

Ten Years Well Spent

NAADAC Magazine Editor is Moving on; Thankful for the Memories

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After ten years at NAADAC, I have moved on to a new opportunity at the National Institutes of Health, working at the Clinical Center, the nation's research hospital. Jessica Gleason, the new Managing Editor of *Advances in Addiction & Recovery*

was gracious enough to let me write a farewell message, which I really appreciate.

It was my privilege to be a part of many innovations at NAADAC: helping to re-establish the NAADAC annual conference and making it to grow; re-launching a NAADAC-produced magazine after an almost 15 year hiatus; and collaborating with the American Mental Health Counselors on a set of conferences focused on strategies to address co-occurring disorders, a precursor to the federal government's focus on multidisciplinary teams.

While I'm proud of these accomplishments, what I treasure the most are the experiences NAADAC has af-

forded me: chasing down the contents of a cash box through forceful winds in Corpus Christi, TX; a wolf howling outside my open hotel window in West Yellowstone, MT; meeting at the South African embassy in Washington, D.C. with leaders who had participated in a cultural exchange in the African nation; being left behind by my tour bus at a NAADAC-sponsored recovery month event in Baltimore, MD (thank goodness for backup plans!).

I'd like to express my sincere thanks to all the contributors to NAADAC's publications, to the presenters at NAADAC's conferences and to the NAADAC members whose enthusiasm and dedication is infectious and helps bring out the best in the NAADAC staff.

There is no way to repay the people who have been generous enough to share their time and their patience with me. All I can say is I am richer for the experience.

Thanks again for the opportunity to work for and with you. I wish you all the best!

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