



Hooked On Community

2007 Annual Conference & Trade Show

2007 *Awards Banquet*

*Thursday, February 8, 2007
6:30 p.m.*

*Amway Grand Plaza Hotel and DeVos Place
Grand Rapids, Michigan*

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**Welcome to the 2007 MRPA
Annual Conference and Trade Show
Awards Banquet**

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Welcome

Mike Maisner, CPRP, CAE, MRPA Executive Director

Invocation

- Dinner -

President's Remarks

Stuart Alderman, CPRP, MRPA President

Installation of Board

Dan Stencil, CPRP, MRPA Past President

Passing of the Gavel

Stuart Alderman, CPRP, MRPA President

Incoming President's Remarks

Bruce Ross, President-Elect

Conference Committee Recognition

Kendall Klingelsmith, CPRP, MRPA Annual Conference Chair

Announcement of the 2007

Class of the MRPA Hall of Fame

Dan Stencil, CPRP, MRPA Hall of Fame Committee Chair

Presentation of the Grand Award

Stuart Alderman, CPRP, MRPA President

Presentation of Awards

Linda Walter, CPRP, MRPA Awards Committee Chair

New Professional Award

Kelly Hyer, CPRP **Independence Township Parks and Recreation**



Kelly Hyer is a highly motivated and goal-oriented woman in the profession of Parks and Recreation. As Recreation Supervisor for Independence Township Parks and Recreation, she is definitely a leader who continually helps others achieve more within their career.

She works with many committees and always contributes her can-do attitude along with her strong organizational skills. Kelly currently serves as the Student Committee Chair. It is apparent that she has the ability to recruit and guide the masses through complex new territory and manages to remain calm in the process.

Words used by others to describe Kelly are unique, driven, positive, and creative. She is truly selfless and a team player. Her dedication to Parks and Recreation and to the Michigan Recreation and Park Association is highly valued and greatly appreciated.

Kelly's list of accomplishments and activities span many pages. She is diverse with her involvement and undoubtedly leaves her legacy when she moves on to her next mission. She has helped raised many thousands of dollars for various organizations throughout her community. There is no doubt that Kelly Hyer has a bright and rewarding future in the field of Parks and Recreation.

New Professional Award

**Emily Stevens, CPRP
Lansing Parks and Recreation**



In her five years as a recreation professional, Emily Stevens has made significant contributions to Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA), Southern Michigan Recreation and Park Association (SMRPA), Lansing Parks and Recreation, and the Parks and Recreation field as a whole.

Emily began her relationship with MRPA while still a student at MSU. As a student member she was integral in the development of the first-ever Student Conference. She is still active today with MRPA involved in the Student and Scholarship Committees while she Chairs the Programming Committee. She is currently President-elect for SMRPA.

As the Special Recreation Services Coordinator for Lansing Parks and Recreation for the past five years, she has implemented a variety of new programs and special events and continues to enhance the existing programs.

A few of the new programs developed by Emily Stevens are the Candy Cane Hunt, Preschool Olympics, Stress Expo, Too Much Junk in the Trunk, Polaroid Road Rally, and VolunTeen Summer Programs. Lansing is fortunate to have such a committed and organized individual on their team. MRPA is just as fortunate.

Park Resource Leadership Award

Mark T. Colombo
Troy Parks and Recreation



Mark T. Colombo is the Field Supervisor for the City of Troy Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Colombo exemplifies the spirit of this award with his commitment to outstanding maintenance practices. His unwavering dedication to the field of Park and Grounds Maintenance has helped establish the City of Troy Parks and Recreation Department as one of the premier park systems in the State of Michigan.

Mark has devoted the past thirty-two years to the City of Troy. As Park Supervisor for sixteen years, Mark has had the responsibility of leading his crew in park and public grounds as well as tree maintenance for the City's urban forest. Mark is a state-certified trainer in the field of Pesticide Application and conducts regular training sessions for park personnel.

Mark brought irrigation to the athletic fields and was instrumental in converting the irrigations systems to computerized MAXICOM control to more accurately deliver the appropriate amount of water to each field, resulting in resource savings for the City.

Colombo has been on the forefront of the Emerald Ash Borer invasion and has coordinated removal of municipal ash since 2002.

Mark Colombo is a consummate professional with active membership in a number of state and national organizations, including MRPA.

Park Resource Leadership Award

Clyde Herb Oakland County Parks and Recreation



Clyde Herb has worked for Oakland County Parks and Recreation (OCPR) for thirty-three years. As OCPR Chief of Park Operations, Clyde Herb has made outstanding contributions to park maintenance and park operations through programs, systems, and attentiveness to facility functions.

Clyde Herb was also Park Supervisor of Groveland Oaks County Park from 1976-2003. Currently he serves as a volunteer reserve lieutenant with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. His devotion and attention to detail are evident in his accomplishments.

Among other responsibilities, Clyde oversees the operation of five Oakland County Parks. He travels to each park and is on call 24-hours-a-day. He incorporated maintenance logs and monthly service checks on all equipment at the parks. Preventative maintenance is Clyde's primary goal.

He assisted with the redesign and development of the Groveland Oaks campground and created a maintenance procedure for the park's waterslide. Clyde Herb works closely with the County Sheriff's Office to coordinate deputy patrol schedules at the parks. He has also revamped the camper registration system.

Clyde Herb's forethought and organizational skills have been a strong contributing factor in the enhancement of Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

Recreation Leadership Award

Darrin Duistermars Holland Charter Township



Darrin Duistermars has been the Parks and Recreation Director for Holland Charter Township since 1991 after graduating from Hope College with a Communications degree. He has been a member of MRPA and West Michigan Recreation and Park Association (WMRPA) since 1993. Darrin is committed and dedicated to providing programs and opportunities to the people in his community to enhance their quality of life.

Darrin has been involved with many different aspects of Parks and Recreation throughout his career. Darrin served as the Vice President and President of WMRPA from 1995 – 2001. He has also been an integral part of WMRPA athletics and marketing committees in recent years.

Athletics is one of Darrin's passions. He has been involved with Michigan Amateur Softball Association since 1999 as Commissioner at Large, District Commissioner, VP, President-elect, and most recently, President.

Darrin is well known in his community and participates in many school and community functions. Overall, Darrin Duistermars has been highly involved in all aspects of Parks and Recreation both personally and professionally. He is a devoted and deserving individual.

Recreation Leadership Award

Colette Nutton, CPRP Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation



Colette Nutton has been an active member of MRPA since she began working for the Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation Department twenty-six years ago. Her passion for her profession is evident in the numerous boards and committees with which she has been involved.

Colette is one of MRPA's biggest cheerleaders and always helps out when called upon. She holds a BA in Recreation, Park and Leisure Services Administration from Central Michigan University and is a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional through the National Recreation and Park Association.

She is an integral part of the Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation Department. She has strong leadership and program planning skills and brings a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and experience to everything she does.

Colette has the interest of the city at heart. She always says, "We may be small, but we're mighty!" She is the programming genius behind some of the very popular events and activities such as wine-tasting, euchre parties, and numerous golf leagues. Currently she is working with a new program "90 Days to Life". Colette possesses all of the qualities associated with a true recreation professional.

Fellowship Award

Tim Schreiner, CPRP Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation



Tim Schreiner has been an advocate and tireless cheerleader for the development and expansion of Parks and Recreation at the state and national levels for many years.

Tim joined the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) as a student in 1979. Upon graduating from CMU with a degree in Outdoor and Environmental Recreation Geology, he started his career at MRPA in 1981 where he remained as a staff member for two years. Since that time he has been a great leader as Director for Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation.

Schreiner has dedicated much of his time and expertise to numerous organizations that revolve around the development of Parks and Recreation. In addition to being past president of MRPA, he has served on the boards, committees, and councils for National Recreation and Park Association, Long Lake Township Parks and Recreation Commission, National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials, and the Michigan Special Olympics.

MRPA is fortunate that he has served as a Great Lakes Regional Member (hosted Great Lakes Regional Council Summer Meeting), Regional Director, and is MRPA's 2007 elected Vice President.

Tim Schreiner has been the glue that has kept the conference committee together for many of the annual conferences held at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa. He always goes the extra mile and is truly a leader and host to be admired.

Kudos
to Clyde Herb,
Chief of
Park Operations,
on a Career of Ideas!

Winner of the
2007 Park Resource
Leadership Award.

You have set a standard
of excellence and
leadership for all
employees to achieve.

 OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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Mission Statement

The Michigan Recreation and Park Association is a professional organization committed to providing professional development, advocacy, information, resources, and visibility to a membership dedicated to enhancing the quality of life by creating community through people, parks and programs!

Core Values

Integrity: We foster honesty, trust and respect in all that we do, and we are committed to the MRPA Creed of Ethics.

Commitment: We are committed to serving our members needs. We are flexible and innovative in delivering quality services and resources to make the Association and our members successful.

Diversity: We seek diversity in membership, governance, process, ideas, and relationships.

Community: We foster community and friendship, because it allows us to highlight our individual strengths. They grow best through active participation.

Advocacy: We are pro-active in our approach to advocacy on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Profession to build healthy and active individuals, families, and communities.

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