

MJPS NEWSLETTER

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Message From the President

A new year has arrived and I hope this letter finds everyone happy, healthy, and staying warm!! The Spring Conference is now right around the corner. It will be held at the Sugar Lake Lodge, May 10—12, 2011. Along with this newsletter you will find some preliminary information on speakers and registration. Please remember to get those registrations in early. Those registered by the deadline will be put into a drawing for a free stay at Sugar Lake Lodge! I know this conference is further north this year, but let's really try to get great attendance once again! Those who live in the northern counties, this conference is in much closer proximity than in previous years so it would be great to

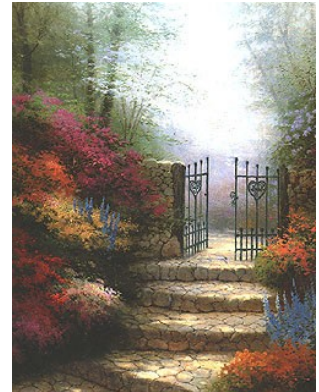
see all of you there!

Information will be given for the Kay Siebrass and Dave Grant awards so start thinking about a program you want to nominate! The deadline is April 1st. Also, start thinking about a programmer you would like to nominate for the Programmer of the Year award so you can let your Jail Administrator know. The deadline for jail administrators to nominate is July. Be sure to tell your administrators earlier so they have plenty of time to get the forms filled out!

I wanted to also share with everyone that the board has discussed options for the 2012 Spring Conference and we have decided to go with the Holiday Inn in Alexan-

dria. It is located right off the I-94 exit and has a great set-up. Douglas County just opened their jail so it will be a great opportunity for everyone to get a tour of their new facility! The board will also be exploring options for the 2013 Spring Conference so if anyone has any recommendations, please let a board member know.

On a final note, it has been a privilege thus far being your President of MJPS. I can't believe the year is almost up. Start thinking about nominating yourself or another programmer to be on the MJPS board. It is a great opportunity and I am so glad I have had the opportunity to be a part of the board. Take care and hope to see everyone in May! -
Miranda Neuwirth



Kay Siebrass & Dave Grant Awards

- Don't forget to nominate a fellow programmer for the above awards.
- Applications for the awards are due by April 1st.
- Check out what's inside this issue!



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What's New In Corrections?

.Well not just in corrections but many departments have seen the election of a new Sheriff!

2911 rules are expected to be coming out soon, no exact date is set yet.

Video Visitation is not new but it is making it's way into many MN jails. Video Visitation helps control contraband, security threats, etc.

Fall Conference: This year's fall conference is scheduled

to be in Anoka County on October 26, 2011. This is a free training open to all programmers. More information about this training will be in the next newsletter so stay tuned.....

Sugar Lake Lodge

Lodge Information

As mentioned, this year's Spring conference will be held at Sugar Lake Lodge Resort, which is located in Grand Rapids, MN. At the heart of this Minnesota resort experience is beautiful Sugar Lake. Spring fed by Northern Minnesota's crystal pure aquifers, Sugar Lake is sparkling clear to 20 feet.

Guests can enjoy the beauty of Sugar Lake from our sugar sand beach, or fish the lake with the best walleye fishing and fishing guides in the state. At Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge your stay includes the use of canoes, kayaks, paddleboats, rowboats, bicycles, tennis courts, outdoor heated pool, sandy beach, daily maid service and much more! Nestled gently between rolling green and aquamarine water, our Townhomes offer studio, two & three bedroom comfort with relaxing patios & fieldstone fireplaces. Lakefront Rooms & Lakeside Cottages, located right on the shores of Sugar Lake, provide stunning views.

Check out the property map at the below website:
http://www.sugarlakelodge.com/accommodations/property_map/



Restaurants

Whether you're grabbing a sandwich at the turn or dining after a full day of Grand Rapids activities, Executive Chef Dan Gorath and his seasoned staff have you in mind before you even arrive. Fresh ingredients and the talents of our own in-house culinary artists will surely please your appetite. With two very different styles and ambiance, **Jack's Bar & Grill** and **Otis' Restaurant** offer a wide variety for every taste.



Golf

Appropriately named after the brooke that winds its way through the signature 18th fairway, Sugarbrooke golf course challenges what is normally considered a "hazard." Our 18-hole Championship course designed by Joel Goldstrand winds through the lush, northern Minnesota forest ending just yards from beautiful Sugar Lake. This unique 18-hole layout presents golfers with many combinations of variety and quality. It has quickly become a favorite destination of many who seek great Minnesota golf and a relaxed north woods environment.



Top Ten Good Things About Minnesota Winter

10. No MOSQUITOES

9. Your're so busy worrying about your car not starting, you don't have time to worry about anything else.

8. All the sissies leave for Florida.

7. If you carelessly leave meat in the car, it will freeze and stay fresh.

6. Hey, It's not as bad as a Manitoba Winter.

5. There's the thrill of skiing down hill and then there's the thrill of sliding down hill in your car when it is icy.

4. Bundled up as they are, when a kid falls down a flight of stairs, they don't get hurt.

3. There's ice fishing in -50 degree wind chill and knowing that, there is someone somewhere that is completely

flabbergasted at how hearty we are.

2. Anything is better than a Humid Minnesota Winter.

1. We know that the rest of the world looks up to us and says why in the world do you live here and we know—we LOVE Minnesota!



Corrections & Colors

Like taxes and death, there is no escaping color. It is ubiquitous. Color is a meaningful constant for sighted people and it's a powerful psychological tool. By using color psychology, you can send a positive or negative message, calm a crowd, encourage sales of something and improve an athlete, etc.

A new trend growing among the Correctional Facilities across America and it has to do with the colors inside the facility.

Some jails and prisons are moving away from the standard gray color schemes to colors that are found in nature in an effort to decrease the anxiety levels and increase safety.¹

The objective was to develop a color palette more consistent with current design trends, and support a more effective management of inmates by staff through the intentional use of color.²

Color use is also a consideration when it comes to staff. Inmates as well as staff occupy the facility and although correctional staff do not “live” there, most shifts are 12-hour shifts, multiple days in a row. There are also little to no windows in some correctional facilities which could possibly wear down on staff as well. Adding color to the inside can equate to safer staff conditions and increased staff retention.³

The trend of adding color is not just for the walls and cement floors but is also being considered by the correctional furniture companies. Conservatively, 50% of inmates suffer from mental health or substance abuse issues. Research indicates that interiors with the interesting use of color, that is not overly neutral, can balance the equilibrium of inmates.⁴

But you must be cautious when picking colors as it can be a complicated procedure. If you pick colors that do not blend well together or too bright or bold of colors, the reason behind this could backfire. Some colors may increase anxiety, orange for instance if too bright may aggravate stress levels.

The design of correctional furniture has also changed from angular to rounded designs to move away from the dangerous sharp corners that can cause accidents or be used in hostile situations by inmates.

Color can not 100 percent clear up of bad behaved criminals housed in a correctional facility, but to decrease the levels a bit may benefit in the long run for both staff and individuals incarcerated.

Minnesota Temperature Conversion Chart

50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 C) - New Yorkers turn on their heat—we grow gardens.

40 degrees Fahrenheit (4.4 C) - Californians shiver uncontrollably and Minnesotans sunbathe.

35 degrees Fahrenheit (1.6 C) - Italian cars wont start and Minnesotans drive with the windows down.

32 degrees F (0 C) - Distilled water

freezes, MN water only gets thicker.

-100 F (-73 C) Santa Claus abandons the North Pole and we just pull down our ear flaps.

-60 F (-51 C) Mt. St. Helen's freezes—here girl scouts sell cookies door to door.



MJPS Board Members

Great Resources:

American Jail Association:

<http://www.aja.org/>

Minnesota Department of Corrections:

<http://www.doc.state.mn.us/>

Minnesota Association of Pre-Trial
Service Agencies:

<http://www.mapsa.us/>

Minnesota Corrections Main Page:

<http://www.mncorrections.org/mnc/>

National Institute of Corrections:

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Below: A Minnesota Refrigerator



Above: All I can say about this is
someone has way too much time on
their hands!

