

The Best in the Business

The nominees for this year's Warden of the Year Award are listed below. Please join us to honor these individuals at the August ACA Conference in Charlotte.

WARDEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

<i>Brian E. Belleque</i>	<i>OR DOC</i>
<i>Howard Carlton</i>	<i>TN DOC</i>
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<i>Mark Saunders</i>	<i>OH DOC</i>
<i>Brenda Shell</i>	<i>MD DOC</i>
<i>Mark W. Strange</i>	<i>CT DOC</i>
<i>Raymond E. Thompson</i>	<i>TX DOC</i>
<i>Doug Weber</i>	<i>SD DOC</i>

2005–Medal of Valor Award Nominations

Christopher M. Garay	Health Technician	BOP
Allan Collins		
Terry Kidwell		
John Gearhart	Corrections Advisors IRAQ	DOJ
Thomas Hopper		
Jim Millar		
Charlene M. Zellers	CO I	
Christopher M. Blaker	CO I	
Michael Pierce	CO 2	PA DOC
Jason Rogers	CO I	
Patsy Morrow	RN	
Scott Allen	CO	OR DOC
Larry W. Little	CO	
Wayne "Cotton" Morgan	CO	TN DOC
David Burns	CO	
Mark Mc Vey	CO	TX DOC
David Simmons	CO	
All Employees	Louisiana Dept. of Corrections	

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Pat Keohane, Missouri/BOP

OBITUARY

The Executive Director received sad news on Saturday evening April 5, 2006.

Pat Keohane called to tell me that his older brother TIM had passed away. Many know that on March 20, Pat also lost his 37 year-old son, John Patrick, to a heart attack.

TIM KEOHANE is a GIANT in our profession. I did not know him when he was a BOP Warden. I met him when he was the Senior ACA Auditor at my facility in the late 80’s.

The facility was 100 years old and had the nickname of the GLADIATOR SCHOOL.

The night I picked him up at the airport, I was nervous. We talked for a while and his demeanor put me at ease. Later at dinner when I reached for the check the jitters returned.

He told me it would be unethical for him to take a dinner and that I was going to get a good audit.

The next day the tour and the audit was long and exhaustive. He went everywhere and seemed to delight in talking to staff at all levels. He constantly asked about procedures and took notes. His energy and interest put my staff at ease. While he audited he also complimented and offered suggestions from his rich experience. The officers loved him...

Late that night as we drove back to the motel, he urged me to pick up some HOT DOGS and to invite my Executive Team to meet us.

While eating and having a COLD ONE, he told us how proud we should be of our staff who were obviously “UP FOR THE AUDIT.”

TIM died, while giving a Post-Audit briefing in Indiana. He had dedicated himself to these audits and had done more audits than anyone in the profession. ACA has twice honored him at ACCREDITATION LUNCHEONS.

He viewed the audit process as an educational tool for everyone. For him it was not a quest to “catch something”... but rather an effort to share experience and to recognize good procedures and practices.

TIM KEOHANE was not a man easily impressed with “Window Dressing.” To him the audit process was meant to encourage excellence and to promote staff safety as well as a healthy environment for inmates.

Many of you have seen him at work on an AUDIT. He leaves a GIANT FOOT-PRINT.

RIP—GOD BLESS HIM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During my 12 years as a warden, many of my staff called me "Mother Hen." Mother Hen offers the following:

In my corner of the world, NW Michigan, it is just beginning to look like spring. After enjoying months of snow I see daffodils and buds on trees. Nature is awesome! Time to get outside and tackle "the yard" and with the snow gone, maybe I'll start walking!! A few miles from my house are miles of walkways along the shore of Lake Michigan and miles of walking/hiking trails in our many state parks. I'm not good at the exercise thing. I always have a reason (despite the season) to not exercise.

Last night Pat Caruso, Director of the Michigan DOC stopped by my house for a visit. Despite a recent rough spell with events in the DOC, Pat looked terrific. She told me she exercises FOUR times a week, twice a week in the AM and twice a week in the PM. Hummmmm. I have a part time job which for the most part I do from my home. Pat has 16,000 or so employees, 50,000 prisoners, etc, etc, etc.. Hummmmm. PRIORITIES.

Of late I have been overwhelmed as I deal with friends and family that have experienced life-altering illness or death far before "their time." A few examples

of folks we know in common:

January 2002, Susan Cranford retired from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. In March 2002 she was diagnosed with breast cancer and since that time has been diagnosed with who knows how many other cancers. Additionally she has experienced many complications from chemo, radiation, medicines, etc. In March 2006 at Susan's request 16 or so folks from all over the US showed up in Las Vegas celebrate Susan's 59th birthday. Susan made it clear that if you were coming to Vegas you were coming to have a good time, not to hold her hand. We were having a grand time, then Susan broke her hip and had to be medi-lifted back to Austin. She had hip replacement surgery and it went well as did rehab. She went home. As of this writing she is back in the hospital... complications.

In March 2004 Susan Hunter lost her cancer battle. Susan was 58. In March 2006, Pat Keohane's 37 year old son died suddenly of heart problems. Now he has lost his brother, Tim. Mary McHatton's sister, in her forties, died.

Jeff Washington, in his forties has had two bouts of cancer this year. Jenny Lancaster struggles to live. Mary Bogan deBelmonte is cancer free but her body

is fighting to recover from the chemo and radiation. Sharon Johnson Rion and Melody Turner are cancer survivors; Art Leonardo and Walter Ridley survived heart attacks and by-pass surgery. Richard Stalder, Bob Brown, Perry Johnson have all experienced life-altering illnesses.

I know Susan Hunter wanted to see Amanda grow up, that Susan Cranford had other plans for her retirement. I'm sure Pat and his son, Mary and her sister thought they had time for all kinds of adventures. I know that Sharon, Melody, Art, Walter, Mary, Bob and Perry had to alter how they "do life." And I know you can all add names and names and names to this list... family, friends, colleagues.

PRIORITIES. Spend more time with family and friends, play, get up from the computer and go outside, enjoy nature (IT IS AWESOME). Call your mom or dad, read a book, say you're sorry, say I love you, take care of yourself, pray.

There are no guarantees; so pretend that each day is the last day of your life. Some day it will be.

Luella Burke, NAAWS President
AKA Mother Hen

From the desk of ... *The Executive Director* 
Arthur Leonardo

The current issue of the *GRAPEVINE* marks a small departure from our old format.

President BURKE is a very active leader of this organization and she has a vision for our future. She wants to move the membership and the BOARD of DIRECTORS into a more active role. Her intention is to have a BOARD and a group of officers who dedicate their efforts toward specific tasks and committee work.

She charged MEL WILLIAMS with the task of examining the BY-LAWS with the intention of making them easier to comply with—but also to serve as a road map to how we do business. JUDY ANDERSON and MELODY TURNER are working on this committee.

PAM WITHROW has been recruited to "KICK START" the work on the second

edition of "*VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES*"... SHARON JOHNSON set a high bar, and promises to continue to help.

The Executive Director has been asked to add a page to the *GRAPEVINE* that will constantly reflect our rich history.

I am sure all these efforts will have a very positive effect on our organization.

When you read the minutes of the mid-winter meeting you will note we are financially stable. While these figures are pre-expenses and also include a substantial "KATRINA RELIEF"... not yet sent to the needy. We are in good shape.

We must thank and support our VENDORS—they recognize we are doing good things and they are supporting us at an increased rate.

GLORIA HULTZ has done a great job managing our funds.

PAT KEOHANE is a constant worker in the Vendor Area and he is a prime reason why our annual trade show is such a hit.

Our NAAWS Training Program is also growing and it may be our most important contribution to the profession. When linked with "A VIEW FROM THE TRENCHES" it is a way for many of us to impart experiences and knowledge to the young administrators who are the leaders of tomorrow. It is expensive, but it is money well spent.

We also need to continue to grow. EACH OF YOU CAN BRING IN ONE OR TWO NEW MEMBERS.

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KATRINA AND RITA MONTHS LATER: A Conversation With Jannitta Antoine, Deputy Secretary, Louisiana Corrections

By Luella Burke

Jannitta has a new dog. In the immediate aftermath of Katrina, a DOC staff person returning home after a long day of dealing with death, saw something moving in the flood waters. Despite exhaustion, the DOC employee jumped in the water... something was alive. It was a dog. The dog that now belongs to Jannitta.

Jannitta asked, "Do you know there are whole communities that still do not have electrical power or safe water? Do you know what it is like to lose all records of your life?" She said, "We have many employees who come to work every day who still have no place to call home." Jannitta went on to say "she is certain that the majority of individuals whose lives were devastated by Katrina and/or Rita have not even begun to process the entirety of their loss. We have staff coming to work so they can forget what they have to deal with at home."

As Katrina approached, Jannitta left work to take a quick shower at home, knowing she was facing some long work hours. Little did she know. Before heading back to the office she called in for an update and while on the phone the wind became violent. A building flew by her window. She saw a tractor standing in a field, her tractor, absent its home... the building that flew by her window.

But what Jannitta really wants to share with you is a few examples of how the dollars NAAWS and other organizations raised were used for Katrina/Rita correctional employee victims.

An officer worker lost her home, lost everything to Katrina. Two days later her husband died of a heart attack. She received financial help for burial expenses.

A probation employee who lost all was housed on one of the cruise ships. After three months she learned that the keys to her trailer would be delivered Monday. It was Friday. She died over the week-end. Her children were given financial assistance to bury their mother. To save dollars, the children chose cremation.

A probation officer, his wife and severely disabled 10 year old son lost all. The son cannot move his limbs and requires a feeding tube. The officer moved his family to Florida where they would have a place to stay, but during the move the son developed pneumonia, spending three weeks in a Florida hospital. The officer came back to Louisiana to find a place for his family to live and to work his cases. Returning to Louisiana the son came down with a stomach virus and again is hospitalized. This family has received significant assistance from relief dollars.

A CO who lived in St.. Bernard Parish lost his home and belongings to Katrina. A family of seven and no flood insurance. A house to rent was found 100 miles west of St. Bernard Parish. Many folks helped furnish the rented house. The family settled in... RITA HIT... all was again lost. Immediate assistance from relief funds was provided.

Losing all, a parole board member lived with his elderly mother in a truck. He reported to work without fail, perhaps to escape the truck, perhaps to keep his mind off of the tragedy of his situation. Your relief dollars helped this individual and his mother with housing.

As Jannitta pointed out, these stories are not even the tip of the iceberg but they do give examples of what correctional staff experienced. The Louisiana folks THANK ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE RELIEF FUND.

By the way, the correctional staff person who saw something moving in the flood waters and jumped in was Richard Stalder, Secretary, Louisiana Corrections. The dogs name is EVAC.

(N.B. I had this conversation with Deputy Secretary Antoine in late February.)

Support NAAWS Candidates

The ACA Election this year features a number of NAAWS candidates.

Walter Wood is running for President.

Mary Livers is running for the Board of Governors.

Pat Caruso, Tom Stickrath, Kay Northrup and Robert Kennedy are all candidates for The Commission On Accreditation.

Melody Turner, Shannon Teague, John Rees, Gail Heller, Dave Hassenritter, Eileen Baker, Tony Czarnecki, Claudia Engelhardt, Andrea Morbitzer, Steve Huffman, Emmitt Sparkman, Todd Rabideau, John Niemela, Bernie Rochford and Dianne Tramutola-Lawson are all running for Delegate Assembly.

These folks are all dues paying members... dues are current. If we have missed someone, we sincerely apologize.

Exec. Director's Report (continued)

It is also essential that you plan to attend the KENTUCKY—NAAWS Conference in LOUISVILLE (Sept. 17-20,2006). WARDEN COOKIE CREWS and her folks are working hard and her beautiful city promises to be enjoyable and invigorating.

HARRY WILSON and the Pennsylvania group are hard at work and the WESTIN HOTEL in PITTSBURGH will be our venue in APRIL 2007.

We hope you can make these events and perhaps send one of your deputies. MOST OF ALL ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO ATTEND.

On a personal note, THANKS to many of you who put me up for the ER CASS AWARD... I was honored to be considered in such elite company.

*North American Association
of Wardens and Superintendents*



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1946-47	L.F. Utecht	Minnesota
1947-48	G. Norton Jameston	South Dakota
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1955-56	C.L. Farber	Illinois
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1963-64	E.V. Nash	Missouri
1964-65	Ross V. Randolph	Missouri
1965-66	John A. Gavin	Massachusetts
1966-67	Maurice H. Sigler	Nebraska
1967-68	William H. Bannan	Michigan
1968-69	Paul J. Eubanks	Connecticut
1969-70	Park L. Hancock	New Hampshire
1970-71	Wayne K. Patterson	Colorado
1971-72	Don R. Erickson	South Dakota
1972-73	John R. Gagnon	Wisconsin
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1974-75	Vernon G. Housewright	Illinois
1975-76	Lou Brewer	Iowa
1976-77	Roger M. Crist	Montana
1977-78	Ed Pogue	Nevada
1978-79	Glen R. Jeffes	Pennsylvania
1979-80	Jacqueline Crawford	Arizona
1980-81	Lester Beaird	Texas
1981-84	Jim O'Sullivan	Canada
1984-85	George Sumner	California
1985-87	Gene Scroggy	Kentucky
1987-88	Tom Barry	New York
1988-89	Lester Beaird	Texas
1989-91	Jim O'Sullivan	Canada
1991-92	Sharon Johnson	New Mexico
1992-93	H.L. "Hal" Whitley	Arizona
1993-94	Everett Perrin, Jr.	Florida
1994-95	Art Leonardo	New York
1995-96	Robert Hannigan	Kansas
1996-97	Melody Turner	Ohio
1997-99	Patrick Keohane	Federal Bureau of Prisons
1999-00	Patricia Caruso	Michigan
2000	Joe Booker	Federal Bureau of Prisons
2001-03	Burl Cain	Louisiana
2003-05	Victor Herbert	Florida, New York

Wardens of the Year

1979-80	Roger Crist	Montana
1980-81	George Sumner	California
1981-82	Carl Robinson	Connecticut
1982-83	Phillip Coombe, Jr.	New York
1983-84	Pierre Viau	Canada
1984-85	Bobby D. Morgan	Texas
1985-86	Thomas R. Barry	New York
1986-87	Dale E. Foltz	Michigan
1987-88	Hilton Butler	Louisiana
1988-89	Wayne Estelle	California
1989-90	Judy Anderson	South Carolina
1990-91	Gene Scroggy	Georgia
1991-92	Jerry Peterson	Texas
1992-93	Jim O'Sullivan	Canada
1993-94	Patrick Keohane	Missouri (FBP)
1994-95	Robert Hannigan	Kansas
1995-96	H.L. "Hal" Whitley	Arizona
1996-97	Everett Perrin	Florida
1997-98	Tim Schuetzle	North Dakota
1998-99	Walt Kelly	New York
1999-00	Ron Edwards	Ohio
2000-01	Pam Withrow	Michigan
2001-02	Emmitt Sparkman	Mississippi
2002-03	Burl Cain	Louisiana
2003-04	Dale A. Brown	Texas (Cornell)
2004-05	Fredric A. Rosemeyer	Pennsylvania

"View From The Trenches", 2nd Ed.

As indicated elsewhere in this issue of *Grapevine*, Pam Withrow has consented to direct and spearhead the Second Edition of our "View From The Trenches" publication. The effort depends upon Wardens and Superintendents sharing their experiences and knowledge. Guidelines for monograph submission will be posted on the NAAWS web site.

[Http://www.corrections.com/naaws/](http://www.corrections.com/naaws/)

❖ The Executive Director's cell phone (518) 429-1923 is provided by LAW, Louisiana Association of Wardens, and Burl Cain. ❖

Silent Victims Of Crime

By Paulette Pfeiffer

Children of offenders are Silent Victims of Crime and potentially the next generation of prisoners. According to Senate Report 106-404 from the FYZ2001 Department of Justice Appropriation Bill, ...Children of prisoners are six times more likely than other children to be incarcerated at some point in their lives...

What is our responsibility? An advocacy committee is being formed by a group of concerned citizens, whose interest is to investigate the consequences of parental arrest and incarceration to innocent minors.

“**Silent Victims of Crime**” are the children of offenders who as a consequence of their parent/s arrest and incarceration are dislocated to potentially “unsafe” environments due to lack of proper intervention on their behalf. This lack of protective action is a serious oversight in the governing law enforcement procedures.

We are advocating new legislation to ensure that children of offenders are not paying the price for a crime they did not commit. These children should be treated as victims and assigned a social worker to interact with them and the parent/s at time of arrest. We are guided by the belief that all innocent children deserve a safe and secure environment—the children of detainees and prisoners no less so than other children. As we have probed the issue of the unintended consequences of parental arrest with various concerned parties it has become increasingly clear that children of detainees can and do fall through the cracks.

Because the parent/child relationship is initially breached at the moment of arrest, because the detainee is innocent until proven guilty, and especially because the immediate safety and well being of the child or children may be at issue we feel that specific guidelines need to be created for the arresting officers to help them identify and handle these situations. It is erroneously believed that Department of Social Services is called automatically, or they are taken in by a loving family member. During the confusion of an arrest, the parent may not realize the duration of separation and fail to indicate an appropriate guardian. Additionally, the arresting officer may not correctly judge the adequacy of a potential caregiver. There should therefore be follow-up with a social worker at the earliest opportunity.

Because a detainee could be additionally liable for leaving the children alone or with an illegal caregiver and because the safety of the children takes priority over incriminating the suspect with the additional charges there should be a waiver or protection from added jeopardy resulting from the parent giving truthful responses concerning the children’s whereabouts. The parent should be in a position to cooperate in the conveyance of the children to a safe environment without fear of legal repercussions resulting from the children having been left in a potentially “unsafe” environment.

We kindly request your input, so that together we may assist these children in being College Bound not Jail Bound.

Paulette H. Pfeiffer

Founder of *We Stand For KIDS*–

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PS. We will be writing a column in the NAAWS newsletter (North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents) for one year, and presenting a seminar at the conference in Louisville, Kentucky hosted jointly by the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents and Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency.

Editor’s Note: Paulette and Neil Pfeiffer operate a company called Global Foods and are long-time supporters of NAAWS.

HELP WANTED—ASSOCIATE WARDEN

The Donald W. Wyatt Detention Facility is seeking experienced candidates familiar with correctional and procedures for a maximum secured facility. This position reports to the Warden and must be skilled in managing budgets, developing staff, planning to successfully meet the challenges of an expanding facility.

Background to include senior level management of multiple operational and technical departments, at least 10 years correctional experience or equivalent relevant experience such as law enforcement. Must be extremely organized, computer proficient, and possess problem solving and investigative skills. Knowledge and experience in labor management issues required. Familiarity with modern criminology and penology required.

Interested applicants should forward resume and requirements to: thiggins@cornellcompanies.com, or by mail to

T. J. Higgins

Wyatt Detention Facility,

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NAAWS Business Meeting Minutes

Nashville, TN—January 30, 2006

Meeting began at 2:00 PM.

Luella Burke, President, opened with everyone introducing him or herself. Approval of the August 2005 minutes—motion made and seconded—minutes approved.

Gloria Hultz presented the Treasurer's report, dated 1/24/06. The report was approved as submitted.

Art Leonardo reported the New Orleans Conference earned \$24,000.

Old Business

President Burke read a letter from Amanda Miller (awarded last year's scholarship), "Thanking" NAAWS for the award.

Pam Withrow gave a report on NAAWS Training Program that was piloted in Cincinnati. The Mid-level training course implemented went on to become the *Warden's Trainer Manual* that will be coming out soon. Training will be presented in Kentucky and New York. Iowa has also requested this training. Pam will also be putting together the 2nd Edition of "View From The Trenches."

Discussions

Warden Crews, Kentucky, updated us on the upcoming NAAWS Conference on September 17–20, 2006 in Louisville, KY. An outing at Churchill Downs may be possible. Decisions on program will be made by June 1, 2006.

Pat Keohane discussed vendors for Louisville; lots of loyal interest, very encouraging responses for Louisville.

Pennsylvania Warden's Association will host NAAWS on April 19 thru April 22, 2007, at Pittsburgh Westin Hotel. Registration material will be available in January, 2007. Luella discussed NAAWS Constitution, a review will be made to make changes or get back in line to do what the Constitution says.

Sue Cunningham (Texas), from AJA\Training proposed that NAAWS join AJA as an affiliate organization. Sue feels that it will benefit both organizations. AJA would pay dues for first year.

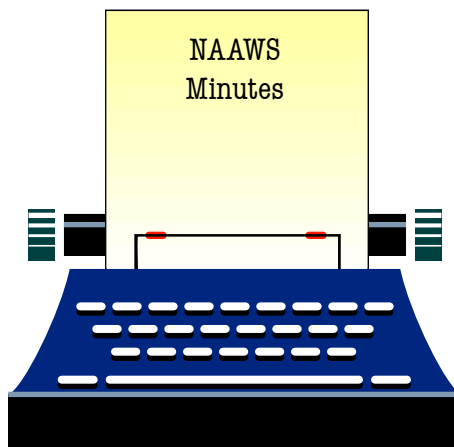
Art stated that he thought affiliation would be a good thing. Luella stated that this issue will be discussed and NAAWS would get back with AJA.

Executive Director's report by Art Leonardo stated that vendors gave \$17,000 for ACA conference. Art encourages all vendors to make signs for Hospitality rooms. A listing of vendors is available in the Hospitality room. Art is working with Kentucky and Pennsylvania about the next two conferences and it is important for NAAWS to have conferences every year. Louisville hosted Art for two days and he was very impressed with this city and hotel accommodations. Lots of great things will happen in Louisville and Pittsburgh.

Art also gave update on Katrina relief efforts. Funds are being used to help brothers and sisters in Corrections' field. One hundred percent (100%) of Katrina relief funds goes to employees in Corrections field affected by "Katrina." Secretary Stalder will be asked to send updates for aid received by Katrina affected employees.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Darryl Vannoy, CCE
Deputy Warden\Security
Louisiana State Penitentiary
Angola, LA 70712



Kentucky Conference Update from Cookie Crews (cookie.crews@ky.gov)

Kentucky is really excited about hosting this year's conference. We have been busy planning activities that will showcase our great state. If you have not already made your plans to attend this wonderful conference please do it now. You will find all Hotel information on the NAAWS web site. On Sunday you can plan on touring the Kentucky State Reformatory located in Lagrange, Ky. This institution houses Medical and Mental Health inmates. If this doesn't peak your interest we will be holding a Golf tournament and a Pistol Match. Monday night it's off to the races at Churchill Downs with delicious Kentucky down cooking and mock racing. Tuesday we will have a special luncheon at the Frazier Arms Museums. Tuesday night we will hold our annual Banquet honoring outstanding Correctional Employees and volunteers. The Hotel is minutes away from the Louisville International Airport and walking distance of shops and restaurants. See ya in September.



WE cannot do all the things we do without these generous vendors. THIS PAST WINTER THEY GAVE US MORE THEN EVER BEFORE. PLEASE SUPPORT THEM.

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CCA Correctional Corp. America

CMS Correctional Medical Services

Cornell Corrections

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GEO Group Inc.

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Motor Coach Industries

Portion Pac

Teltronics

Turner Construction

Sprint

SHAWN Tech Communications

Irish Night @ NAAWS/ACA

The Nashville Mid-Winter Meeting marked a return to THE GOOD OLD DAYS for many of the older NAAWS members and was a special treat to our younger members. LIFE MEMBER Jim O'Sullivan would always treat us to a round of beautiful IRISH BALLADS as the nights in the hospitality suite came to an end. Unfortunately, Jim has not made it to a meeting in many years. He stays in touch and is doing well.

The DIRECTOR OF THE IRISH PRISON SERVICE, Brian Purcell has become a member and spends a evening with us when

he attends ACA. This winter he sent Director of IPS Corporate Affairs John Brosnan and Governor (Warden) T.J. Walsh. TJ runs Portlaoise Prison. On the last night of the Hospitality Suite both of these men broke into song. Each did two solos and one beautiful duet. The IRISH have such a talent for Music and sociability. We were also treated to a comedy routine by Joe Marchese. The HOSPITALITY SUITE remains one of the Highlights of January and August meetings.



From left to right—T.J. Walsh, Warden, Portlaoise; Pat Keohane, NAAWS Life Member; Chuck Kehoe, ACA Past President; John Brosnan, Director Corporate Affairs, IPS (Irish Prison System); Art Leonardo, NAAWS Executive Director; and, Don Evans, President, Canadian Training Institute. Photo credit: Ellen Keohane

“Cain’s Redemption”—a Book Review By Joe McCarthy

Recently, a warden friend of mine gave me a book entitled *Cain’s Redemption*. When I first browsed through it, I initially thought it was a biography about Burl Cain and even thought he wrote it about himself. Much to my surprise I had a hard time putting this book down when I started reading it. The theme of the book was not a biography of Warden Burl Cain but more about exploring Angola Penitentiary from where it was to where it is today under the leadership of Warden Burl Cain. A new phrase called moral rehabilitation was thrown at me during my reading of this book. My first impulse was to conjure the thought “you can’t mix religion and the running of a major penitentiary.” What I found was the opposite. This can work in any correctional setting. Inmates doomed to death sentences can find a way to morally rehabilitate themselves and experience dignity even in a setting like Angola whose mission is to provide the care, custody, and control of inmates who have long term sentences and who are facing the possibility of the death penalty.

Reading about the changes that Warden Cain initiated at Angola from 1995 to the present, the reader soon realizes that this is a tough and matter-of-fact individual who runs Angola but is also a very compassionate man who sees the

dignity of life even in a setting like Angola. Events like the prison rodeo, trained inmate ministers, initiating a hospice, and display of the prison art work add to the many dimensions of Warden Burl Cain and the passion that he has for being the warden of Angola. Inmates at Angola develop a responsibility for themselves and also other inmates, but it is apparent from reading this book they feel a responsibility to Warden Cain. That doesn’t occur very often even in the most minimum of correctional settings. I highly recommend this book to anyone who works in a correctional institution or jail. It shows that anything can be accomplished if you have a vision.

Editor’s Note: Cain’s Redemption is written by Dennis Shere and published by Northfield Publishing, Chicago, IL. Our reviewer is Joseph K. McCarthy, Jail Administrator for the Nashville Sheriff’s Office.

To obtain more information about this book, go to the following Amazon.com link: <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1881273245/102-7487281-5636108?v=glance&n=283155>

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