



Sixth District CJAN Newsletter

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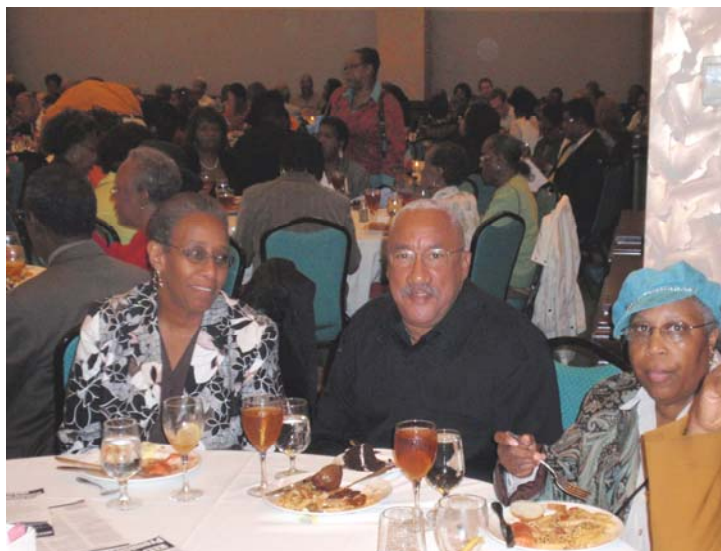
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On September 30, 2008, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) hosted its annual citywide Community Justice Advisory Network (CJAN) forum. This year's forum was held at Gallaudet University's Kellogg Center, and our guest speaker was none other than the Honorable Judge Reggie B. Walton of the US District Court. Judge Walton's credentials as an orator and inspirational speaker include over 32 years of jurisprudent involvement and public service. He was more than a match to deliver a moving speech to the two hundred and eighty CJAN Forum attendees, and he definitely lived up to his billing. He focused his presentation around three primary issues which were: (1) the collateral damage incurred by the offender's family when he/she becomes involved in the criminal justice system; (2) offender reintegration; and (3) the importance of community collaborations, when all combined form the trilogy necessary for successful offender re-entry. The attendees were visibly impressed, and showed their approval through a multitude of nodding of heads and thunderous applauding. As is customary after a great speech, the audience recessed briefly to nourish their bodies, while their minds were left to contemplate the message that they had just heard.

After most of the attendees were fed, the forum was called back to order for a summation of the evenings activities, to recognize thirty outstanding community members, and to deliver a vision for a strategic plan for the city's neighborhoods. (Rev. Roy Settles, Gail Quarles, Warees Majeed, Latisha Atkins and Sylvia Brown of the Sixth District received awards) To paraphrase the call to action,

attendees were encouraged to bring about a positive change in their neighborhoods by connecting returning offenders to the natural systems in the community. These natural systems will afford returning offenders structure, education, spiritual guidance and a chance at re-integrating themselves firmly into the community that they grew up in.



Retired teacher Cheryl Foster, 6D business owner Gregory Hubbard, and ANC Rosa Hamlett are representatives of the Sixth District CJAN



Sixth District 2008 CJAN Award recipient, Rev. Roy Settles Sr. accepting an award from Acting Director Poteat and Associate Director Ormond.

CJAN PHOTO GALLERY



Sixth District 2008 CJAN Award recipient, Sylvia Brown of the Deanwood Civic Association.



Sixth District 2008 CJAN Award recipient, ANC Commissioner Warees Majeed accepting an award from Acting Director Poteat and Associate Director Ormond.



Acting Director, Adrienne Poteat and key-note speaker, the Honorable Reggie B. Walton at this year's citywide CJAN.



2008 CJAN GROUP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Announcements:

- ◆ October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- ◆ November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month & November 20th is the Great American Smoke Out.
- ◆ Sixth District CJAN meeting, November 25th, 2008; 100–42nd Street, NE. 6:30PM–8:30 PM.
- ◆ Sixth District CJAN meeting, January 27th, 2009; 100–42nd Street, NE 7:00–8:30 PM.

A MESSAGE FOR THE SIXTH DISTRICT



Neighbors and Residents of the Sixth District:

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency is a Federal Government Law Enforcement Agency with a local public safety mission. Our mission is to increase public safety, prevent crimes, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice in close collaboration with the community. Our service to the District of Columbia is to establish strict accountability and to prevent the population that we supervise from engaging in criminal activity. I, Lawrence E. Jordan, am CSOSA's Community Relations Specialist who is solely committed to the Sixth District and its quality of Life.

Respectfully, *Lawrence E. Jordan*

To submit a community announcement, a scheduled activity or for more information about the Sixth District Community Justice Advisory Network, contact: Lawrence E. Jordan at (202) 220-5515 or (202) 220-5320.