

And the winners are ...

70th Anniversary Oscar Night September 9, 2006 • MCEA Headquarters

MCEA presented awards to chapters and members for their contributions to the union. The nominees are listed with the winners highlighted in bold.

Most Active Chapter

- **Chapter 45, Baltimore City Department of Social Services**
- Chapter 67, Public Safety Non-Custody Employees
- Chapter 32, Walter P. Carter Center

And the winner is...Chapter 45, for organizing initiatives and protests held to improve the safety of DSS employees and of the foster care clients they serve, and for work in coordinating health-care forums to reduce increasing prescription costs. Linda Day is president.

Largest Chapter

- **Chapter 17, Maryland House of Correction**
- Chapter 22, Motor Vehicle Administration
- Chapter 68, Deers Head Center

And the winner is...Chapter 17, with more than 380 members. MHC Chapter 17 also has been active in improving the safety and security of Correctional Officers, particularly to prevent another tragedy, such as the fatal stabbing of their brother, Officer David McGuinn. Wanda Galloway is president.

Top Recruiter

- **Michael Keifer, Hagerstown Correctional Complex Chapter 10**
- Charles Young, Springfield Hospital Chapter 6
- Robert Kirkland, Rosewood Center Chapter 12

Michael Keifer, who, to date, has recruited to most new members between Jan. 1 and August 31, 2006.

Busiest Retiree

- Joseph Noll, Retirees Chapter 152
- **Amos Harvey, Retirees Chapter 152**
- Carol Kelly-Nesbitt, Deers Head Chapter 68

And the winner is.... Amos Harvey, chairman of TEAM and 1st vice president of Chapter 152, the Retires Chapter.

Most Effective Union Activist

- Agnes Valenzia, MVA Chapter 22
- Linda Day, Baltimore City Department of Social Services Chapter 45
- **Larry Kump, Public Safety Non-Custody Employees Chapter 67**
And the winner is...Larry Kump, who spearheaded the initiative to secure high pay for Correctional Case Managers. After a hard-fought battle, Case Managers won a two-grade upgrade of up to \$7,000.

Most Active County Employee

- **Byron "B.J." Johnson, Carroll County Chapter 550**
- Jack Yost, Harford County Chapter 610
- Amanda Weyant, Harford County Chapter 610
And the winner is...B.J. Johnson, president of Chapter 550, chairman of the MCEA's Building Committee, MCEA Past President, and advocate for county employees.

Bridge Builder

- **Rommani Amenu-El, Past President**
- Joel Dan Lehman, Annapolis Chapter 2
- Allen Evans, Charles County Health Department Chapter 197
And the winner is... Rommani Amenu-El, who as President from 1991-2003, brought together members from various geographical regions, factions and beliefs.

B.O.B. Award (Bend Over Backwards)

- Amos Harvey, Retirees Chapter 152
- Virginia Anderson, Retirees Chapter 152
- **Marilyn Miller, Charles County Health Department Chapter 197**
And the winner is...Marilyn Miller, MCEA 1st Vice President, Legislative Committee Chair and Membership Committee Chair. She contributes her own money for major raffles and door prizes and provides meals to her committee meetings.

Mr. Entertainment

- Lynn Harris, Walter P. Carter Chapter 32
- **Bill Anderson, Department of Education Chapter 15**
- Michael Keifer, Hagerstown Correctional Complex Chapter 10
And the winner is...Bill Anderson, an accomplished musician, who frequently plays the saxophone for MCEA events, such as Oscar Night and the Legislative Reception, as well as various state-sponsored events.

Ms. Entertainment

- **Victoria Stanley, Dorchester County Employment/Security Chapter 104**
 - Teresa Neal, Dorchester County Employment/Security Chapter 104
 - Mary Herndon, Department of Housing and Community Development Chapter 251
- And the winner is...the always-smiling Vicki Stanley who is a fantastic dancer who lights up the floor at Convention.

Political Watchdog

- Joseph Colburn, Chapter 168, ECI Correctional Officers
 - Ruth Ann Ogle, Public Safety Non-Custody Employees Chapter 67
 - **Agnes Valenzia, MVA Chapter 22**
- And the winner is...Agnes Valenzia who her constant contact with legislators and presence in Annapolis at hearings. She stands ready and willing to testify on bills affecting state workers.*

Most Inspiring Member

- Angela Keene, Parole and Probation Chapter 112
 - **Lynn Harris, Walter P. Carter Chapter 32**
 - Valerie Richardson, DHMH Chapter 75
- And the winner is...the pleasant Lynn Harris for his behind-the-scenes work on the Convention (securing vendors and advertisements) and willingness to make members happy and comfortable.*

Most Beautiful Person

- Pauline Gray, DHMH Chapter 75
 - **Laura Nottingham, DHMH Chapter 75**
 - Victoria Arbaugh, Maryland Insurance Administration Chapter 19
- And the winner is...Laura Nottingham, for her kind spirit, warm personality and support of MCEA and chapter activities.*

Lifetime Achievement Award

- **Henry Williams Ph.D.**
- Henry Williams served three terms as MCEA President in 1977, 1978 and 1997-1999. Dr. Williams chaired TEAM and the Insurance and Benefits Trust. A visionary, he was recognized for his business acumen, "think-outside -the-box marketing strategies and budgetary abilities. Dr. Williams personally negotiated with acting Gov. Blair Lee to gain state employees' first vision plan.*

MCEA Member of the Year

- **Each and every MCEA member!**
- MCEA appreciates the contribution of every employee- and retiree-member. It is because of our members that MCEA has achieved 70 years of success.*