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RIISING ABOVE THE CIRCUMSTANCES
NEW ORLEANS, LA
NOVEMBER 13-15, 2009

The Executive View

AWEC Plans Fourteenth Annual Membership Training Institute

Rising Above the Circumstances: Response, Recovery, Resiliency, Renewal

Chateau Bourbon Hotel, New Orleans Louisiana, November 13-15, 2009

AWEC's 2009 Annual Membership Training Institute will be held from November 13-15 at the Chateau Bourbon Hotel in New Orleans, LA.

In keeping with the decision-focused times, our conference theme is: ***Rising Above the Circumstances: Response,***

Recovery, Resiliency, Renewal. During the day on Friday, November 13, AWEC will host its third Emerging Executive Training Institute and its annual Board of Directors meeting. The conference begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday with a reception of AWEC Members and graduates of the E2 session

and continues through the Legacy Brunch and AWEC Business Meeting on Sunday.

On Friday afternoon, early birds will be able to take a tour of New Orleans, including areas most affected by Hurricane Katrina. The tour will be guided by natives of New Orleans.

AWEC members are encouraged to make room reservations at the Chateau Bourbon Hotel as soon as possible. Conference rates will be honored three days before and after the conference. Don't forget to sign up for Wyndham Rewards and By Request as you will be eligible to receive free internet in your room at the hotel



2009 Emerging Executive (E2) Training Institute

AWEC is proud to sponsor the Third Annual Emerging Executives Training Institute to be held on Friday, November 13 at the Chateau Bourbon Hotel in New Orleans, LA. Attendance is limited to 30.

This day long executive leadership training is open to women at a mid-management level in any corrections field, including but not limited to probation, parole, community corrections, jails, and prisons. Committed to a philosophy of 'Each One Teach One,' AWEC utilizes the rich experience of its senior membership, who are top level executive women, as featured speakers in the Emerging Executive Training Institute.

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***Due Date for E2
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The AWEC Executive Committee and Board of Directors extends sincere thanks to all of our Committee chairpersons and members for their continuing efforts on behalf of the membership. AWEC members are invited to support and become actively involved in committee activities. If you're interested in serving on one of AWEC's committees, please contact the committee's chairwoman.

Jetson Center for Youth Rising Stars Choir

Jetson Center for Youth is a secure care facility for males near Baton Rouge, LA and its youth choir has existed for many years. The choir is made up of youth and staff and generally performs Southern Gospel-style music with contemporary genre thrown in—original "respectful rap," Top 40, patriotic themes and anything else that captures their imagination. Many of their performances include original pieces written and arranged by staff and youth.

The Jetson Center for Youth Rising Star Choir will perform at the Legacy Brunch and Award Presentation on Sunday, November 15.



Visit the “Make A Smile” Project on your trip to New Orleans

AWEC members joined members of NAAWS and other corrections agencies and organizations in the effort to build this playground. Even though the pictures were featured in an earlier newsletter, since our conference will be in New Orleans, we thought you would like to see them again.

On Friday afternoon, November 13, there will be a tour of the Crescent City, including the Ninth Ward, hosted by natives of New Orleans. AWEC members will have a chance to see this project first hand.

President's Note

As fall approaches, most of our energy is focused on the upcoming conference in November in New Orleans. Mary Livers and Kathy Waters and the rest of the Louisiana conference committee are putting together a great program. The cost is very reasonable and the hotel is located right in the French Quarter. So please come, learn, enjoy and renew old friendships.

As I am approaching the final few months of my presidency, I want to say what an honor it has been to serve as your AWEC President. The Executive Committee, Annie, Kathy, Judy, Mary and Andie have been outstanding representatives of this organization and I know as we go forward, AWEC will be in very good hands. Kit has learned the ropes fast and well. We are blessed to have found her. I am grateful to my committee chairs: Mary, Joyce, Darla, Jeanette, Marilyn, Sharon and Melanie. You have worked hard and have always answered the call when asked to do just a little bit more. Thank you all.

Over the past fourteen years, AWEC has grown into a wonderful organization. Over my career, I have belonged to dozens of organizations. None of them come even close to impacting my professional and personal life as AWEC has. I love hearing and sharing your stories. To the new members of AWEC, just let me say there is so much you can gain from this outstanding group of women. Get involved in committee work, you will not be disappointed.

Even though my time as president is coming to a close, I will still be involved in helping Annie and her new Executive Committee for next two years.

I am so happy you all are part of my world.

Francine



AWEC Members and Visitors Attend Update Session at ACA Summer Conference

Approximately 25 members and visitors attended the AWEC Update Session at the ACA Conference in Nashville on August 10.

President Francine Perretta made introductions and welcomed members and visitors. She complimented AWEC member, Connie Cruz on her work planning the wonderful Women's Reception held the previous evening. The attendance was excellent and the event enjoyed by all. AWEC is a contributor to this annual event.

The membership process was discussed at length. The process has been formalized in writing. Some of the problems noted were due to budget issues with various agencies. Several agencies have dropped memberships and are requiring members to pay their own dues. Kit mentioned the possibility of group emails being blocked by state servers. She noted that it would be a good idea for members to ensure that the AWEC email, info@awec.us, is included in address books.

President Perretta noted that AWEC's 501c3 application was approved by the IRS. This means that AWEC is designated as a public charity and all contributions are tax deductible.

AWEC pins have been designed, ordered and received. They will be distributed at the conference in November and the rest will be mailed to members who are not present.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Andie Moss, is working on a slate of officers for the upcoming election. New Executive Committee will be inducted at the annual business meeting on November 15 in New Orleans.

The Awards Committee, chaired by Sharon Johnson Rion, will review applications for the various awards to be presented in November.

Dr. Mary Livers gave a report on the annual membership training institute scheduled for November 13-15 in New Orleans. The conference site is the Chateau Bourbon Hotel located in the French Quarter.

Dr. Joyce Conley talked a bit about the Emotional Intelligence research project. The deadline was extended and Joyce invited those still interested to contact her.

Members were asked to contact the AWEC Office if they had questions, suggestions, or concerns.

Celebrations!



Sandra Sawicki retired from Connecticut DOC after 27 years of service.

She was Director of the Maloney Center for Training and Staff Development.

Millicent Warren, AWEC Member from Michigan Department of Corrections, was named NAAWS 2009 Warden of the Year.

Congratulations, Millie!

More Retirements.....

Jackie Kotkin, VT Mary Marcial, CT Suzanne Bauer, AZ
Lori Ricks, CT Nancy Rouse, MD

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Remember that AWEC's website has all of the latest information about promotions, awards, retirements, the Annual Training Institute, the Emerging Executive Training Institute, the latest positions available, newsletters, and much more! Visit www.awec.us today!

2009 AWEC Membership Training Institute . . .

FRIDAY, November 13, 2009

1:00—5:00 p.m. Registration
10:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Tour of New Orleans
5:00—7:00 p.m. Reception of AWEC Members/E2

SATURDAY, November 14, 2009

8:00-8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:00 a.m. Call to Order: President's Opening Remarks, Welcome by LA Dignitaries
9:15-10:45 a.m. Panel : Leading the Way
Genie Powers, Jimmy LeBlanc, AWEC member
10:45 -11:00 a.m. Break

11:00– 11:45 a.m. Recovery—it's a Process
12:00—1:30 p.m. Lunch with Susan Hunter
1:30-1:45 p.m. Break
1:45-2:30 p.m. Panel: Resiliency—Just Do It
2:30-2:45 p.m. Break
2:45-3:30 p.m. Panel: Renewal –Nurturing the Spirit
3:30—4:00 p.m. *Wrap-Up of the Day*
4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. Reception
Dinner on Your Own! Enjoy New Orleans!

SUNDAY November 15, 2009

8:45—10:15 a.m.
Legacy Brunch and Award Presentation
Entertainment by Jetson Youth Choir
10:15—12:00 p.m.
AWEC Business Meeting/ Induction of Officers/Closing Remarks

**Dress
is
Business Casual**

2009 Emerging Executive (E2) Training Institute continued . . .

The registration fee for E2 is \$50.00. A copy of the application form for Approval to Attend the AWEC Emerging Executive Training Institute is available on page 8 of this newsletter. This form may also be downloaded on the Download page of AWEC's website at <http://www.awec.us>.

Rooms are available at the Chateau Bourbon Hotel at the conference rate of \$100 for singles and doubles. All travel expenses will be the responsibility of partici-

pants and/or their employers. Accommodations information is provided on page 8.

Participants of the Emerging Executives Training Institute are expected to attend the entire day's agenda. Graduates of the Institute are invited to attend a reception on Friday evening from 5-7:00 to meet and network with AWEC membership. The Emerging Executive Training Institute precedes the Annual AWEC Membership Training Institute from November 14-15.

Remember the deadline for applications for Approval to Attend is October 1, 2009!



Sights of New Orleans, the Crescent City!



AWEC Conference Hotel

Chateau Bourbon Hotel

New Orleans, Louisiana

CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

The AWEC 2009 Fall Training Institute for members will be held from Friday, November 13 through noon Sunday, November 15 at the **Chateau Bourbon Hotel, 800 Iberville Street, New Orleans, LA 70012**. The E2 training session will be on Friday, November 13.

ROOM RATES/RESERVATIONS:

The Chateau Bourbon AWEC Conference room rate for a single/double room is \$100 plus tax, which is currently at 13% , and a \$1.00 per night convention Center tax. This rate is available three days prior to and three days after the conference dates.

There has been a link created for AWEC's convenience in making reservations if you are arriving on November 12, 2009 and departing on November 15, 2009:

http://www.wyndham.com/groupeventsnew/msycb_awec/main.wnt

If you are planning to extend your dates before or after the above dates, or are arriving and departing on different dates, it would be best to make your entire reservation by phone to the hotel: 504-586-0800. Be sure to identify yourself as part of the Association of Women Executives in Corrections.

CUT-OFF DATE- MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY:

The cut off date for reservations is October 19, 2009. After that date we cannot guarantee conference rates will apply.

CHECK IN AND CHECK OUT :

The Chateau Bourbon check-out time is 12:00 p.m. The Check—in time is 3:00 p.m. Every attempt will be made to accommodate either early arrivals or late departures based on guestroom availability.

GUESTROOM DEPOSIT/GUARANTEE POLICY:

The hotel requires credit card guarantee with each reservation. Personal checks will not be accepted. Guestrooms may be canceled prior to 72 hours before arrival without penalty of a no show fee of one night's room and tax. If a guest fails to arrive on the expected date of arrival the room deposit will be forfeited as a "no-show" fee and the room will be released for the remaining dates reserved.



Recommended credit cards or other forms of Payment: valid American Express, Diners Club, Discover, master Card, Optima, Visa.

TRANSPORTATION:

Airport Shuttle is approximately \$15.00 one way and a taxi is approximately \$16.00, excluding gratuities.

PARKING:

There will be a day parking rate on Friday and Saturday for day attendees in the Holmes Garage.

Valet parking is available at the current rate of \$24.00 Self Park and \$28.00 Valet, plus applicable sales taxes per day. Prices may be subject to change

WYNDHAM REWARDS:

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TIDBITS FROM NEW ORLEANS:

THE GOODS ON GUMBO

This ultimate Creole dish is a tasty metaphor of New Orleans culture: not a melting pot, but a spicy mix of ingredients that complement each other without losing their individual flavors.

Based on the African tradition of soup, gumbo is made with local seafood like our superb Gulf shrimp, crabs and crawfish, or a mix of meat and sausage (usually Cajun Andouille). Native American file' spice thickens and flavors the stock. Okra (from the Bantu *nkombo*) also helps with the thickening process as do Creole tomatoes. The 'holy trinity' of New Orleans food -- onions, garlic, and green peppers.

JAZZ!

They say that jazz was born in the 1890's when Buddy Bolden put his cornet to his lips and blew a few hot notes to a cool tune. Just that simple and JAZZ was created, an American original and a world favorite.

JAZZ mixes African and Creole rhythms with African American and European styles. The Irish, Germans and Italians contributed the presence of brass bands.

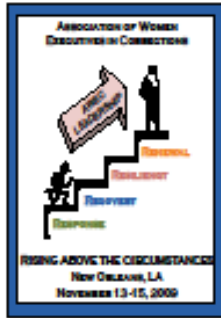
STORYVILLE

It exists in name only. This was the area of the official red-light district of New Orleans, from 1897 to 1917, when it was decided far better to make war than love.

Attempts at regulating and taxing the world's oldest profession failed until 1897 when a city alderman named Sidney Story drafted an ordinance confirming prostitution to a controlled district where it was still illegal, yet madams were required to have a license to operate their brothels.

Instantly dubbed Storyville, the ladies cheerfully profited from consolidation, creating the 'Blue Book.' their own private yellow pages listing the houses, girls, services and prices for many of the 700 women who worked there. The book's famed photographs inspired potential customers to take a closer look. Business boomed, and Jazz greats like Jelly Roll Morton and King Oliver played in bordellos. The Louis Armstrong Park today sits across North Rampart Street, a Storyville area where many young musicians got a start.

Courtesy of New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau.



REGISTRATION FORM
2009 AWEC Membership Training Institute
November 13-15, 2009 * Chateau Bourbon Hotel, New Orleans, LA

Registration Restricted to Members Only

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Preference for Name on Badge: _____
Position/Title: _____
Organization: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____
Please check if: Allergic to Seafood Vegetarian Need Special Diet
Do you plan to stay for the Sunday brunch which ends at noon? Yes No
Do you plan to participate in the New Orleans tour on Friday 2-4 pm? Yes No
Conference Dress is Business Casual

REGISTRATION FEE: \$175 members \$275 Members with Outstanding Dues
Payment Enclosed (Circle one): Check Money Order Voucher/Purchase Order
Credit Card (Circle one): MC Visa AmEx Discovery

For Credit Card, enter the following:
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Checks should be made out to: *Association of Women Executives in Corrections* or AWEC
There will be no refund of registrations after November 1, 2009

SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT BY October 15, 2009 TO:

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FAX 866-710-5140
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Association of Women Executives in Corrections
2009 Emerging Executives (E²) Training Institute
 Friday November 13, 2009 * Chateau Bourbon Hotel, New Orleans, LA

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO ATTEND
You must submit a one page resume with this application

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Position/Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____
 How long have you been in a middle management position? _____
 Referred/Sponsored by: Name: _____
 Referral/Sponsor Position: _____ Phone: _____
 Why do you want to attend this training? _____

VERY IMPORTANT: All participants must be approved by AWEC to attend this Institute. Submit this form no later than October 1, 2009 to assure adequate time for AWEC's Leadership to consider your application. We will alert you of your acceptance no later than October 15, 2009 so there is ample time to make travel and room arrangements. Payment will be returned if your application is not accepted. Checks should be made out to *Association of Women Executives in Corrections*.

- * Participant must remain for the entire full-day training *8:30-5:00 and are encouraged to attend the reception *5:00 – 7:00.
- * All travel expenses are the responsibility of the participant/sponsoring agency. Limited stipends are available.
- * Space is limited for this training. Your application for attendance will be reviewed upon receipt. As soon as possible after it is received, you will be notified if approved so you can make travel arrangements. Conference dress is business casual.

Please check if you are: Allergic to Seafood Vegetarian
 Need special diet:

REGISTRATION FEE: \$50.00 (No refunds after November 1, 2009)

Payment Enclosed (Circle one): Check Money Order Voucher/Purchase Order
 Credit Card (Circle one): MC Visa AmEx Discovery

For Credit Card, enter the following:

Name on Card: _____
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