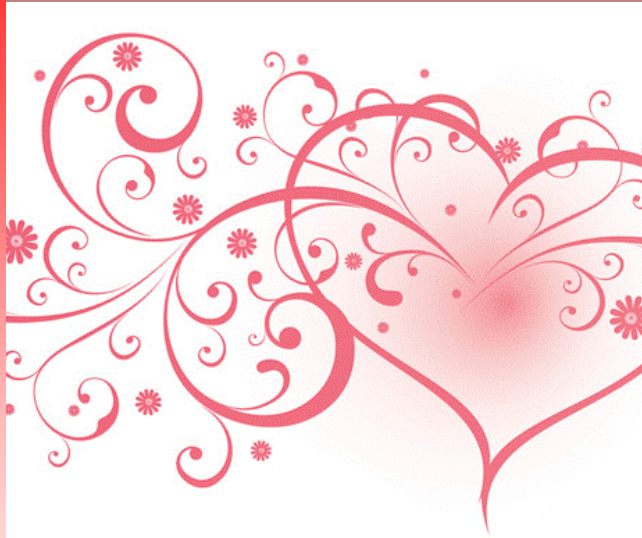
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- **Emergency legal advocacy** such as assistance in filing for Orders for Protection or Harassment Restraining Orders, assistance with filing modifications, extensions or dismissals of these orders, development of a safety plan, accompaniment to related court hearings, and mandatory child abuse reporting.
- **Criminal justice advocacy** such as informing victims of their rights, support during law enforcement investigations and statements, attendance at court hearings with or on behalf of a client, updating clients after a court hearing with results, educating clients on the criminal process, attendance at meetings with the prosecuting attorney, trial preparation, assistance with filing for restitution and preparing a victim impact statement.
- **Emergency safe housing** including transportation, food, clothing and personal items for victims who qualify for short-term (up to 7 days) emergency housing.
- **Referrals to domestic violence shelters**, assistance with setting up a shelter placement and transportation to shelters.
- **Financial information** including assistance with applying for the Minnesota Crime Victims Reparations program and emergency funds through our program as available.
- **Emergency crisis services**, such as lock changes, food, gas, clothing, personal care items, or other such items when available.
- **Offender status and notification** of both county jail and prison inmates.



# **Student Services Committee**

**Greetings to all our MCA members,**

**I would like to take this time to thank all of our student members of MCA. MCA and the Student Services Committee recognize the importance of students to the future of corrections.**

**One of our primary objectives for the Student Services Committee in 2018 is to increase student membership in MCA and at the same time educate students around the state about MCA benefits and the opportunities for students to do corrections related job shadowing and internships with corrections personnel around the state. We also want to assist students in their job search opportunities with the MN DOC and the individual counties.**

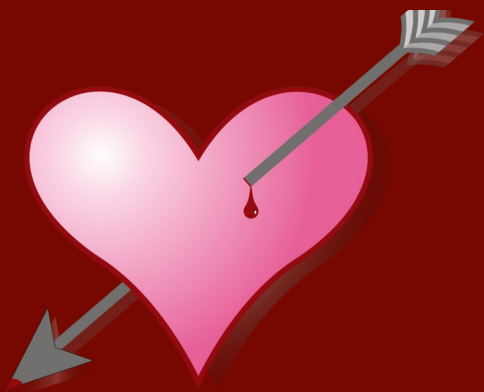
**The Student Services Committee is working with student representatives of the Criminal Justice Association at Riverland Community College in Austin, MN to plan a presentation by Student Services Committee members to discuss the benefits of MCA memberships and educate students on corrections job shadowing, internship, and job opportunities with the MN DOC and the individual counties.**

**We are also working with Minnesota State University to set up a career fair presentation to students involved in the criminal justice.**

**Thanks and have a great day,**

**Lloyd Grachek-Chairperson MCA Student Services Committee  
Corrections Security Caseworker/Career  
Minnesota Department of Corrections/Stillwater**





# Education and Training Spring Training Update

## **MCA Spring Workshop**

## **Females in the Military**

## **We are NOT Invisible**

- ⇒ **Female veterans and their experience as military personnel and as civilians.**
- ⇒ **Resources available to female veterans who may experience issues upon return to civilian life.**

**Location: Willmar Conference Center**

**Date: March 22nd from 9 a.m.—4 p.m.**

**\*Registration and Exhibitor Resource Fair opens at 8:30 a.m.**

# COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee is in the process of working with an outside source to update MCA's website.

Once updated, we will begin the process of streamlining information submitted by our organization's committees and members. This will allow us to have more information on our website and eliminate the current version of the Forum.

## MCA FEBRUARY WORKSHOP

**Friday, February 16th**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

**DOC Central Office**

**1450 Energy Park Drive - St. Paul**

### UNTOUCHABLE DOCUMENTARY & PANEL

Untouchable: a documentary that ventures into one of the most difficult and emotional criminal justice issues of our time, the registration and restriction of sex offenders. It is an eye-opening and powerful piece of work that compels us to look at both sides of a controversial fence. The film is a fascinating look into how laws are created with the best of intentions, but enforced in problematic and sometimes destructive ways. "A brave film... that forces us to think hard about our preconceptions"—Melanie Votaw. Following the showing of the film there will be a panel and participant discussion, registry restrictions, current monitoring and registration issues, transitions, and the impact of the work we do.



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