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President's Perspective

By Ron Watson, CCAWV President

Your presence is respectfully requested at the upcoming CCA meeting at the Stonewall Jackson Resort in Lewis County on July 31 thru August 2. Who will be the next Rising Star? Are County Commissioners an endangered species? Do you have control of the purse strings? Are there really ghosts in the Lunatic



Asylum? Can Commissioner Rinehart actually ride a Harley? These questions and Auditors mandatory training will be addressed during the session. The Lewis County Commission guarantees a productive and fun time for the attendees and guests.

I would like to thank the Jefferson County Commission for being such a great host at the May BOD meeting in Harpers Ferry. I would like to especially thank Reta Griffith, Ed Fischer, Lyn Widmyer and Lavada Williamson for agreeing to serve on the "last revision" committee of the soon to be published County Commissioners' brochure. Some highlights of the meeting included the Service Review Committee establishing a purpose statement and a review of several requests for County Commission Association's endorsement; Budget Committee's recommendations; and from the legislature, bills that were passes and bills that were killed.

In closing, let's not forget who we are....."We are county commissioners!"

Director's Discussion...

By Vivian Parsons, Executive Director

Hello Everyone!

The National Association of Counties Conference begins July 17th . I will head to Reno, NV with several West Virginia Commissioners from various counties, returning just a few days before the



CCAWV conference. If you've never attended a conference, you should give it some consideration. I think you could bring home some valuable information and if you are a new member, you get one "free" registration!!!

West Virginia membership to NACO is at 100%. Tim McCormick, WV's representative to the NACO, deserves much credit for getting the word out to all counties on the value of membership in this organization. Thank you Tim for all your dedication! There will be NACO representatives at our annual meeting to assist you, please be sure and look them up at the meeting! (*Continued on page 5*)

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The CCAWV Annual Meeting is a week away and we are looking forward to a great turnout. The agenda is set and I think you will find it very resourceful. We also are planning for a great deal of fun after the work is done! Our theme for the meeting is "Get in the Game!" Football is going to be front stage so get your favorite team jerseys and be ready to "Get in the Game!"

Also, don't forget your county door prizes! Everyone always enjoys the drawing and it's a great way to promote your county. I look forward to seeing you at Stonewall!

CCAWV Calendar of Events



July 31-August 3, 2010 CCAWV Annual Meeting Stonewall Jackson Resort, Roanoke, WV

August 9-11, 2010 Interims Charleston, WV

September 13-15, 2010 Interims Charleston, WV

September 19-21, 2010 Fall Board and Legislative Meeting

Pipestem Resort State Park Pipestem, WV

> October 11-13, 2010 Interims Charleston, WV

November 15-17, 2010 Interims Charleston, WV

WV Counties Risk Pool

CCAWV Annual Meeting Social Events

Touring the old Weston State Hospital... Formerly known as the Weston State Hospital, the "Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum" served as a sanctuary for the mentally ill in the mid 1800's. The history of the building holds fascinating stories of Civil War raids, a gold robbery, the "curative" effects of architecture, and the efforts of determined individuals to help better the lives of the mentally ill.

The Asylum has had apparition sightings, unexplainable voices and sounds, and other paranormal activity reported in the past by guests and staff. *"Step back in time and see how the mentally insane lived, and died, within these walls."* Decide for yourself if they're still occupying the historic wards and treatment rooms. <u>http://www.Trans-alleghenylunaticasylum.com/</u>

Lambert's Winery... Sunday evening's dinner is at Lambert's Winery located in a beautiful setting of Lewis County... "It stands as a diminutive, Gothic looking structure on a hillside surrounded by a vineyard." The winery is constructed from hand cut stones gathered from various parts of West Virginia. Some weighing as much as 3,000 pounds. The doors are designed of solid two by fours on edge, with a rounded top. A comfortably furnished tasting room welcomes visitors as they enter. A fireplace is surrounded by three rocking chairs and shelves containing West Virginia pottery that is for sale. Behind the tasting room is a racking room, storage area, and a cooling room. Jim & Debbie Lambert are the owners. <u>http://</u>www.lambertsvintagewine.com/virtual_tour.HTML



Our Monday evening door-prize dinner-dance will take on the atmosphere of a gigantic tailgate party called *Get in the Game*!!! Put on your favorite team jersey and join the fun. How about a little competitive fun between the "Marshall Thundering Herd" and the "WVU Mountaineers! Or maybe your favorite team is your local high school! Whatever the mascot or colors... **Come "Get in the Game" and help move the CCAWV on to VICTORY!!!!!!!!**