



Mike Roberts, KSDK-TV Channel 5, is keynote speaker at this year's PMP Luncheon.

Spring Awards Luncheon – April 9th Be there!

You know Spring is arriving when it's time to mark your calendars for NCADA's annual **Professional Membership Program Awards Luncheon**. This year's keynote speaker is **Mike Roberts** from KSDK-TV Channel 5. Mike is a very familiar face to St. Louis as a weathercaster at KSDK. He has been Emmy-nominated twice in the past four years for best weathercaster and is one of only three people nominated for the American Meteorological Society's award for outstanding service by a broadcast meteorologist in the community. He is also an active participant in the St. Louis community, most notably as a volunteer with Unity Health Hospice and serves on the board of Radio Information Services for the Blind.

The annual luncheon provides NCADA

the opportunity to honor the work and efforts of some very deserving individuals. This year's luncheon will be held Friday, April 9th at the Junior League of St. Louis, 10435 Clayton Road. A silent auction, starting at 11:30, and the annual recognition awards will be included on the agenda. The Bronze Key, Gateway, Helen B. Madden, Volunteer of the Year, Community Service and Heroes awards will be presented.

The cost of the luncheon is \$27 per person or \$230/table of ten. All reservations must be prepaid by April 1. This event is open to the public. We recommend calling or responding to mailed invitations as soon as possible. To make reservations or for more information, please call NCADA, 314.962.3456.

New Statewide Conference



August 5 - 8, 2004

NCADA is taking the lead in coordinating the new Statewide Prevention Conference, "Ignite Our Spirit, Illuminate Our Communities," to be held August 5-8 at the Millennium Hotel on the St. Louis riverfront. As a merger of two former trainings, the TREND Youth Leadership Conference and ACT Missouri's Statewide Prevention Conference, this new interactive leadership and advocacy training for youth and adults is being sponsored by the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, ACT Missouri, Missouri Statewide Training and Resource Center and NCADA in partnership with the City of St. Louis

Mental Health Board of Trustees. A broad target audience includes parents, community leaders, and coalitions including Community 2000 Teams, school faculty/administrators, health providers, the faith community, and law enforcement in addition to energetic young people in middle school, high school and college who are leaders in TREND and other youth organizations that promote a nonviolent and drug-free lifestyle.

Participants will benefit from the partnership with the Mental Health Board of Trustees which has received a federal SAMSHA grant for the Prevention Kaleidoscope Conference, August 4-6, at the Millennium Hotel. Their Conference will dovetail with the Statewide Prevention Conference allowing a sharing of resources that will include national speakers such as the Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Richard Carmona.

Contact Karen Jones at 314.962.3456 or e-mail her at kjones@ncada-stl.org for more information.

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HB 901 would increase MO's alcohol excise fees for the purpose of funding alcohol and drug prevention and treatment services.

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MASPA

Missouri Addiction Service Providers Association



MASPA is a new voice speaking on behalf of the issues and needs specific to alcohol and drug programs in Missouri.

from the Executive Director



Often when discussing issues related to the field of alcohol abuse and addiction, I use terms like “social norm,” “normative,” and “enculterated.” All of these generally refer to the use of alcohol

and related behavior as being an acceptable part of our society. Not necessarily accepted in a positive way, but simply taken for granted that it’s “just the way things are.” Even among some of my recovering friends I’ve heard, “Yes, alcohol nearly destroyed me and my family, but it’s a part of our society that will never change.” I guess to most people, beer is just like mom and apple pie.

Personally, I consider the way people accept, or even worship, alcohol to be extremely odd. We have holidays, like New Years and Mardi Gras, that are more and more centered around alcohol. Almost every sporting event, professional and collegiate, is sponsored by beer. My favorite is auto racing because there’s such a good connection between cars and booze. And what about the Olympics? Nothing makes more sense than the premier event of our world’s greatest athletes being sponsored by the alcohol beverage industry. It’s just “normal.”

And please, don’t even try to point out the irony here, because you’ll only be chastised for being anti-American or anti-free enterprise. You will also be reminded of how much good the alcohol industry does for sports and our communities. I find it peculiar however, that for all the good the alcohol industry does, their products are still the number one contributing factor to teenage deaths in this country. Isn’t this a little like the fable of the “Emperor’s New Clothes?”

Maybe it really is me who is “abnormal.” But I can’t stop asking why alcohol has to be such a big part of our lives? It’s an extremely dangerous drug that we have embraced as a good thing, seemingly ignoring its negative effects. I remember a doctor once telling me the first thing to become impaired when you drink is your judgment. I wonder if that could be said for an entire society?

Now before I get labeled a “neo-prohibitionist,” let me state I am not against social drinking by adults of legal age. I am however concerned how alcohol is portrayed and promoted in our culture, and the impact this has on our children. If the health and safety of kids are truly among our top priorities, shouldn’t we be doing more to change some of the norms surrounding alcohol? Perhaps we could start with the Super Bowl.

HB 901 on the Move

by Dan Duncan
Director of Community Services

On February 5, House Speaker Catherine Hanaway assigned House Bill 901 to the Tax Policy Committee. This bill, sponsored by Rep. Bill Deeken of Jefferson City, contains language that would increase Missouri’s alcohol excise fees to the national average. The increase would raise an additional \$43 million dollars annually. The bill earmarks this money specifically for the purpose of funding alcohol and drug prevention and treatment services in our state. Missouri’s excise fees, second lowest in the nation, has not been increased since 1971. “This bill being assigned to committee is one more important step in progress toward passage,” said Act Missouri’s policy analyst, Gerrit DenHartog. “This is a fair and painless way to generate much-needed funding for critical prevention services for Missouri’s youth and treatment for those addicted to alcohol and drugs. Missouri legislators and the people they represent can ill afford to ignore this bill.” DenHartog notes the beauty of this bill is that the legislators don’t have to make the final decision whether or not to raise this fee. “House Bill 901 calls for a referendum that would allow the people of Missouri to vote on it this November. Let’s let the people of our state make the decision.”

St. Louis area legislators who serve on the Tax Policy Committee are as follows: Mike Sutherland - Warrenton; Bruce Darrough - Florissant; Clint Zweifel - Florissant; Cynthia Davis - O’Fallon; Robert Hilgemann - St. Louis; Allen Icet - Wildwood; Neal St. Onge - Ballwin. Whether you are for or against this bill, we urge you to speak out. If you live in any of these legislators’ districts, hearing from you can make a huge difference in their interest in HB 901. Legislators can be contacted via mail: Missouri House of Representatives, 201 West Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65101 or you can get their phone numbers or email addresses at: <http://www.moga.state.mo.us/> This is a great opportunity to voice your opinion and exercise your citizenship.

New NCADA President Elected



Charley Meyer, NCADA President, Judy Brostron, Immediate Past President, and Ed Tasch, Executive Director

NCADA held its annual board of directors meeting on January 26, 2004 at the Cheshire Inn Restaurant. The following board members were elected as officers for 2004: Charley Meyer, president. Tom Herrmann, Hal Klinger, Connie Schnuck, Henry Watkins - vice presidents; Tom Erickson - treasurer; Peter Huey - secretary.

We are extremely grateful to each board member whose service and support help make NCADA the place to turn.

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Underage and College Drinking: Still a Big Deal



Commentary

by Moyenda Anwisyse
NCADA Prevention Specialist

Over many years, families, communities, and organizations have valiantly attempted to stamp out the underage/college drinking epidemic. Despite these hard-fought efforts, a widely held notion that alcohol abuse by young people is no longer a cause for concern still exists. However, statistics, as well as anecdotal evidence suggest that college/underage drinking causes a myriad of prob-

lems for both the drinker as well as innocent bystanders. According to an April 9, 2002 report from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), each year alcohol on college campuses can be found responsible for:

- 1,400 deaths (1,100 deaths from drunk driving).
- 500,000 injuries.
- 150,000 health problems
- 70,000 cases of reported sexual assault or date rape.
- 25% of all reported academic troubles.

If these statistics are not concern enough, the question must be asked, "How does the college drinking population affect the rest of the student body?" An NIAAA task force on college drinking also reports that:

- 60% of students had their sleep or study interrupted by an intoxicated student.
- 47.6% had to take care of a drunk student.
- 15% were victims of property damage by intoxicated students.

Among the factors contributing to the perpetuation of the epidemic are: lack of awareness on the parts of parents and students to the real dangers of alcohol abuse; celebrities and family members modeling drinking behavior; and the work of the al-

cohol industry, the yearly recipient of \$22.5 billion worth of alcohol consumed by minors.

Big Alcohol, much like its cousin Big Tobacco, shamelessly absolves itself of any responsibility for the creation, maintenance, and spread of underage drinking. As a matter of fact, Big Alcohol generously sponsors community endeavors such as cultural events and sports leagues. Although they provide "resources" to parents who may have difficulty in sharing information about alcohol with their children, they also engage in aggressive ad campaigns that clearly appeal to people under the age of twenty-one. They will also help promote liquor specials at clubs and bars near college campuses. Other efforts, such as the lobbying of politicians, contributions to political campaigns, and a well-written editorial from time to time, ensure the alcohol industry's point of view remains at the forefront.

Protection must be given to keep children from being exploited, whether it is deliberate or unintentional. It is important that Big Alcohol is held accountable for its role in the proliferation of this sad epidemic. How many children must die, how many families must be destroyed, how many students must experience academic and social failure before we challenge the role alcohol plays in our society?

And the Winner is ... STANLEY BECCHETTI!



SLU Athletic Director, Doug Woolard, congratulating Stan at the Dec. 17 SLU basketball game.

Congratulations to Stanley Becchetti, winner of a 2004 Honda Civic LX! Huey's Honda, Y-98 FM and St. Louis University helped NCADA make inroads into the prevention of underage substance abuse with the 2003 *HUEY'S HONDA CIVIC CHALLENGE*. Not only did the event raise funds to support NCADA's prevention programs for youth, but it also raised awareness throughout the community about the problems of alcohol and drug abuse. Special thanks to all who purchased tickets and to everyone involved in making this event a success!



Stan accepting keys to his new car from Peter Huey.



Peter Huey, Charley Meyer, NCADA Board President, and Andy Huey



Y98 FM's Morning Show kicked off the Honda Civic Challenge at Huey's Honda



ALCOHOLISM RESEARCH IN ST. LOUIS

Researchers at Washington University and five other centers are part of a 15-year research project known as the Collaborative Study on the Genetics of Alcoholism. In St. Louis, scientists isolated a gene on chromosome 15 that appears to be connected to alcohol addiction. The gene is involved in the regulation of GABA, which is a chemical in the brain that helps to send messages between neurons. Stimulating GABA receptors will increase behavioral effects of alcohol. Researchers expect to find several genes associated with alcohol dependence. Such identification could lead to new avenues for medications.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
January 15, 2004

WOMEN AND ALCOHOL

An 11-year study by the University College in London, England indicates that women who consume two or more alcoholic drinks daily are 57 percent more likely to suffer from coronary heart disease than moderate drinkers. Women who have two or more drinks a day had death rates seven times higher than women who drank one or two drinks a week. Women who didn't consume alcohol had an 80 percent higher risk of heart disease compared with women who had one or two drinks a week. However, "... we certainly wouldn't endorse people who don't drink to go out and start as a result of this and other studies," says Dr. Annie Britton, co-author of the research.

Addiction
January 2004

TREATING OPIATE ADDICTIONS

The Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA) laid the groundwork for a new approach to treating opiate addictions by allowing certified physicians to prescribe Subutex (buprenorphine) and Suboxone (buprenorphine/naloxone) in their offices. However, DATA allows group practices to treat only 30 patients at a time. Federal regulators include large HMOs and entire academic medical centers as "group practices." Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), chairman of the Judiciary Committee has introduced legislation (S. 1887) to eliminate the 30-patient limit altogether. The bill is in the Judiciary Committee and is co-sponsored by Senators Joe Biden of Delaware and Carl Levin of Michigan.

Join Together
February 6, 2004

MISSOURI FLUNKS SMOKING

Missouri received mostly failing grades on the American Lung Association's smoking control and prevention report card. Three "Fs" were given for tobacco prevention and control spending, smoke-free air, and cigarette tax. Missouri's \$.17 tax per cigarette pack is one of the lowest in the nation; only five states have a lower tax. A grade of "B" was awarded for youth access to cigarettes. Missouri ranks in the top five states for the percentage of people who smoke. One third of middle-school students and nearly two-thirds of high schoolers say they have smoked at some time. At these rates, nearly 144,000 of today's teens will die of smoking-related deaths, according to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. John K. Kirkwood, chief executive officer and president of the Lung Association states, "... we have the data to prove that funding comprehensive prevention programs, raising cigarette taxes, providing smoke-free air, and preventing the sale of cigarettes to children can dramatically reduce tobacco use and disease." Missouri has not used any money from the tobacco settlement for anti-smoking efforts.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
January 7, 2004

ADVERTISING TO MINORS PUTS MAJOR BREWERS IN HOT WATER

Two lawsuits have been filed against the liquor industry and experts are comparing them to the legal action against the tobacco industry. One lawsuit contends that alcohol companies negligently focus their advertising on underage drinkers. The other accuses two major brewers, Anheuser-Busch Co. and Miller Brewing Co., of knowingly encouraging underage drinking in their multifaceted marketing strategy. George Hacker, director of alcohol policies at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said certain products – such as "alcopops" – could support claims that the industry is targeting minors. The alcohol industry plans to counter by showing that they have spent millions to address underage drinking.

Wall Street Journal
February 5, 2004

MISSOURI FIGHTS METH

Missouri has the highest number of methamphetamine labs in the nation. Gov. Bob Holden has created two task forces to fight the illegal drug through education and treatment. The Missouri Methamphetamine Education and Prevention Task Force will coordinate public and private resources in its efforts to educate people about the dangers of the drug and to prevent meth use. The Missouri Methamphetamine Treatment Task Force will increase training for treatment providers, encourage greater access to treatment, and promote research on the best treatment for methamphetamine. The Methamphetamine Enforcement and Environmental Protection Task Force will focus on the safety of law officers and the environment since meth labs can chemically contaminate the air. Gov. Holden plans to convene a methamphetamine summit in April for the task forces, law enforcement agencies, educators, prosecutors, judges, community leaders, physicians, correction officials and treatment specialists.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
January 28, 2004

Full Steam Ahead with TREND

Brad Berry and Mary Powers are a powerful TREND team with a lot of steam! Their team was launched at West County Technical High School in 1991 when they became the adult sponsors of the school's TREND* (Turning Resources and Energy in New Directions) Chapter. Their TREND partnership is now in full bloom at North County Technical High School. However, Brad, who was voted the 2003 Special School District Teacher of the Year, was not new as a TREND Sponsor when Mary and he formed their original partnership. He first became a Sponsor at North County Tech High School in 1988 and has the distinction of being a Sponsor at two different schools before returning to North Tech 10 years later, but this time with Mary as the TREND Co-Sponsor.

There are many reasons why their leadership has earned both West Tech and North Tech TREND Chapters the distinction of being inducted into the TREND Chapter Hall of Fame. First of all, Brad and Mary mentor their students in such an effective way that their students do the lion's share of the work for all projects undertaken by their Chapter. For example, students orga-

nized a health fair where participants from several schools learned about the heart wrenching impact of the HIV virus by seeing a display of the South African AIDS quilts and a play on AIDS written by college students.

Secondly, Brad and Mary have encouraged their TREND members to engage in large scale community service projects including building playground equipment for children at Faith House, a shelter for mothers and drug addicted children. These efforts have empowered members to become more giving and sensitive to community issues. Finally these dynamic TREND Sponsors have engaged TREND members and other North Tech students and teachers in many projects that provide printing, carpentry and publicity materials for NCADA programming. They also present workshops at major NCADA sponsored events such as Red Ribbon Week and the National TREND Conference. NCADA and TREND are very grateful for the mighty leadership of Brad

Berry and Mary Powers who are true Heroes Helping Heroes Win the War on Drugs. If you would like to become a "hero" helping youth, contact Ginny Shaller, Coordinator of Prevention Activities at 314.962.3456, ext. 348.

* TREND is NCADA's drug-free alternatives and leadership program that helps middle school, high school and college students establish and develop TREND Chapters. With adult sponsorship, Chapters plan activities that promote a nonviolent, drug-free lifestyle.



Brad Berry, sponsor, and Mary Powers, cosponsor, of TREND at North County Technical High School



GLENN MCGOWAN

Glenn has a strong background in substance abuse counseling, having worked in the field for the past 20 years. He is also a nationally certified compulsive gambling counselor. We are happy to have you join us, Glenn!

MICHELE HOLMES-BELL

Michele taught music in the Normandy school district for seven years. She will work out of NCADA's city office as a prevention specialist. We're happy to have you as part of the NCADA team, Michele!



Staff



JONA ROSS

Jona has taught and run groups for all ages. She will soon obtain her K-12 certification in school counseling. She has joined NCADA as a part-time prevention specialist. Nice to have you with us, Jona!

AMY PALMER

Having taught 3rd and 4th grade in the Kirkwood School District for six years, Amy brings great enthusiasm to her position of part-time prevention specialist. Welcome, Amy!



Updates



HELAINÉ BOLAND

Helaine joins NCADA as a fund development associate. Her background includes teaching, motivational training, business management and sales, and special events. Welcome, Helaine!

ANDREA RAY

Andrea "Andy" has worked at NCADA since June 2002 as a prevention specialist in our Community 2000 program. As of February 1, Andy will serve as the C2000 Regional Support Center Coordinator. Congratulations, Andy!



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October through December 2003

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C2000 Teams Flex Their Muscles in Jefferson City

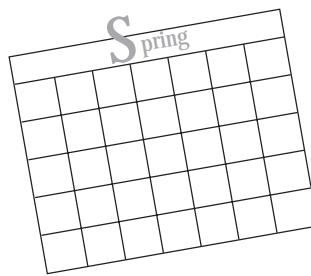
Thirty Community 2000 team members and youth from around Missouri traveled to the State's Capital for the Eastern Regional Support Center's "Advocacy Training and Meet Your Legislator Day" on Tuesday, February 3, 2004. Registered Lobbyist, Gerrit DenHartog spoke to participants about the importance of prevention and treatment, how these programs are funded in Missouri, and what strategies participants can use to educate their legislators on the importance of maintaining funding for the Department of Mental Health. After the conclusion of the training's morning session, participants met with their legislators at the State Capital and discussed prevention programs' strong track record of maintaining safe communities and encouraging youth to make healthy decisions.

The NCADA-St. Louis Area serves as the Eastern Regional Support Center and services 30 Community 2000 Teams throughout the seven county area. For more information on advocacy training, please call Andy Ray at 314.962.3456.



News Around Town

■ **John Aliperti** has been named new Executive Director of **Harris House** . . . The opening of the Chemical Dependency Unit for **Centerpointe Hospital** in St. Charles has been pushed back to September of this year. ■



coming events

March

- 3** **Missouri Recovery Network** - St. Louis Chapter Meeting, 6:15p.m., NCADA main office, 8790 Manchester Road, 314.962.3456.
- 10** **St. Louis Coalition on Addictions** - monthly meeting, 11:30 a.m., NCADA main office, 8790 Manchester Road, 314.962.3456.
- 31** **Kick Butts Day** - For information call Gordon Dymowski, NCADA, 314.962.3456

April

- 1-31** **Alcohol Awareness Month**
- 7** **Missouri Recovery Network** - St. Louis Chapter Meeting, 6:15p.m., NCADA main office, 8790 Manchester Road, 314.962.3456.
- 8** **National Alcohol Screening Day** - For information call NCADA, 314.962.3456
- 9** **NCADA Annual Community Luncheon** - Keynote speaker: Junior League of St. Louis, 12:00 Noon, 962.3456.
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- 15** **NCADA's 10th Annual Golf Tournament** - Norwood Hills Country Club, www.ncada-stl.org or Chelle Dohrmann at 314.962.3456.

New Prevention/Treatment Advocacy Organization Announced

Missouri has a new organization for Missouri's alcohol and drug treatment and prevention providers. MASPAs, or Missouri Addiction Service Providers Association is an organization designed to provide an advocacy voice for providers. MASPAs President, Susan Schopflin of the McCambridge Center in Columbia notes a need for such an organization. "This association will help unify Missouri's prevention and treatment

providers. It has been a number of years since there has been an organized voice that can speak on behalf of the issues and needs specific to alcohol and drug programs in Missouri. In conjunction with the Missouri Department of Mental Health, we will help develop policies and standards to ensure quality services to both communities and individuals. In order to have access to similar efforts in other states, MASPAs has be-

come a member of SASS (State Association of Addiction Services) a national organization comprised of similar organizations from all over the country."

Membership for MASPAs is open to both private and public-funded alcohol and drug programs. For information on MASPAs contact Susan Schopflin at 573.449.3953 or log on to www.missouriaspa.org



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10:00	Putting Contest	5:00	Awards/Auction/Dinner

For more information, contact Chelle Dohrmann 314.962.3456 or
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