



MAPA 2014 Conference

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Region 4 invites you to attend the Missouri Association of Public Administrators' annual conference April 22-25, 2014 at the Joplin Holiday Inn and Convention Center. We welcome all public administrators, deputies, and spouses to join us for 20 hours of educational training. At the "Route 66" themed conference we will be hearing from, and visiting with, multiple speakers and over 50 vendors who will all provide us information and support for our wards.

It won't be all work though! Tuesday night we'll be guests at the "2014 Welcome Night" hosted by the PA Partners group with Jim Schumm, Andrea Corbin and Tom Allen. This evening of fun will include entertainment by the Fishin' Magicians! The Fishin' Magicians show includes a humorous mix of magic and mystery with a fishing theme. It gets wet and wild from the moment they begin their comical interactions and magical effects. With their gig, you get a guy, a gal and a goldfish and land not just any garden variety magic act. Using fishing tackle and common objects pulled from their fishing vests, they work wonders and captivate varieties of audiences to take them on a magical fishing adventure. There will also be plenty of snacks and beverages provided.

Wednesday night we will enjoy a step back in time. Reliant Care will be hosting a 50's sock hop. "A what?" you may ask. That's right, a 50's sock hop. Ladies, dig out your poodle skirts and penny loafers. Fellas, get out your white t-shirts and pack of smokes. We are ready to twist and hop our way through the evening! Costuming is not required to join in the fun! Plenty of DJ music, appetizers, drinks, and drawings! Be ready for fun!

Thursday evening will be your choice of entertainment. You may choose to go to:

- Downstream Casino just a few minutes away. There are several choices of restaurants at the casino.
- Downtown Joplin where the Convention and Visitors Bureau will host you and show you the most recent display of artwork featuring Thomas Hart Benton. Within walking distance will be several restaurants.
- Evening on your own exploring Joplin and enjoying one of numerous restaurants and shopping areas.

By email, you will be receiving a draft of the conference agenda so that you can plan accordingly. Please review the sessions we will be in during the conference. If there are any questions you would like to ask the session speakers please email those questions to angiec@ecarthage. The questions will be given to the speakers ahead of time so they can cover everything we need information on. This is especially important for our legal panel. There will be time permitted during the session for Q&A to cover specific questions.

We can't wait to see you all at this year's conference. Safe travels and Welcome to Joplin!