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AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Don't forget!

Each year, MACA presents several awards to recognize individuals for their efforts. The four award areas include:

Educator of the Year - presented to an individual who has demonstrated

JUNE - Happy Father's Day to the dad's in MACA! I hope you enjoy the day with your family. The inserted photo is one from many years ago when I went with my dad and mom to the World's Fair in Seattle. What a fun time and as I look back on that photo I remember the many times spent with my dad. Jean and Diane as well as Steve Taylor also found a dad photo that they were willing to share. It got us talking about our dads and laughing at some of the things that happened. I hope all of you have at least one fond memory! The state executives also share words of wisdom from their dads - which I think you will find interesting.

MACA is like a family too. It seems like you are there whenever help is needed. You work together for the good of the industry and that is one reason MACA is successful. I hope you'll join us for the quarterly meetings June 18-19 and the MACA Annual Meeting September 2-4. I think you'll find it worth your time to discuss the issues as well as network with the MACA membership!

Be sure and make plans to attend the Annual Meeting - as the kickoff speaker is someone you don't want to miss. Read on for the details!

significant contributions to American agriculture, especially in the MACA region.

Ruth White Media - who's demonstrated an evidence of consistent, objective and accurate reporting on American agriculture and the myriad of issues involved in modern agriculture, including the CropLife industry

Industry Vision - provides exemplary vision on the issues affecting Midwestern agriculture.

Ambassador of the Year - recognizes an ambassador for their efforts in promoting the crop protection industry through presentations to students or consumers

To nominate an individual award - just click [here](#) . Nominations are due by July 15, 2014.

We need your nominations!

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I am standing with my parents Joe and Marie McCarvel at the 1962 Seattle World's Fair in front of the \$1,000,000 Silver Dollar Display in a Behlen corn crib.



MACA JUNE MEETING

The Mid America CropLife Association (MACA) quarterly meetings will be held on **Wednesday, June 18, 2014, and Thursday, June 19, 2014, at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark Hotel, One South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri.** The group will also be taking in the Cardinals vs. the Mets baseball game which starts at 12:45 pm. We have 30 tickets for the game - compliments of **Monsanto's Chemistry and Seed Businesses.** Please note the committee meetings will be on Wednesday from 9 - noon, then the baseball game and the board meeting on Thursday from 7:30 - noon. Make your plans to participate:

1. Register for the meeting by going to <http://www.maca.org/members/boardmeeting/> and complete the form.
2. Make your hotel arrangements prior to the meeting by calling the **877-845-7354** to reserve a room at the rate of \$184.00 plus tax which includes the meeting room fee. To ensure the rate, say you are with MACA. Last day to reserve a hotel room is Friday, May 16 by 5:00 p.m.
3. Tickets will be on a first come, first served basis - you must register for the meetings, and then you are eligible for one ticket. Lunch will be on your own.



2014 Mid America CropLife Association Annual Meeting

September 2-4, 2014

The Alexander Hotel

Indianapolis, Indiana

Jason Paris

Immediate Past President

CALENDAR

June 18, 2014-MACA
Committee Meetings - St.
Louis, MO

June 19, 2014-MACA
Board Meeting - St. Louis,
MO

August 20 & 21 - 2014
MAGIE Show, McLean
County Fairgrounds,
Bloomington, IL

August 20-21 - Rocky
Mountain Agribusiness
Association Annual
Summer Meeting,
Keystone Lodge & Spa,
Keystone, CO

September 2-4
MACA Annual Meeting,
the Alexander Hotel,
Indianapolis, IN

November 5, 2014- MACA
Committee Meetings - St.
Louis, MO

November 6, 2014- MACA
Board Meeting - St. Louis,
MO

December 2-4 - ARA
Conference & Exposition,
New Orleans, LA

2015

February 10-12 - TPSA
Annual Stewardship
Conference, Hilton
Savannah Desoto Hotel,
Savannah, Georgia.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"My father gave me the
greatest gift anyone
could give another

STATE NEWS

MICHIGAN - "The work continues as the legislature works on the gas tax, trying to figure out how to fix roads, trying to complete a deal to get Detroit out of bankruptcy and members are antsy to get on the campaign trail," says **Jim Byrum, president, Michigan Agri-Business Association (MABA)**.

Michigan is waaayyy behind with spring field work...sugar beets only about 65-70% planted...should have been done a month ago, corn 30% maybe...will be the end of the month before some fields are accessible because of too much rain...dry bean acreage increasing daily as corn shifts to earlier varieties...if they can find them - or soybeans, or dry beans in the Thumb and Saginaw Valley...lots of discussion about crop insurance and prevented planting...

Byrum's favorite words of advice from his dad were "*Work smarter not harder!*"

MINNESOTA - "The 2014 Legislature finally adjourned just three days before the May 19 Constitutional deadline," reports **Bill Bond, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers (MCPR) executive director**. Governor Dayton's hope to have a legislative session in which they came in later than usual- February 25 - and would leave early was not realized. He termed the legislative session an "UnSession". However, it was anything but that description. Rather than sending the \$1.4 billion projected surplus back to the voters as the Republicans had demanded and going home, the legislature stayed to the bitter end spending the surplus on increased budget reserves, gave back most of the business to business taxes they raised last year, and spent the rest. Some folks will get property tax relief from this spending including farmers. OF course, the Governor and House members were thinking of facing voters in the election this fall while the Senators weren't as worried as they are not scheduled for elections this fall. The state's hourly minimum wage was raised to \$9.50, phased in by 2016. The House prevailed on inflation indexing the minimum wages thereafter but didn't get a 40-hour work week for overtime and failed in their attempt to remove the agriculture exemption on over time. A large bonding bill was passed in the final hours also. Many controversial laws were debated and passed such as medical marijuana legislation and gay marriage. The push to pass a GMO labeling bill was defeated. Pollinators were on the agenda. A provision was included in the supplemental appropriations bill that will reimburse bee keepers out of the pesticide regulatory account if they can prove a pesticide killed the bees with claims maximum up to \$20,000 maximum with a \$150,000 annual limit out of the pesticide regulatory account.



Planting and spring field work...has just getting underway in the last few days. Very wet, cold spring has substantially delayed planting and field work.

Bond's says his words of wisdom from his Dad were, "Talk little, listen much."


WISCONSIN - "The Wisconsin legislature adjourned on April 1st and are not planning to return to session until January 4, 2015.," reports **Tom Bressner, Wisconsin Agribusiness Association**.

With no more legislative sessions scheduled in 2014, there is nothing new to deal with at this time (Thank goodness!) I will note that this November election will be very interesting. Of the 33 senators, 7

person, he believed in me."- *Jim Valvano*



My Grandparents Frank and Della with my father F.J. Arnote, my twin sister June, myself and brother Stan on our family farm in 1956. - Jean Jochum

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have already announced they are retiring or running for a higher office. 22 of the 99 representatives have announced that they are retiring or running for a higher office. Currently the Republicans control the Assembly by a 60 to 39 count. Republicans will retain control there. The Senate is currently controlled by the Republicans 18 to 15. With seven seats open, who knows how that might turn out?

Planting and spring field work....varies around the state. The South is making good progress while the Central sands are probably 50% planted. Everywhere else is wet and hardly started.

As for Father's day, Tom says, "My son became a father for the first time less than two weeks ago. I told him this past weekend that there is one thing he will notice right away... that three-fourths of the things that were important to him, really don't even matter anymore. Life just took on a whole new meaning and purpose. He already agrees."

KANSAS -"With gratitude, our 2014 legislative veto session lasted just a little over 3 days, and the statehouse is fairly quiet now with the Governor signing the last of the bills passed by the legislature. reports **Randy E. Stookey, esq.Vice President and General Counsel, Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA.)** One bill important to agribusiness and other large complex property owners was passed around 2:00 in the morning on the last day of the veto session. The bill requires county appraisers to follow the historical test recognized in Kansas when classifying machinery and equipment for property tax purposes. This was important to grain elevators, ag retail facilities, and ethanol processing facilities, among others, to ensure that similar property located across the state is being classified for property tax purposes consistently and fairly.

Another bill that was passed in the regular session and signed into law by the Governor was a change to the overweight permit statutes. The change removes the requirement for permitted overweight trucks to label their loads with "oversize load" signage. It also changes times and conditions when oversize/overweight loads may operate by removing limitations to operation when rain, snow, or smoke are present or when the roadway is merely wet. Such trucks may not operate when the roadway has ice, snow pack or drifting snow. The last day of the session - sine die - took place on Friday, May 30th. It will prove to be a busy summer of campaigning, as the entire Kansas House of Representatives (and our Governor) seek re-election this fall.

Our Association filed comments on the FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act Regulations on animal food. We also intend to file comments on the EPA's proposed Waters of the U.S. regulations, which asserts EPA jurisdiction over non-navigable waters with close connectivity to navigable waters - essentially removing all limits to federal jurisdiction over surface waters under the Clean Water Act. We are also closely monitoring Presidential Executive Order 13650, issued last summer, which promises to initiate new regulations from EPA, OSHA, DHS, and possibly other federal agencies as a response to the explosion in West, Texas last year.

As of last week, hot weather and high winds have continued the decline of the condition of this year's Kansas wheat crop, with some estimating that this will be the smallest crop in our state since 1996 with a crop production forecast of 260.7 million bushels - well below last year's production of 319.2 million bushels. The drought officially expands to more areas of the state each week, and many fields are too dry to produce a wheat crop. When portions of central and eastern Kansas did receive rain recently, but was also met with large and damaging hail.

By the numbers, as of May 11th, the Kansas Field Office for the National Agricultural Statistics Service reports topsoil moisture at 33% very short; Winter wheat condition is rated 23% very poor and corn planted is 72% complete, ahead of 63% average. Cotton planted was 12% complete, while sorghum planted was 3%, soybeans planted were 16% complete, and alfalfa hay, condition came in at 8% very poor..

Something my Dad would say that I have certainly found useful - I don't believe it was an original idea: "*Give everyone you meet the benefit of the doubt, and treat them in the manner that you would want to be treated, because most everyone is going through something in their life that you don't know anything about.*"

CROPLIFE AMBASSADOR NETWORK

ambassador.maca.org

I would like to start off by saying happy summer to all and Happy Father's Day to all of the dads out there. As we close out the last of the school requests, it's time to turn the page on the 2013-14 school year and get ready for 2014-15 school year. I welcome any specific thoughts you have on particular presentations!!! If you have ideas or slides you have added, please share them with me. You can email me at Diane@maca.org with any presentation ideas or changes you would like to see.



In mid-July we will be updating the ambassador list. Now would be a great time to recruit some of your coworkers to the CropLife Ambassador Network! By spreading the word about our program, school age children across the Midwest benefit. A few places that really need more ambassadors are the Detroit area, northern Illinois (Rockford area), northern Indiana, St. Louis, Columbus and Cincinnati Ohio area and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. So if you have coworkers in any of those areas, please think about giving them a call and encouraging them to join our program. It is very easy to join the ambassador program; the sign up is on our website! After signing up, I mail new ambassadors an Ag Bag and personally provide any help needed to be prepared to do presentations.

As always though, if you have questions feel free to contact me. My contact info is Diane Orf, CropLife Ambassador Program Manager at diane@maca.org or call the office at (314) 849-9446 or (800) 625-2767. My summer hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8 am - 4 pm.

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I am standing next to my Father Don Storll and pictured with my two sisters Donna and baby Dawn.

WATER ISSUES

"The next meeting of the Great Lakes Executive Committee (GLEC) meeting will take place on June 4, 2014 in Chicago," writes **Steve Taylor, MACA Water Consultant**. The GLEC is the powerful body formed by the latest Great Lakes agreement signed by the U. S. and Canada. At this particular meeting, the GLEC will discuss requirements for notification of activities that could lead to a pollution incident in the Great Lakes. Also, the various GLEC 'Annexes' will report on their progress to date. Annex three, Chemicals of Mutual Concern (CMC), has developed its first set of candidate CMCs. These CMCs are seven chemicals that do not pertain directly to agriculture. But, this first group is considered a 'pilot' to be used for testing processes and thus a 'limited' number of chemicals were selected. Annex three is to identify a second set of chemicals by March 2015.

Annex four is focused on nutrients. A big focus area is western Lake Erie and the agricultural area near Ohio. Related to this, Ohio Governor John Kasich just signed into law regulations requiring anyone applying fertilizer to 50 acres or more to be certified by the state. Also, Ohio has just implemented requirements for certification of 4R practices. The 4Rs (right source, right rate, right time, right place) is the BMP program that the fertilizer industry is promoting. TFI has just awarded \$1.25 million for 4R research in Ohio.

Earlier this month, I was a CLA meeting agenda and I discussed the EPA proposed rule regarding Waters of the United States (WOTUS). I mentioned a meeting I participated in that was held by EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks. At this meeting, Mr. Brooks promoted the EPA position that this rule will have no practical effect on agriculture. I stated that a plain reading of the rule makes Mr. Brooks position hard to comprehend. Missouri is in the 'unique situation' whereby we just completed state rulemaking that reclassifies Missouri's waters and much of the work focused on determining a scientifically defensible 'significant connection' between water bodies and biological criteria. In Missouri, our science could not establish significant nexus for the smaller ephemeral streams whereas EPA states this significant nexus exists. Besides CLA, I reported out on this with the other groups MACA participates with including ANPC and FWQC.

We'll continue to monitor these issues and keep you informed.



My daughter Michelle giving a Father's Day gift to my Father who she called "Papa."

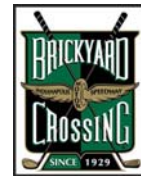
SHORT NOTES

- **On Track 4 Success** is the theme for the 2014 MACA Annual Meeting at The Alexander in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. The registration brochure was mailed out on June 2. So look for it! **Who is the key note speaker on**

Tuesday? Patrick Moore will share his personal account of his many years spent as the ultimate Greenpeace insider, a co-founder and leader in the organization's top committee. Then, 15 years after co-founding it, he left Greenpeace to establish a more sensible, science-based approach to environmentalism. From energy independence to climate change, genetic engineering to aquaculture, Moore sheds new light on some of the most controversial subjects in the news today! **Chair Don Bradley and Vice Chair Steve Koziolk** along with the committee have been pulling all the details together for the 2014 meeting.



- Have you ever golfed the **Brickyard Crossing** golf course? Want to? Then make plans to attend the 2014 MACA Annual Meeting and the **MACA Golf Tournament Chair Paul Edsten** has made this event possible - check out the details in the registration brochure!



- **Congratulations to Rex Martin on being named** Head of External Relations in Syngenta for North America. In this expanded role, he will assume leadership for the company's national advocacy effort in the U.S. to include federal government relations, while continuing to oversee Syngenta's national industry associations' relationships along with Hawaii Corporate issues.
- Our sympathy to the family of **Mary Schoettmer** who passed away on Sunday, May 11, 2014. Mary retired in 2011 as Crop Protection Operations/Procurement Manager after 33 years of service with GROWMARK. Cards may be sent to Cliff Schoettmer at 9511 W. Whittingham Place, Mapleton, IL 61547.

Mid America CropLife Association works to research public issues relating to crop production and to work together to improve the crop lifecycle via health, safety and public education.