



Eastern MRA Chapter Newsletter

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HUGE thanks to each of you who joined us at the Forrest Park Boat House for our last Mixer! Mark your calendars for our upcoming Mixer / FUNd-raiser **January 26, 2012 from 4-8pm at Chevy's Fresh Mex Olivette**. It's a great opportunity to network and learn about the benefits of joining the Eastern Chapter of MRA!



Register Now For Our 3rd Annual MRA Trivia Night!!!



WHEN: Saturday, February 25, 2010
Doors open at 6:30pm and Trivia starts at 7pm


WHERE: GSLAD—2190 Creve Coeur Mill Rd.
Maryland Heights, MO 63034

WHO: YOU! Bring Friends, Family, Co-Workers in a team of 8


WHAT: Eat, Drink, and Think—TRIVIA! Fun games and raffles too!

WHY: Proceeds benefit the Eastern Chapter of the MRA and Maryville University Rehabilitation Counseling Megan Piontek Scholarship Fund

HOW: Registration Form on **Page two of Newsletter**—Sign up today!



Contact Becky at: Rebecca.Miles@va.gov
Or call Becky at 314-605-2798



MRA's 7 Core Values:

◆All People◆ ◆Professionals in Rehabilitation◆ ◆Visionary Leadership◆

◆Advocacy◆ ◆Responsible Resource Management◆

◆Personal & Professional Enrichment◆ ◆Relationships Built on Trust & Integrity◆



MRA'S
3RD ANNUAL
Triva Night

Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)
GSLAD, 2190 Creve Coeur Mill Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63034

Business/Individual Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please list team members below

- I would like to register me for this event (\$25) 1. _____
- I would like to register 2 people for this event (\$50) 2. _____
- I would like to register 3 people for this event (\$75) 3. _____
- I would like to register 4 people for this event (\$100) 4. _____
- I would like to register 5 people for this event (\$125) 5. _____
- I would like to register 6 people for this event (\$150) 6. _____
- I would like to register 7 people for this event (\$175) 7. _____
- I would like to register 8 people for this event (\$200) 8. _____

Sponsorship

- Gold (\$500) - allows table, signage at event, table sponsorship and round sponsor
- Silver (\$ 250) – table and round sponsor
- Mulligan (\$100) – logo will be printed on 25 mulligan's, (only 3 sponsorships available)
- Round of trivia (\$50)

Payment Information

Make Check payable to MRA Credit Card (MasterCard, Visa, Discover)

Credit Card Type: MasterCard Visa Discover

Credit Card Number: _____ 3-digit Security Code: _____

Name as it appears on Card _____

Expiration Date: _____ Total Amount Authorized: _____

Please mail this form and payment to: Becky Miles, #1 Jefferson Barracks Dr. 1W22-01-JB, St. Louis, MO 63125

Questions? Call Becky Miles at 314-605-2798

ISSUES IMPACTING LICENSURE FOR REHABILITATION COUNSELORS

For those who are attending or graduated from a Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) accredited program there are two issues regarding licensure on the horizon. One issue concerns individuals who are not yet licensed and the number of graduate credit hours needed to be eligible to sit for the licensure exam. The second change deals with individuals who are already licensed and providing services within a rehabilitation counselor's scope of practice.

Missouri has begun discussions to increase the number of graduate credit hours needed to sit for licensure to 60 (currently 48 hours is required). Missouri is one of a few states requiring 48 credit hours and the move to 60 credit hours, in part, is to ensure licensed Missouri counselors will not be at a disadvantage in seeking employment in states requiring 60 credit hours. Once the change is approved it will be another three years before individuals seeking licensure will need 60 credit hours. For more information regarding counselor licensure contact:

Ms. Loree Kessler (at profcounselor@pr.mo.gov or <http://www.nbcc.org/StateLicensure>).

The second issue centers on licensed rehabilitation counselors who graduated from a CORE accredited program. Currently the Veterans Administration is only hiring licensed counselors from Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) programs to provide mental health and substance abuse counseling. This decision prohibits licensed rehabilitation counselors from providing services within their scope of practice. In addition, Ohio has petitioned to only license individuals who graduated from CACREP programs (other states are also considering changing licensure requirements). These decisions potentially can greatly impact service provision of qualified rehabilitation counselors. Currently multiple rehabilitation organizations are collaborating to develop an action plan to ensure there is parity between all licensed counselors. For additional information see:

http://www.arcaweb.org/wp-content/uploads/ARCA_letter_to_CORE_Board_October_2011.pdf.

How Can I Get Involved in MRA?

Great question! Good news— 50% match of the membership dues being offered to first time MRA members. Scholarship applications should be completed in their entirety and submitted to the address listed below. Join today, and get all of the benefits of your MRA membership tomorrow!

MRA New Member Scholarship Application

To encourage new membership, MRA has decided to match 50% of the cost of membership for **FIRST TIME** MRA members. The matching dollars come from the Eastern Chapter New Membership Fund.

To receive your rebate of 50% of membership dues (\$66.00 of the \$132.00 individual membership rate in 2010 or \$21.00 of the \$42.00 student rate) you must be a new member joining for the first time, or be a former member who has not been a member for any of the past five years. Please complete and sign below and attach proof of payment of membership dues: e.g. copy of cancelled check, membership card, or membership certificate and mail to:

**Maureen Hentz
Missouri Rehabilitation Association
3737 Harry S. Truman Blvd, Ste. 400
St. Charles, Missouri 63301**

I _____ certify that I am a new member of the

National Rehabilitation Association (2012) and have recently paid my dues in the amount of \$ _____ (please attach documentation).

Signature Date

Please mail my rebate check to:

Address: _____

A rebate check will be mailed to you.



MRA Eastern Chapter 2012 Calendar of Events

Board Meetings are Open for All to Attend



- o Jan. 9, 11:30am-board meeting at St. Louis ARC
- o Jan. 26, 4pm to 8pm-Mixer and Fundraiser at Chevy's Fresh Mex Olivette
- o Feb. 15, 6:30pm- board meeting at Maryville University
- o Feb. 25, 7pm Trivia Night @ GSLAD
- o March 12, 11:30am-conference call board meeting
- o Mid-March, Megan Pointek Volleyball Tournament
- o April 3-MRA Educational Training-Topic ETHICS @ Powder Valley
- o May 4-MRA Awards Banquet
- o May 14, 11:30am-board meeting at West VR office
- o June 3-5-MRA Conference—Tan-Tara Resort—Lake of the Ozarks
- o Late June/Early July-BBQ & putt-putt golf tournament
- o July 9, 11:30am-board meeting at St. Charles VR
- o Aug. 13, 11:30am-conference call board meeting
- o Aug-educational training on Assistive Technologies-date/time TBD
- o Sept. 10, 11:30am-board meeting at United Access
- o Sep/Oct-MRA mixer and fundraiser
- o Oct. 15, 11:30am –conference call board meeting
- o Nov. 8, 6:30pm-board meeting at Maryville University
- o Dec. 10, 11:30am-board meeting at St. Louis ARC

Mark Your Calendars!



THE NEXT BIG STEP—Starkloff Disability Institute

We are a Nation in which 2/3 of the working age population is employed, but only 1/3 of working age people with disabilities have jobs.

The Starkloff Disability Institute (SDI) observes two great causes of this disparity –

- ~First, many employers and fellow workers prejudice that a person with a disability cannot do a particular job.
- ~Second, the experiences and knowledge of people who have disabilities and those who do not are so separate that effective and productive communication cannot be accomplished without guided evaluation and training.

SDI has a program called The Next Big Step in which it has partnered with “Role Model Companies” and “Partner Organizations” to help the Role Model Companies find disabled job candidates through Partner Organizations whom they can hire, retain, and promote. Some of the below Companies have already partnered with the SDI to see The Next Big Step be taken. Will you take a step in the right direction to become a part of something bigger?

Visit: http://starkloff.org/s/?page_id=416 to learn more about this exciting program happening in your area!





VARIOUS RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYMENT SEARCHES:

www.ajb.org

www.opm.gov

www.disaboomjobs.com

www.espan.com

www.greathires.com

www.careercity.com

www.bestjobsusa.com

www.taonline.com

www.jobwarehouse.com

www.thingamajob.com

www.eop.com

www.careerweb.com

www.jobfactory.com

www.workinstlouis.com

www.nationjob.com



Eastern Chapter MRA Training

CALL FOR EDUCATIONAL COMPONENTS TO BE OFFERED BY MRA:

Some of the recent suggestions have been:

Substance Abuse

TBI/Concussion Specializations

Mental Health & Wellness

The Balancing Act of Self-Care Work / Home Life

What other educational opportunities would you like to see MRA offer?

Do you know an educator/speaker who could present on these topics?

Please contact Mary or Erin with suggestions for MRA trainings and speakers!

Mary Sauer via email: msauer@unitedaccess.com

Erin Seltzer via email at: seltzer@arcamidwest.com

TOP REASONS TO JOIN THE MISSOURI REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, EASTERN CHAPTER

Affordable, multiple, and varied opportunities to earn continuing education credits.

Networking with other professionals toward "best practices" in the professions.

Mixers, Fundraisers, Networking Events, Trainings & Educational Components

Leadership development and skill building:

Join a committee.

Seek leadership roles on the local, state, regional or national level.

Present at the state, regional, and national conferences.

Publish in the *Journal of Rehabilitation*.

Be recognized through the MRA Awards program.

Be a mentor or be a mentee.

A Governmental Affairs Committee that provides current and accurate advocacy and legislative updates relating to rehabilitation.

The *Eastern MRA Chapter Newsletter*— a Quarterly Newsletter.

Resources, Success Stories from your area, timely information for the Rehabilitation Community, upcoming events, and general membership news.

The perception by public and private employers, non-profits organizations, insurers, and the general public of MRA membership as a mark of excellence.

Participation in community service activities that build good will toward the rehabilitation professions as a whole.



Missouri Rehabilitation Association Annual Training Conference 2012

Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri

June 3, 4, and 5, 2012

Call for Presentations

The Missouri Rehabilitation Association invites your participation in their Annual Training Conference. All interested individuals, facilities, agencies and organizations including members and non-members are invited to submit proposals for concurrent sessions. Presentations will be reviewed and selected by the Program Committee based on their contribution to a well-balanced program of interest to members of MRA.

Examples of topics include but are not limited to: job placement, ethics, assistive technology, medical and psychological aspects of disability, ethics and social media, leadership, business development, technological advances, rehabilitation in industry, governmental affairs, school-to-work transition, employment training and education.



Contact **Barbara Myers**, 243 NW Executive Way, Lee's Summit, MO 64063 or via email at: b_e_myers@yahoo.com for Presentation Application Information.

We can't wait to see you June 3—5 2012 for the Annual Training Conference!

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