



July 2004

Members:

Our first meeting is coming up! **July 24, 2004**, in Jefferson City. See back page for details....PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO COME AND ENCOURAGE YOUR FAMILIES TO COME!!!

BOARD DIRECTORS:

- *Charles Quincy Troupe, former Representative for Missouri House of Representatives (St. Louis, MO)
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NECC – Susan (Temporary)
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We are starting monthly support groups for family members or anyone who wishes to come! Feel free to just come if you can! It will be a good time to meet others and become even stronger! If anyone is interested in starting other areas, contact Becky Williams at 314-578-8899.

The Mid-Missouri coordinator is Sandra Brown. The next meeting is July 23, Friday, at 6 pm at 9112 Bode Ferry Rd, Jefferson City. From Jefferson City, take Highway 50 East to Osage/Taos exit. Take right and go through Taos approximately 3-½ miles. Make a left on Y highway, an immediate right on Bode Ferry. Go ½ mile. It is first white house on left hand side, has a small garage near street. Snacks will be provided. For any information call Georgia Justice at 573-635-3861

The St. Joseph coordinator is Linney. The first meeting is July 19, Monday, from 7–9 pm at Wyatt Park Christian Church, 27th & Mitchell, west entrance. For more information, contact Linney at 816-294-3444

Missouri CURE

NEWS & NOTES

INSIDE INFO

Cry Justice Now is a newspaper that is **FREE** to inmates! Send your name, ID#, and address to:
CJNN
P.O. Box 2525
New Bloomfield, MO 65063

BONUS OFFER!

Refer 10 others to join Missouri CURE and get a free subscription! Make sure they list your name under "How did you hear about Missouri CURE?"

IMPORTANT: In order to save postage, if anyone prefers to have these newsletters sent via e-mail, PLEASE respond to missouricure@hotmail.com. Currently we have over 500 people in our database, but many are not paid members. We want to continue to spread the word, but cannot do so without your support.

Website: There is a great forum for people to join called "Prison Talk Online". Many issues are discussed here and there are separate forums for each state. www.prisontalk.com

Send money online - FAST: Go to www.jpays.com to send money to inmates in Missouri using credit card or debit. May also send cash – call (800) 574-JPAY to register.

DID YOU KNOW?

McIntosh: For anyone interested – The case filed by Craig McIntosh, former staff for MOSOP program, was dismissed by Court without prejudice on May 24, 2004. This was the case against James LaBundy and the DOC in Cole County. Case 04CV323645.

LEGISLATION

Family members: **REGISTER TO VOTE!** This is an election year and now is the time to focus on getting elected officials who represent the people!

Candidates running for Governor:

Bob Holden – D	Karen Lee Dee Skelton-Memhardt – R
Claire McCaskill – D	John D. Weiler – R
Jim LePage – D	Matt Blunt – R
Jeffrey Emrick – D	Jennie Lee (Jen) Sievers – R
	Martin Lindstedt – R
Randall (Randy) D. Langkraehr – L	Jeff Killian – R
John M. Swenson – L	Roy Lang – R

We NEED to find out where these people stand on criminal justice issues. Also, find out where your district representatives stand! If you can help research this or have good questions to submit, let us know!!!

THE FOLLOWING BILLS PASSED:

SB 921: This bill related to hearings of those in administrative segregation – making them noncontested cases. This was done as a result of two different court opinions as to these types of hearings. MASW is currently meeting with the DOC to discuss several administrative segregation issues including policy review and review of long term administrative segregation cases.

SB 1000: The DNA profiling bill resulted in two main issues:

- Requires DNA samples taken of any person convicted of a felony, an offense under Chapter 566, or is determined beyond a reasonable doubt of being a sexually violent predator (previously it was only required of a person convicted of a violent or sexual offense). This is retroactive and all persons currently within the corrections system (as well as under probation and parole) who are convicted felons will have to provide DNA samples.
- Provides for restitution at \$50 per day for each day that a person is incarcerated after conviction for a crime if an individual is determined to be actually innocent of the crime through DNA testing. There are stipulations which includes the exhaustion of all appeals and that the individual was not serving any term for any other crime concurrently.

"Innocent in Prison" is a new group starting in Missouri. They are a nonprofit organization of innocent prisoners in the USA, their families, friends, human rights activists, and abolitionists of the death penalty. They have united to re-balance the scale of justice effectively. If there is anyone that would like to volunteer for this group, please visit the website at www.innocentinprison.org or e-mail innocent_2003@netzero.com. They are in need of lawyers, private investigators that do pro bono work.

Karen Riley, Missouri Coordinator
Innocent in Prison
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St. Louis, MO 63143

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NEWS & NOTES

NATIONAL CURE CONVENTION

By John Howser, Chairman

As the Chairman of the Missouri Chapter of CURE, I was honored to be our state representative at the National CURE Convention in Washington, D.C. in early June. Anyone who goes to D.C. realizes very quickly that this is a wonderful city that is always full of energy and excitement, and this same excitement became a part of the three day convention. Different sessions met during the convention that were very informative and thought-provoking. It was certainly wonderful to hear so many informative speakers from not only the various states and the Federal government, but individuals who had come from around the world to speak to the convention.

I attended sessions concerning Federal prison issues, sex offender issues, efforts to reduce the cost of offender's phone calls (in several states the costs are extremely high), resources available to improve rehabilitation, and international developments in criminal justice. Oftentimes these sessions included panel discussions with panelists made of former offenders, attorneys, prison reform advocates, and a member of the U.S. Dept of Justice in Washington. In each of these sessions, those who discussed and spoke were able to give advice and resources for those of us who were in attendance at the convention.

The final day was completed with a march to the U.S. Supreme Court Building to protest the death penalty. We were joined that day by many others who had been attending the Convocation of Jail and Prison Ministers which had been meeting in Baltimore, MD. It was great to see so many from our own state of Missouri who had traveled to Baltimore and then down to Washington to join us for that last day of meetings, marches, and prayers. The final evening was long as the National Bd. of Directors for CURE met for several hours to discuss the progress various states are making with their CURE chapters and to lay the groundwork for the next Board meeting which will be held in Portland, OR. next year. The three days of meetings were certainly valuable for all of those who attended as we all left feeling that we are not alone with our problems and that there IS always HOPE for those of us who oftentimes feel hopeless!

FAMM UPDATE

Please accept apologies for mistaken information printed in our last News & Notes. FAMM is not allowed to endorse candidates. There was concern that Missouri CURE was also endorsing this candidate, but we were simply reporting what happened at the meeting. No report for this month.

CONCERT IN ST. LOUIS

National recording artist and renowned singer-songwriter Stephan Smith returns to St. Louis on Saturday, July 17, 2004, for an evening of music at The Commonsplace, 615 N. Grand in Grand Center, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10, or \$7 for Friends of The Commonsplace; this is an all-ages show. Seating is limited. For tickets, call The Commonsplace: (314) 531-1707.

A portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit the **Eastern Missouri Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.**

Stephan Smith has been hailed by the Village Voice as his generation's "heir apparent to Woody Guthrie," singing and speaking out on issues of peace, social justice and activism through his work, which is influenced by old-time folk traditions but solidly of his time, incorporating hip-hop, electronic and DJ influences. Son of an Iraqi father and an Austrian/Jewish/Catholic mother, he defies simplistic categorization – an asset to his mission of bringing the world closer through music. As Stephan says, "I ain't got no borders, I'm part of the post-border and post-boredom generation." On top of all that, he sometimes breaks out a furious fiddle!

Amanda Doyle, The Commonsplace, (314) 531-1707, amanda@thecommonsplace.org

Carleen Reck, Eastern Missouri Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, (314) 241-8062

AROUND TOWN

Contact Missouri CURE for more details

- July 5: Criminal Justice Task Force KC: 7 pm at St. Luke's United Church of Christ at 727 N. Main, Independence
For more information, contact Sara Boyd at 816-453-2499
- July 7: MASW meeting in Jefferson City: 10:30 – 2:30 pm at 606 E. Capitol Drive
For more information, contact Dianna Moore at 1-888-634-2901
- July 10: MADP (Missourians to Abolish Death Penalty) in Jefferson City: 10:30 am at 600 Clark Avenue
For more information, contact Rita Linhart at 573-635-7239
- July 15: FAMM (Families Against Mandatory Minimums) meeting in St. Louis: 6-8 pm at 3017 Park Avenue
- July 15: EMCADP (Eastern Missouri Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty) in St. Louis: 7 pm at ACLU at 4557 Laclede Avenue. For more information, contact Mary Mifflin at 314-385-8344
- July 17: FAMM (Families Against Mandatory Minimums) meeting in KC: 1 pm at Pentecostal Church of God in Christ.
For more information, contact Melvin Strong at 816-763-4367
- July 17: Stephan Smith Concert in St. Louis: 7:30 pm at the Commonsplace, 615 N. Grand. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the **Eastern Missouri Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.**
- July 19: St. Joseph CARES support group: 7-9pm at Wyatt Park Christian Church, 27th & Mitchell, west entrance
For more information, contact Linney at 816-294-3444
- July 22: WMCADP (Western Missouri Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty) in Kansas City: 7 pm at Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church at 2310 E. Linwood Boulevard. For more information, contact Cathleen Burnett at 816-756-0911

July 23: Jefferson City CARES support group: 6 pm at 9112 Bode Ferry Road.
For more information, contact Georgia Justice at 573-635-3861

**July 24: MISSOURI CURE STATEWIDE MEETING in Jefferson City. Time: 4-6 pm at
First United Methodist Church, 201 Monroe Street. Call 314-578-8899 for more
information**



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