



Marriage and Family Counseling Service

Rock Island, Illinois

Quarterly Update | October - December 2014

A New Schedule

Beginning with this issue, "Update" shifts to a quarterly format, with publication in October, January, April, and July.

Transitions

A new Board leadership team was elected at the September Annual Meeting, which was hosted by **Don and Marsha Pedersen.**

Rick Best has been elected President of the Board of Directors. Rick, who is retired from a 26 year career at WQPT Public Television, including 15 years as General Manager. Rick is a realtor with Ruhl and Ruhl and a resident of Davenport. Rick succeeds **Chuck Austin** who served a two year term as President.



Joining the leadership team as Vice President is



Carlen Brinser. Carlen is a long time MFCS board member and is retired from Genesis Health Services Foundation, where she was Executive Director for eleven years.

Board members **Carmen Darland, Tom Lytton** and **Scott Van Vooren** completed their terms and were acknowledged for their service and contributions to the agency. Returning to the Board service is **Mike Drymiller**, and

Note This

The next Board of Directors' meeting has been re-scheduled for November 6, 11:30 am, at the Agency office.

November 18 TransParenting Class for Separating and Divorcing Couples

December 6 TransParenting Class for Separating and Divorcing Couples

January 15 Board of Directors' Meeting, 11:30 am

Facts & Impacts

28% of people have dated someone they met online.

Family Therapy Magazine, April-May, 2013

renewing their terms are **Jim Linden, Dennis Norling** and **Lance Willett**.

Jim Schoeck of Rock Island was elected to his first term on the Board of Directors. Jim is a Rock Island resident and is a graduate of Marycrest College. He is a Managing Partner at Modern Woodmen of America. Jim and his wife Cindy are parents of three children and is an active volunteer for sports activities at Alleman High School.



38% of men and 35% of women have sent a sext message.

Family Therapy Magazine, April-May, 2013

2014-15 Leadership

Rick Best

President

Carlen Brinser

Vice President

Lisa McCraw

Secretary

Jerry Goddard

Treasurer

Therapist **Kathy Bowman** has announced her plans to retire from the agency. Kathy began her career with MFCS in 1995 when she was the resident intern, and later became the first intern to join the local staff. Kathy was instrumental in establishing the agency's first Iowa office, in Bettendorf.

Funding Forward

Resource Development Committee Chairman **Jim Horstmann** reports that this year's recently-launched Annual Appeal effort is off to a strong start. To date \$3,575 in commitments have been made, representing 17% of the \$21,000 goal.

Thanks to the work of several Board members, the appeal list has grown to more than 400 individuals and couples.

In addition, Immediate Past President **Chuck Austin** and his wife Ann have established a special fund challenge campaign. They will match additional gifts beyond the Annual Appeal by Board members. To date, eight additional gifts totaling \$1,350 have been made towards the \$2,500 goal of this special fund.

And finally,

The agency's logo "Building Bridges for Families" illustrates the connection between the bi-state community and developing couple/family relationships. Two kinds of bridges that are interconnected with one another are represented: a bi-state community river bridge and family bridges built during couple/family

Committee

Chairpersons:

Endowment Fund

Jerry Goddard

Finance

Jerry Goddard

Honors / Annual Mtg.

Marsha Pedersen

Marketing Task Force

Laurie Skjerseth

Nominating

Laurie Skjerseth

Personnel

Chuck Austin

Policy & Planning

Dennis Norling

Resource Development

Jim Horstmann

counseling, shown by the man, woman, and children reaching for one another.

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