

Spring 2013

THE COUNCILOR

■ FLORIDA COUNCIL on CRIME and DELINQUENCY ■



*Spring
IS IN THE
Air!*

SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- President's Message
- Local Chapter News
- Voting Procedures

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is in the air. The birds are chirping, the sun is shining, the azaleas and dogwoods are in bloom. It is a lovely time of year.

Thank you all for your participation at the Second Quarterly Board Meeting at the beautiful Holiday Inn Harbourside, Indian Rocks Beach, Florida. It was a wonderful time and a great success. We took care of our FCCD business, donated items to the "Haven" Domestic Violence Shelter of Pinellas County, held a Wedding Shower for Karen and Tony, and we "networked".

You all have accomplished so much. The reports and stories from the last two Board Meetings are proof of that. You are the key ingredient of what makes this such a great organization. Because of all the time, energy and dedication you give in your communities, you give hope to others that may think there is very little for them to hope for.

At the beginning of the year, at the last quarterly board meeting, and again, now, I ask that all Chapters submit a notebook containing information regarding all the documents necessary for obtaining Chapter Effectiveness, regardless of whether or not you believe your chapter will meet that goal. These are some tough economic times right now, for everyone and you may be finding it difficult to achieve all that you have set out to do. However, I believe that when you have prepared your notebook (hopefully you are well into the process by now), you will see what great things you have achieved and accomplished this year. I look forward to seeing your books and reviewing the materials you have put in them. "If you think you can do a thing, or you think you can't do a thing, you're right." – Henry Ford

This issue of *The Councilor* contains important information regarding voting for our next State Board Secretary. Please take time to review the message from the Nominating Committee Chair, Immediate Past President Jim King, the Bios from the candidates, and the instructions regarding the voting procedures.

In addition to planning for the Annual Training Institute, we are preparing for our Third Quarterly Board Meeting, scheduled for May 31 – June 1, 2013, at the lovely Shores Resort and Spa, Daytona Beach Shores, Florida. If you have not already done so, please make your reservations by calling (866) 934-7467. The cutoff date for making reservations is May 9, 2013. Be sure you identify yourself as a member of Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Board Meeting. A credit card for guarantee only will be required. Should you fail to show up, one night's room and tax will be charged to the credit card on file.

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and ask that you please keep our troops and our families and friends that are going through difficult times in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you all for your continued support of FCCD.



May God Bless and keep you all,

S. Merrell Colchiski

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LOCAL CHAPTER NEWS

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Chapter 1

Focus on Community Service

By Tim Strickland, Chapter President

Regardless of reasons Chapter 1 covering Hillsborough County is working on rebuilding the chapter after a couple of years of decreasing membership and lack of activity. The new Chapter Board has chosen to focus on serving others to help remind members, and future members, that we are usually happier when we choose to serve others. Prior to the official election of the new chapter board, Acting Chapter President Tim Strickland set the tone for the chapter to be a chapter to serve others.

The first service the chapter worked on was having members working in registration for, event workers at and runners for the 18th Annual Tampa Police Memorial Run that was held on October 13, 2012. The 19th Annual Memorial Run is currently scheduled for Saturday October 12, 2013 and Chapter 1 will again stand and run for those who have fallen.

November brought more opportunity to serve. Members from DC, DJJ and the Parole Commission gathered food donations partnering with Metropolitan Ministries. The 3 week collection period lead to FCCD donating just under 500 pounds of food to assist Metropolitan Ministries in feeding the homeless.

Also in November members collected items for building Thanksgiving baskets for families with children who were identified by school counselors in numerous elementary, middle and high schools who would need assistance for Thanksgiving. Working with a local church, 75 complete baskets



were delivered to those families that without this service would not have had a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

December brought more opportunities for serving those in need. Chapter 1 adopted a 2nd grade class from a school in the southern part of the county which has a high population of migrant worker children. Chapter 1 collected gifts and food to provide the class holiday party. The children loved the gifts and food. One girl did not want to open the gifts in class so she could take them home to have some presents under the tree. Also in December the chapter partnered with another Church to collect hygiene items to be placed in "Bags of Hope" to be able to provide homeless persons with basic essentials for personal hygiene. Over 150 bags were filled to help those who virtually have absolutely nothing.

The first few months of the newly organized chapter was filled with service to others. While the membership numbers are small the chapter board hopes that through serving others members will have a better appreciation for what they have and see the benefit of bringing their passion for their cause to FCCD where they will find others who want to reach out their hands to help others. It is our hope that Chapter 1 membership grows in service to others. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Come join us and find yourself.

Chapter 2

Liberal in Giving

Webster's Dictionary defines the word "generous" as one being "liberal in giving" (2013) and Chapter 2 members are wonderful examples of the word being put into action. In November alone members helped raise over \$1,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society during the Light the Night Walk and donated both food and money to provide Thanksgiving meals to 28 families. December was just as busy bringing joy to both the young and the old. Members, through the Senior Angel Tree, provided special gifts to residents of our local nursing homes. The children of the Guardian ad



Litem program received new toys and \$1,000 in Wal-Mart gift cards to help make the holiday season a bit brighter.

To help our elderly during the cold weather, we also collected socks and blankets that were distributed to the elderly in our local community with the help of the Elder Affairs Office in December and in January coats and sweaters were donated to the children in the Guardian ad Litem Program.

Along the way we provided

Holiday Personal Safety Training, an informational meeting about the Guardian ad Litem Program, and raised funds with a silent auction and a Soup and Chili Luncheon.

In retrospect, perhaps I should have said Chapter II members epitomize the words "generous" as well as "busy" because the last several months have seen our members show their care and concern for each other and the community at large through word and action. And trust me when I say there are lots more events planned over the upcoming three months!

Chapter 4

Assisting Others Makes Us Feel Good

By Chapter 4 President, Jill Holness



Since the publication of our last newsletter, Chapter 4 has maintained our commitment to helping others in the community. In December we assisted the Salvation Army by collecting and donating boxes full of toys for needy children. We also held a donation drive for AVDA (Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse). We collected clothes, household goods and furniture to benefit the women in the domestic violence shelter. The furniture and televisions were sold at the Habitat Restores, and the money was used for the AVDA shelter. We held a drawing for a \$100 Walmart gift card, and Lawrence Young was the lucky winner.

Donated Toys

Our holiday door decorating contest was a fun and competitive event. In the holiday spirit, our judge Rose Witkowski selected the door decorated by Tawana Hankerson Young as the winner. Our chapter donated the \$25 Red Lobster gift card prize.

January was also a busy month. We held a newspaper drive for the Faith Farm Ministries. They use the newspapers to wrap dishes and other goods that are purchased in their stores. The newspapers save them money by not having to purchase wrapping supplies. They are in the process of trying to raise 1.5 million dollars to replace the bridge that accesses their Boynton Beach location. Our chapter donated two large bags of pine cones to the Boynton Beach Library for use in their youth craft projects.

They are currently requesting craft supplies to use for other projects. Please see one of our board members if you have any supplies that you would like to donate to this great cause. We sent hundreds of greeting card fronts to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The ranch is for abused and neglected children. The children make new cards using the card fronts and they are sold online and in their gift shop. In January some of our members volunteered for the Cruisin' for Crime Stoppers event in Palm Beach County. Over 500 motorcycles and 700 participants attended the event, which raised over \$10,000. The money that is raised becomes the rewards that Crime Stoppers offers to help solve crimes.



We are looking forward to attending the 84th Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute that will be held at the Loews Portofino Bay Hotel in Orlando, Florida in August. The training institute offers a lot of diverse training opportunities and gives our members a chance to network with other professionals from across the state.

Chapter 5

Christmas in Chapter 5

By Suzanne McRee

Chapter V FCCD teamed up with the Starke and Lake Butler Head Start programs as well as the 8th judicial circuit Guardian ad Litem, to help make sure that community children had Christmas gifts this holiday season.

Department of Corrections staff in the Chapter V area along with staff from the Bradford County Sheriff's Office sponsored children, whose names were provided by the Head Start agencies and Guardian ad Litem. Those staff were given the

gender and age of the child and, in some cases, a "wish list" item – the rest was up to the employee. The generosity demonstrated by those staff resulted in over 185 children being able to experience the spirit of Christmas.



On a personal note, I have participated in the Guardian ad Litem gift program for several years, but never had any idea of the number of children, or the generosity of staff. Our agency had the opportunity to sponsor 185 children – the most children that we have ever had! Knowing that staff are hard pressed and many unsure as to their current job status, I was moved to see that many of those with the least provided the most demonstrating that people do truly give out of the goodness of their heart.

So many staff shared personal stories of how much they enjoyed shopping for their child, even though they did not know the child's identity, but one summarized it most eloquently: "These children are our future, and what better way to fill them with



hope and encouragement than by being a positive influence in their lives."

Plan B Training

By Steve Klein, Colonel

I had the opportunity to attend Chapter 5 training on February 22, 2013 at RMC. The training was Plan B, conducted by Officer William Brewer from Columbia Annex. Officer Brewer was brutally attacked at Columbia by the same inmate that killed Sgt. Ruben Thomas and has great insight into staff safety issues.

Officer Brewers Plan B training was very relevant and informative.

He has been attending all the BRT classes and providing the training. This is excellent training especially for new recruits, however even seasoned veterans can benefit. One of our worst enemies in the Corrections business is complacency. Through the Plan B training, you

are able to take an honest look at the way you do things and make adjustments to ensure that you and your fellow workers have the best opportunity to go home safe at the end of each day. The training is also beneficial in your personal life away from work.

If you have the opportunity to attend this training I encourage

you to do so. If you are a Chapter President and are looking for a very good training for your local Chapter, contact Officer Brewer at Columbia C.I.

PLAN B



Polar Plunge - Special Olympics

By Christina Crews



On February 2, 2013 FCCD Chapter 5 members, along with 1,000 other brave souls, participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge 2013. On what we in Florida call a cold snap, February 2nd was an historical event for Special Olympics Florida.

Chapter 5 members and other Department of Correction's staff jumped in side by side with Special Olympics Florida athletes in a record breaking plunge – 1,000 plungers strong! With that in mind – we want to take a moment and say thank you to the following plungers; Terrasa Wood, CPOF Florida Rep., Christina Crews, Classification Officer RMC, Steve Klein, Colonel RMC, Lisa Klein, retired DOC, James Freeman, Warden Madison and their families.



Pictured Left to Right Terrasa Wood CPOF Florida Rep, Carrie Crews, Chase Wood, Stephanie Wood, Christian Crews, Christina Crews Classification Officer RMC, Colonel Steve Klein RMC, Lisa Klein Retired DOC.

Because of your dedication, and those that help support you, thousands of athletes with an intellectual or developmental disability will be able to reveal their true champion inside through sports training and competition.

"Only by giving of yourself can you change the world."

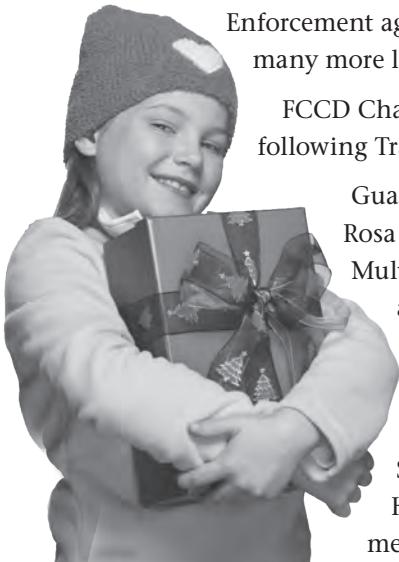


Chapter 6

Making a Difference

By Kraig R. Carter

FCCD Chapter VI is continuing to embark upon opportunities to make a positive difference in our community. We have accomplished a lot of goals such as the Food Drive, the Christmas Toy Drive, sponsoring luncheons/activities with the presence of our local Correctional Facilities and Law Enforcement agencies, and participation in many more local activities.



FCCD Chapter VI has sponsored the following Training:

Guardian ad Litem at Santa Rosa CI and Supervising the Multi-Generational Workforce at Century CI.

Chapter VI also donated monies to various organizations such as the Special Olympics and Favor House. It was a pleasure to meet other FCCD members

across the state while attending the quarterly board meetings and at the Annual Institute.

Many new members joined FCCD, and it has been great to see the new members getting involved. We are planning a FCCD fun day this summer, and our Distinguished Service Awards Luncheon is planned for June 2013.

Recognizing that there is much work to do in the Criminal Justice arena, gives FCCD members the opportunity to work on various committees and to serve as catalyst for positive change. We have some awesome members in Chapter VI, who have been doing just that — working and serving! Our membership is continuing to increase, and we are looking forward to making a positive difference within the counties that we serve: Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton!

Needless to say, we are very proud to be a part of the family of FCCD members. It is a great privilege to be a part of FCCD Chapter VI!

Chapter 7

Seniors First Paint Project

By Karen Colon



On June 2nd and again on Nov. 2nd, Chapter 7 painted houses for Seniors First in Richmond Heights.

The residents were so thankful for our assistance that together we all cheered for the great job that was accomplished to beautify their neighborhood. You can see the pictures of the participants and the fun we have while serving others. Several high school and middle school students came to earn community service hours. Students use the community service hours for bright future credit, Girl Scout silver and gold

awards, and civitan and key clubs. Our next proposed project will be in March before it gets too hot. Please come out and join us for a rewarding experience.



Chapter 8

Chapter 8....FUNdraising Miami Style!!!!

By Tammy Marcus, President



With the conference in Orlando just five months away, our chapter is on a mission to raise funds to help send as many members to the Annual Institute.

Chapter 8 is selling coffee and snacks on a daily basis. In addition, each month we make waffles, muffins, brownies, cookies or cupcakes to sell. Our resident bakers at the Probation Nation office in Miami are Dawn DiNatale (CPSS at 11-1) and Tammy Marcus (CPS at 11-7). We are always making or baking something here in South Florida so if you are in the area...stop by for some homemade goodies! It's for a great cause and we appreciate everyone's support!

Chapter 9

Covering Duval, Nassau and Clay

By Art Gormley

Chapter 9 has committed to a couple of interesting projects at this time. First, we are building a clothes closet for the local DJJ office. One of the local DJJ Counselors noted that a number of the kids she supervised were wearing clothes that were starting to wear out. She took it upon herself to contact local business and received donations of clothing for the kids and their family members. It was soon realized that she had received a great deal of clothing and needed someway to store them. Our Chapter Secretary, Janice Flatley suggested to our chapter that we could assist in this effort by building shelves and hanging areas in one of the DJJ Storage closets. The Chapter agreed and began collecting wood and materials to complete the closet. We have collected enough material to build the closet and now are proceeding with the project. Those volunteering for this project are: Janice Flatley, Karen McNeal, Terry Bowens, Wayne Bobola, Jamie Walker and Art Gormley.

Second, we assisted First Florida Credit Union with their "Kids Day" project. It was a lot of fun

and a lot of families participated. The local Fire Department was there and gave out hats for the kids who got to check out the fire truck. A local radio station was present. Also there was a picture-taking and finger-printing booth for the kids. Face painting was a big hit, as was the food (I think I ate too much).

Florida Highway Patrol was present and showed what happens if your car turned over and you were not wearing a seat belt. BUCKLE UP everyone! The hit of the day was a local shelter dog looking for a home. Everyone stopped by at least once to admire him, and if I didn't already have two at home, I would have taken him with me.



Chapter 10

FCCD Chapter 10

By Scott Scheinhaus, Chapter Historian

Chapter 10 continues to make strides in the community as it looks forward to the 84th Annual Criminal Justice Training Institute at the Lowes Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal Orlando.

Our community service campaign has included:

- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk of Palm Beach
- Back to School Supply Drive for Palm Beach County
- Leukemia & Lymphoma Light the Night Walk
- Foods for Families Thanksgiving Drive
- The United States Marie Corps Toys for Tots Drive.

Chapter 10 has also adopted a local inter-city Cub Scout Troop and is providing volunteer hours as well as financial assistance to this worthwhile cause.

We have recently seen our membership increase by over 20% and are networking with other criminal justice agencies within our area to increase our membership further.

We are planning our local annual awards/training banquet and membership drive in April and have several fundraisers underway, with more planned as we enter our peak season in Palm Beach County. We have found many opportunities for fundraising in tourism areas such as ours, especially during the height of the season.

Upcoming fundraising events include:

- The Palm Beach County Boat Show
- The Delray Affair (Arts/Crafts/Food Festival)
- Sunfest (Arts/ Crafts/Food/Concert Festival)
- Fourth on Flagler (Fourth of July fireworks display on the Intracoastal Waterway) in West Palm Beach.

Chapter 10 will be sponsoring two additional training events this year including a presentation by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office on Identity Theft and co-sponsorship of a Circuit wide training on Evidence Based Principles in Community Corrections.

Chapter 12

Giving Back through Community Service

By Yasmin Swearengin

Many people find their calling through singing in the choir, preaching the word of God to others or even serving their community in some way. I have always wondered what my calling was. When I was nominated for president elect of chapter 12 I had no idea what I was getting myself into, but found out fairly quickly in June of 2012 when my presidency began.

Our focus for community service here in chapter 12 began with the twelve month awareness calendar. The month of November was adoption awareness month and chapter 12 decided that we would adopt

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soldiers who were serving our country and send them care packages.

We had such an overwhelming response that we ended up having a little over 50 soldiers adopted and what we called a tower of love made of boxes filled with all types of goodies to send our soldiers. This is when I realized my calling; I had acquired a gift from God to help others and was enlightened by this only when I received thank you letters, emails, messages and even pictures of gratitude from our soldiers. They were so appreciative and grateful. I'd like

to share a picture I received from 25 of these wonderful guys.

In late fall 2009, the 173rd ABCT began its third deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom X. Most recently, in June 2012, the 173rd ABCT began its fourth deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

These are the Soldiers that we have supported through your generosity. THANK YOU!!

Because we didn't want our packages to go to just any soldier we reached out to our FCCD, Chapter 12, family and in addition to the 25

guys above we sent packages to Colton Maclunny, a soldier we met through Warden Eduardo Rivero, a former Navy man himself.

This young man is taking care of



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trauma victims from IEDs, firefights and accidents on American and NATO/ISAF, Afghan forces as well as local civilian Afghans. Our last packages went to detachment two, 4th supply battalion in Albany, Georgia whose names we received from Sergeant Darren Moore of Polk CI, who served with them previously as a United States Marine. I want to thank everyone who helped make this project such a special one and who continues to support Chapter 12 in all their efforts!



Chapter 17

Polar Plunge

On Saturday, February 2, 2013, Tomoka Correctional Institution, FCCD Chapter 17 and Probation and Parole Circuit 7 joined together to participate in the 4th Annual Polar Plunge at Aquatica in Orlando. The day started off at a brisk 41 degrees! This year, the team theme was "Solar Bears", polar bears visiting the beach. Team members dressed in white sweats, complete with

bear ears. The lady polar bears came wearing bright swim wear over their suits while the guys wore either swim trunks or Hawaiian shirts. The outfits would not have been complete without the black

noses and oversized sunglasses to keep the rays out!

The team gathered for photos and spent the morning participating in the various activities at the park. We learned that several of our "bears" are quite up on the current dances! Many family members were in attendance and this turned into a real family event.

Even though everyone had a lot of fun, the purpose of the event was to raise money for the Special Olympics. The team worked really hard this year raising money. They participated in bake sales, office collections, candy gram sales, an Ugly Woman Contest and of course the sale of Polar Plunge Pins for casual Thursdays. Through their efforts, the team was able to raise over \$4100 this year!



As you will be able to see with the photos, we have many great sports and are already looking forward to the 5th Annual Plunge!

Chapter 18

FCCD Chapter 18

By Clydette Kearney



Project Hope of Marion County is an organization that provides housing and life skills training for homeless families. This is the county's only long-term housing for homeless families.

The Project Hope program provides residents with a comprehensive program that teaches them necessary life skills. This collaborative approach to empowerment is the keystone to developing self-sufficiency in the residents.

The steps include

- personal development
- vocational training
- financial training including budgeting
- substance abuse counseling,
- interpersonal skills building
- community involvement
- leisure activities
- independent living skills



Chapter 18 is committed to making a difference and helping homeless families in our area get back on their feet.

This organization is in need of various items to assist with their mission. Please consider donating the following items:

- kitchenware
- household items (toilet paper, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, paper towels)
- non perishable food items
- women's and children's clothing
- toys

Chapter 24

Chapter 24 Supports Local Kids



FCCD Chapter 24 recently sponsored a fundraiser using two jewelry boxes. Each box was handmade of the finest Virginian Oak, Cedar and Cypress wood with intricate details. All proceeds for this event went to the local Guardian Ad Litem and Toys for Tots Campaign. The drawing, which took place on February 14th was just another way Chapter 24 gives back to the local community.

Chapter 27

Honoring Everyday

By Linda Brooks

Do you know someone who keeps plastic covers on their couch in order to protect it? This is an example of our tendency to try to save things for special occasions, as if everyday life weren't special enough to warrant the use of nice things.

There is something uplifting about treating ourselves to the finest of what we have. It is as if we rise to the occasion when we wear our best clothes and set the table beautifully, as if for a very special guest. Using the good china, eating in the dining room, and taking the plastic off the sofa might be an invitation to be more conscious of the beauty and blessings in our everyday lives.

Know that Life is a journey. So enjoy every day! Sometimes it can feel like a long road trip. So be sure to travel with passengers going in the same direction. Along the road you can experience a

mixed bag of blessings, u-turns, pot holes, changing scenery and many stops to re-fuel your tank. Be sure to keep your vehicle (your body) in good shape and try not to look in the rear view mirror too much (your past). Keep your eyes on the road ... the best is yet to come!

If there are things you've stashed away for a special occasion consider taking them out of their hiding places and putting them to use ASAP. Celebrate and enjoy what you have now and in the words of my one of my favorite songs for 2013....GO GET YOUR BLESSING....IT'S YOUR TIME! HONOR EVERYDAY!

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Chapter 30

Volunteer

By Tony Scarpati

People volunteer for a wide variety of reasons; to share a skill, to get to know a community, to do your civic duty or to just keep busy. I do it because it makes me feel good knowing that I helped others.

I never realized how good it made me feel being able to help others in their time of need. So I say to others get out and volunteer any way you can to feel proud in giving back to your community.

In today's trying times a lot of people find themselves in need at some point in their lives. Today you may be the person with the ability to help, but tomorrow you may be the recipient of someone else's volunteer effort.

When I first learned about FCCD and their mission: To the prevention and reduction of crime and delinquency, and to enhance the quality of

justice for all Floridians I felt a strong need to get involved with this great organization. As the Assistant President of Chapter 30 I want to personally thank all of our members who assisted in all of our volunteer efforts to include our golf tournament, raffles, donations to schools, numerous cooking events and our upcoming 5k Run.



Notes from our Chapter Secretary

By Mary Happel

First of all, I would like to thank the members present at the October 15 meeting for having the confidence in me to fill the position of our chapter secretary. I realize that I am filling big shoes from the previous secretary and hope to do the job to everyone's expectations.

I have been involved in FCCD for approximately 7 years and have always been impressed by the members involvement on the local level as well as the state level (this chapter is absolutely no different).

I work for the Pasco Sheriff's Office Detention Center as an administrative secretary in Land O'

Lakes and was a former member of Chapter 13.

This chapter has been very busy since I joined it with events almost every month.

In September, the chapter hosted a very successful golf tournament and we hope to make it an annual event. The tournament was at capacity participation with golfers; many positive comments were heard during the luncheon following golfing which was very encouraging proving that the event was a success.

Our luncheon was enjoyed by all and raffle prizes and the

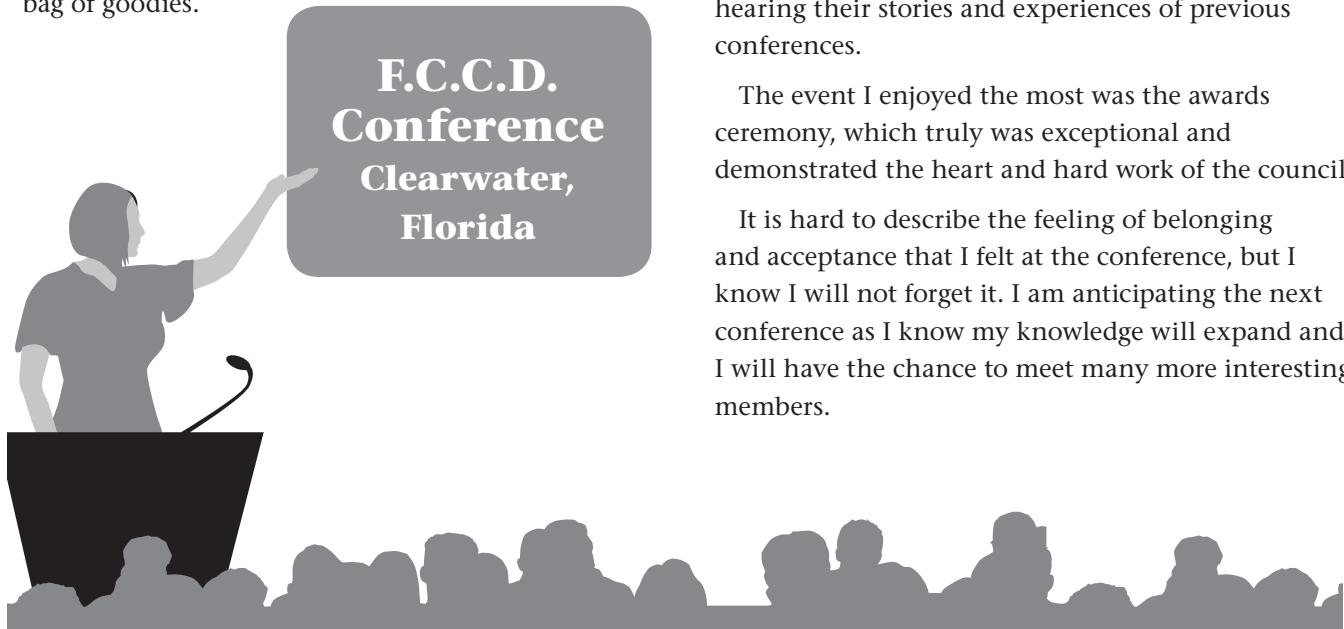
silent auction winners were very enthusiastic. I even won the items I wanted the most in the silent auction (one being a Tampa Bay Rays baseball signed by Carlos Pena).



My First F.C.C.D. Conference

By Sergeant Catherine Gaule

In August of 2012 I attended my first F.C.C.D. conference in beautiful Clearwater Florida. When I arrived at the hotel I was apprehensive, as I did not know what to expect. My apprehension was soon lifted when everyone I saw welcomed me warmly and I was directed to the desk to sign in for my badge and bag of goodies.



I attended many informative classes during the conference; I was impressed by them all. Every class I attended was presented in a fun and engaging fashion by knowledgeable speakers.

I enjoyed meeting members from the broad spectrum of the law enforcement community and hearing their stories and experiences of previous conferences.

The event I enjoyed the most was the awards ceremony, which truly was exceptional and demonstrated the heart and hard work of the council.

It is hard to describe the feeling of belonging and acceptance that I felt at the conference, but I know I will not forget it. I am anticipating the next conference as I know my knowledge will expand and I will have the chance to meet many more interesting members.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

State Past Presidents Meet For Nominations Committee

As directed by our by-laws the Past State Presidents met at the Second Quarterly Board Meeting to review the nominations for the 2013-14 fiscal year. I am pleased to report the following from this year's nominations.

Prior to the Second Quarterly Board Meeting a notice was put out to all Chapter Presidents requesting the individual chapter's nominations for this year's slate of officers. Twenty Chapters submitted nominations.

Prior to the meeting Debbie Kissane reached out to as many Past Presidents as we could contact inviting them to either submit their recommendations via

e-mail or attend the Board Meeting. On the Friday of the meeting the Past Presidents in attendance met and reviewed the slate of proposed officers for next year. Below are the results of that meeting.

Recommended for the position of President Elect is Ms. Karen Colon.

Recommended for the position of State Treasurer is Ms. Gina Giacomo.

We had two individuals nominated for the position of State Secretary. They were Ms. Linda Brooks and Mr. Jim Freeman. The Past presidents reviewed the Chapter Nominations and correspondence from

those unable to attend. Noting that both individuals have given their time and efforts to FCCD over the years and are worthy of the position only one could receive the recommendation. The Past Presidents recommend Ms. Linda Brooks for the position of State Secretary.

During the meeting several other items concerning the election process and conferences were also discussed and those matters were presented to the entire State Board for further review.

While the Nominations Committee has made these recommendations, it in no way stops any individual member from voting for any individual they feel is better qualified for the positions for our next fiscal year.

We also encourage all members to take advantage of the election process by casting your ballot through the electronic voting process when it becomes activated.

In closing may I take the opportunity to say what an honor it has been to serve as chairperson of this committee consisting of some of the best that FCCD has to offer, our Past State Presidents.

Sincerely

Jim King

Immediate Past President

ELECTION PROCEDURES

The Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency has modified its by-laws and articles of incorporation to allow each member an opportunity to vote for the Executive Board without the requirement of attending the Annual Criminal Justice and Training Institute. In order to elevate any additional financial burden to the Council, members who wish to vote for the Executive Board must do so via the internet.

This issue of *The Councilor* provides all the information you will need to cast your vote. On the back cover of the issue you will notice a mailing label. There are three numbers located on the label that you will need to cast your vote online. The numbers are: your membership identification number, your five digit zip code, and a unique verification number as depicted in an example label below.



How to Vote

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3. You can click on a candidate's picture or name to learn more about that candidate.
4. Enter the following information and click submit
 - Member ID
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STATE SECRETARY NOMINEE



Reposition into the Future of FCCD with Linda A. Brooks for State Secretary

Greetings FCCD Members! I am asking for your support and your vote for State Secretary 2013. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve you on the State Board. My vision

Linda A. Brooks in this pursuit is to move FCCD forward as a Progressive Organization that serves the Community and Membership through Training and Public Service Initiatives.

I submit the following for your consideration:

Currently I serve as a Circuit Administrator, for the 5th Circuit, which includes Marion, Lake, Citrus, Hernando and Sumter Counties. I have over 34 years of progressive responsibility in public service experience with the Florida Department of Corrections. Here are a few of my characteristics and accomplishments that, I know would allow me to successfully serve you:

DEDICATION:

- FCCD member for 29 years
- Numerous State Board positions as Chairperson or Committee Member
- Past Chapter President of FCCD Chapter 27
- Past Vice President of FCCD Chapter 27
- Past Secretary of FCCD Chapter 27

LEADERSHIP:

- 25 years of supervisory/management experience.
- Responsible for administering the operations of community supervision programs.
- Responsible for providing re-entry programs and services to over 10,000 offenders.
- Responsible for supervision of 178 staff.
- Responsible for two residential substance abuse treatment programs.

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS:

- Member of the Florida Association of Community Corrections
- Member of the Southern States Corrections Association
- Member of Delta Sigma Theta National Sorority
- Member Florida Peace Officer Association

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS:

- B.S. Degree Criminology, Florida State University
- Certified Public Manager, Florida State University
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement Senior Leadership Program

STATE SECRETARY NOMINEE



Jim Freeman

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Jim graduated from the University of Florida in June, 1983 (BS in Criminal Justice) and began his career as a Unit Treatment and Rehabilitation Specialist F/C at the North Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center. This facility was under the direction of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (renamed Department of Children and Families) and housed individuals that were deemed incompetent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity.

Jim left that agency in 2/85 and began working with the Florida Department of Corrections at the Reception and Medical Center (RMC) as a Human Services Counselor II in the hospital. Jim was promoted to Classification Officer at RMC and was selected to manage a specialized caseload (Youthful Offenders). In January of 1988 Jim headed west into the Florida panhandle and served as the first classification officer at Calhoun Correctional Institution, a newly constructed facility. Jim then promoted to a Senior Classification Officer and assisted in the opening of another new facility, Gulf Forestry Camp in White City, Florida. Jim left once again to assist in the opening of another new institution, Liberty Correctional Institution in Bristol, FL. Jim was promoted to the Correctional Probation Senior Supervisor and left that facility in 1996. Jim arrived at Union Correctional Institution (UCI) in Raiford, FL in 6/96 to serve as the Classification Supervisor. UCI houses inmates on death row, has a protection unit, a close management unit, and a large mental health unit.

In January 1998 Jim was promoted to Assistant Warden at Hamilton Correctional Institution in Jasper FL, an institution comprised of three units housing approximately 3000 inmates. Jim served in the programs and operations capacity. In May of 2003 Jim was re-assigned to Tomoka Correctional Institution in beautiful Daytona Beach, FL. This facility houses a

large mental health population along with a protection unit. In November 2003 Jim was appointed as Warden at Century Correctional Institution. Jim returned to Tomoka in April of 2006 and served as Warden through October 2007. In October 2007 Jim was re-assigned to Okeechobee CI where he served as the Assistant Warden of Programs. In October 2008 Jim was re-assigned to Demilly C.I. as the Assistant Warden to assist in the opening of the departments first Re-Entry/Transitional Facility. In September 2009, Jim was re-assigned to Marion CI where he served as the Assistant Warden of Programs. In July of 2012 Jim was promoted to Warden at Putnam CI and in September of 2012 was re-assigned to serve as Warden at Madison C.I.

Throughout his career Jim was selected to participate on several task forces that were responsible for the implementation of class action suits dealing with sentence structure and other rulings from the courts, most notably the Waldrup Task Force. Jim was also an instructor in 1998 for the agencies training program for new classification officers.

Jim is a certified auditor with the American Correctional Association and is a graduate of the several NIC programs to include Management Development for the Future, Correctional Leadership Development, and Executive Training for New Wardens. Jim also is a graduate of the Chief Executive Seminar, a program sponsored by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Jim is a member of Kiwanis International along with several professional organizations to include FCCD, ACA, North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents (NAAWS), United States Deputy Wardens Association (USDWA), Correctional Peace Officers Foundation (CPOF), Corrections Foundation, Correctional Accreditation Managers Association (CAMA), and the Southern States Correctional Association (SSCA).

Since early in his career Jim has been a member of FCCD; he served as Secretary for Chapter 11, President elect for chapter 12, Treasurer, President elect, and President for Chapter 13, and President for Chapter 6. Jim has also been a member of the State Board since 2010 and has served on several committees.

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