



The Informer

Message From the President - Gerald Garcia

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The 2008-2009 Colorado Welfare Fraud Council Board had its retreat in beautiful Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. We had an opportunity to discuss and plan for the upcoming 25th Anniversary conference scheduled for May 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Rocky Mountain Park Inn, 101 South St. Vrain, Estes Park, CO, 80517. Please visit our web site at CWFC.US for additional information regarding the 2009 CWFC Conference. The 2008-2009 CWFC Board is a diverse and talented group of individuals. The planning period for this upcoming conference has been shortened since we had the joint Colorado Welfare Fraud Council and United Council on Welfare Fraud Confer-

ence in September 2008. The CWFC is committed and prepared to provide high quality informative sessions with activities for a great learning experience. Also, we will have some fun with the many interactions throughout the conference period. Featured sessions under consideration will include Food Assistance telephone interview processes, Methamphetamine Labs, Fraudulent Document Identification, Colorado Works navigation through CBMS, and an update on Child Care Assistance disqualifications, etc. The Conference Center is well designed to meet the needs of our 25th Anniversary Conference and spacious enough for vendors who will be exhibiting their products and services. Therefore,

the Colorado Welfare Fraud Council Board invites all who have an enormous appetite for knowledge to attend this conference. CWFC continues to work diligently to prevent, detect, investigate, and refer for prosecution fraud and abuse/errors activities in all Social Service programs and to provide collection services to reimburse monies due to Colorado taxpayers.



Special points of interest:

- www.cwfc.us is Colorado Welfare Fraud Council's web page
- www.ucowf.org is the website for the United Council on Welfare Fraud
- www.ccionline.org is the website for CCI-Colorado Counties, Inc.
- www.sstabsinc.org is the website for SSTABS-Social Services & Technical Business Staffs

Conference Planning - Mark Magnuson

Mark your calendars for the CWFC Spring Conference, May 13th, 14th and 15th. The CWFC Board toured the conference center at the Estes Park Holiday Inn and it is the perfect backdrop for the 2009 conference.

If you have any requests or suggestions for workshop ideas for the upcoming conference please contact me at: magnusma@co.weld.co.us
You can also check out the

conference site by logging on to www.rockymountainparkinn.com. Keep checking our website [cwfc.us](http://www.cwfc.us) for conference updates.

UCOWF and CWFC Conference a Success!

Julie Jacobson



PARIS HITS

There was a total of 7,361 hits in August. Out of this number the following five states had the top matches—only 2 of them border states.

NM	864
AZ	800
FL	527
WA	395
KS	364

Thank you to CWFC members for hosting a successful joint conference in Snowmass Village, Colorado. UCOWF members from across the United States, Guam and Canada were impressed with the Colorado hospitality, breath taking scenery, celebrity sightings, not to mention the workshops and special keynote speakers. The door prizes from county offices were so generous. Thank you everyone for donating. The evaluations are overall very positive and suggestions are being reviewed by the Minnesota conference team for 2009.

I would like to thank the CWFC board members for all of their support planning

the conference and working out details to accommodate both organizations. A personal thank you to Charissa Hammer and Brandi Gallegos.

Charissa equipped the laptops with all of the PowerPoint presentations and prepared the handouts for our speakers. Charissa worked up until the final minute as presenters made last minute changes and sent them via email as they boarded their flights to come to Colorado. Charissa handled all adjustments and changes as a true professional!

CWFC is lucky to have Brandi and her artistic talents. Brandi designed the poster and program and

worked with the UCOWF Board members in other states to lay out the format and fine tune all ideas and thoughts to accommodate all ideas and requests.

The training DVD's have been delivered to both organizations and should be ready to check out through the training libraries. Thank you Gerald for working with Metro State College to secure students to tape our workshops.

I will be administering the CWFI (Certified Welfare Fraud Investigator) test in December. Please contact me if you are interested at jjacobso@co.jefferson.co.us or (303) 271-4190.

Membership - Jim Steadman

Hello, my name is Jim Steadman, the 2008-2009 Vice President of the Colorado Welfare Fraud Council. We are looking forward to an exciting year, especially since we are celebrating **CWFC's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary** as an organization committed to providing excellent training in the detection and prevention of public assistance fraud. Our next training conference will be in Estes Park, CO during the month of May 2009.

As Vice President I am also the chair of the Membership Committee and CWFC Board Members, Geri Romero, Denver County, Dan Rhoden, Douglas County

and Shelly Poole, Fremont County have graciously agreed to serve on the Membership Committee.

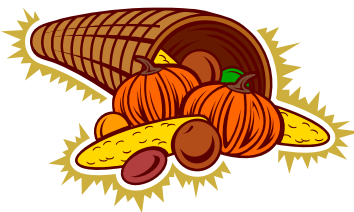
In the coming year the committee's goal is not only to retain the current members at 200 plus members but also increase the CWFC membership by at least **10%**.

We realize this is a lofty goal and also realize it will take the **entire current membership's** help to reach this goal. Therefore, we are asking everyone for ideas and ask that you actively sign up as many new members as possible. I encourage each of you to contact me or any other officer or board member of CWFC with any

questions regarding membership.

Membership for the year 2009 is now being accepted. The membership period is January 1 through December 31, inclusive and remains at \$20.00 a year. Please consider renewing or re-establishing your membership. Also talk to your co-workers and stress the importance of them becoming a member of CWFC.

Remember we will send out a renewal statement in early December 2008. A copy of the current Membership form is also attached to this newsletter. **Thanks for all your support.**



Awards Committee - Radonna Vinger

I would like to Thank Donna Ashlock, Shelley Poole and Pamela Walter for their time on the Awards Committee this year. Congratulations go to the following persons who were recognized for their dedication to CWFC and the work they have done for their counties/State.

Ted Cole Memorial Award: James Steadman, Denver County

Investigator of the Year: Shelley Poole, Fremont County

Outstanding Individual: Cindy Rice, State of Colorado

Outstanding Group: Weld County Investigation Unit

Income Maintenance Tech: Melissa Zeplin, Fremont County

Pam Gillis Memorial Triathlon: Mike Peña, Rio Grande County

I would also like to thank Jeff Bonadies for always stepping up when a position needs to be filled. Unfortunately this was the last year Jeff can be president of CWFC. Jeff, thank you for your dedication to this wonderful organization.

THE NEXT CWFC BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 21ST AT COLORADO WORKS NYC, 4255 S. KNOX COURT IN DENVER. CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER FOR INFORMATION

Welcome New Officers and Board Members

Our **2008-2009 Officers** are: **Gerald Garcia, President**, Manager of Investigation and Recovery in Adams County, **Mark Magnuson, President Elect**, Investigation Supervisor in Weld County, **James Steadman, Vice President, Sr.** Criminal/Civil Investigator in Denver County, **Shelley Poole, Treasurer**, Fraud Investigator in Fremont County, and **Tammy Frey, Secretary**, TANF Case Manager in Clear Creek County.

Our **2008-2009 Board Members** are: Lori Duffy, Program Specialist with the State Food Assistance Program, Brandi Gallegos, Recovery Technician in Rio Grande County, Charissa Hammer, State Audit Division Director, Angelita Juarez, Investigator - Fraud and Recovery in Broomfield County, Paula Lujan, Chief of Program Integrity at the State Department of Human Services, Dan Rhoden, Investigator in Douglas County, Cindy

Rice, Compliance Reviewer, State Food Stamp Quality Assurance, Geri Romero, Collections Investigator in Denver County, Rayna Jefferson, Investigator in Jefferson County, and Doreen Smith, Deputy Program Manager at Aspen Family Services.



Bowling at the retreat in Estes Park

Radonna's Kitchen

Grilled Caprese Chicken

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (4-6 ounces each)

¼ cup balsamic vinaigrette salad dressing

2 garlic cloves, pressed

1-2 large plum tomatoes, sliced

1-2 balls fresh mozzarella, sliced (about 4 ounces)

¼ cup snipped fresh basil leaves

Additional salad dressing (optional)

Salt and coarsely ground black

pepper to taste.

1. Flatten chicken to an even thickness. Place chicken, dressing and garlic in resealable plastic food storage bag; turn to coat. Marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes.
2. Slice tomato, mozzarella cheese and snip basil
3. Meanwhile, prepare grill for direct cooking over medium coals. Remove chicken from marinade; discard plastic bag with marinade. Place chicken on grid of grill. Grill, cov-

- ered, 10-12 minutes or until thermometer registers 170 degrees in thickest part of breast and juices run clear, turning once. About 2 minutes before chicken is done, arrange tomatoes and cheese (put cheese on top of tomatoes) over chicken
4. Remove chicken from grill to serving platter; sprinkle with basil. Drizzle with additional dressing, if desired. Season with salt and pepper.

YIELD: 4 servings.



PRESENTERS & WORKSHOPS



Luther Nicholes—UCOWF President



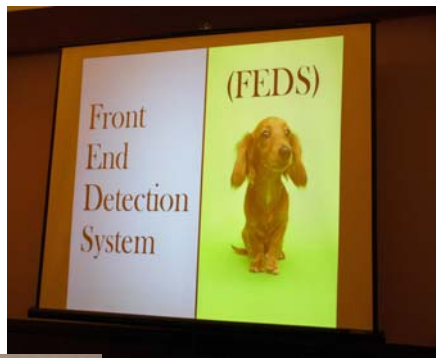
Luther Nicholes presenting the Dorothy Forney award to Richard Nawrot



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FEDS workshop,
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Jim Davidson, Speaking of Adventure

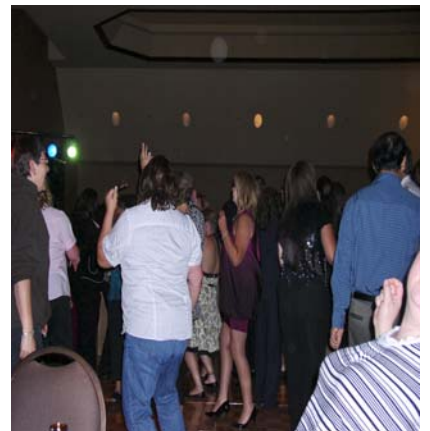


Maria Schollenberger, FEDS and NDNH Project Director, New York



Tim Schwartz CO Meth Lab

FUN TIMES



AWARDS



The Honorable Tijani Cole presenting the Ted Cole Memorial Award



Ted Cole Memorial Award - James Steadman, Denver County DSS



Investigator of the Year - Shelly Poole, Fremont County DSS



Income Maintenance Tech of the Year - Melissa Zeplin, Fremont County DSS



Outstanding Group of the Year - Weld County Investigation Unit (from left to right) Paul Springbob, Shirley Passwaters, Mark Magnuson, Linda Crespin, Paul Hurtado and, not pictured, Dave Lawley



Pam Gillis Memorial Award - Michael Peña, Rio Grande County DSS



Recognition for Leadership as President 2007 - 2008—Jeff Bonadies, Alamosa County DSS



Individual of the Year - Cindy Rice, State Department of Human Services

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CWFC Board Members

2007 - 2008 Officers

Gerald Garcia	President
Mark Magnuson	President Elect
James Steadman	Vice President
Shelley Poole	Treasurer
Tammy Frey	Secretary

2007 - 2008 Board Members

Lori Duffy	Board Member
Brandi Gallegos	Board Member
Charissa Hammer	Board Member
Angelita Juarez	Board Member
Paula Lujan	Board Member
Dan Rhoden	Board Member
Cindy Rice	Board Member
Geri Romero	Board Member
Rayna Jefferson	Alternate Board Member
Doreen Smith	Alternate Board Member

OFFICERS



BOARD MEMBERS



CWFC Membership Form

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name: _____ Date: _____

Agency: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ (Ext) _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

New member ___ Renewal ___ Returning Member ___ (Missed Last Year) ___ Change of Information ___

2009 Annual Membership is \$20.00. Membership is from January 1, through December 31. If you are joining or renewing your membership, please make check payable to CWFC and mail to CWFC, P.O. Box 2473, Englewood, CO 80150.

If you are reporting a change of information, enter the former information here: