

County Court Mediation Services Quarterly *NEWSLETTER*

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

This edition of the CCMS newsletter is going to focus on the Honorable David B. Beck. For those asking.... Why him? Because CCMS appreciates every volunteer of the organization, and even though Dave is no longer with us, the organization wanted to take some time to remind every member that even though Dave is gone, he is not forgotten.

Dave Beck served the 7th Judicial Circuit as a County Judge for 8 years, and then as a Circuit Judge for 2 years before retiring.

Dave worked hard behind the scenes at CCMS for many years. He wanted to ensure that the organization was always moving forward, and being the best that it could be. Dave held various positions; from a board director to the judicial advisor, and on to Chairman of the Board before stepping down from the Board of Directors. Over the years with the organization Dave was an amazing volunteer for CCMS, and was, and is, still very much appreciated by CCMS for the hard work, time, and dedication that he gave to our organization.



At the 2016 CCMS Annual Appreciation Dinner, Dave was gifted a Gators (His favorite football team) Lamp in order to honor him, and show appreciation for the years of service that Dave gave to CCMS.

Pictured from Left to Right. 2016-2017 Chairman of the Board; Eric Doten, Honorable David Beck, Executive Director of CCMS; Jennifer Bagshaw

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With this issue being released in May, and so close to the day that was spent honoring David two years ago at Embry Riddle University, it seemed as though this would be the perfect time to share some personal memories from some of our CCMS members. From friendship, to mentorship, to leadership, David was an amazing asset to County Court Mediation Services.

On May 26th 2017, I had the privilege of being present when Judge Beck was honored by having the Volusia County Veterans Court renamed after him and presented him with the administrative order dedicating the “Judge David B. Beck Veterans Court”, and at the same ceremony the Volusia County Council handed Dave a proclamation declaring May 26, 2017 as “The Honorable David B. Beck Day”.



Judge David Bruce Beck, the Dancing Bear, faithful husband, loving father, and grandfather left this world on Saturday, September 2 after a courageous, hard-fought battle with ALS. Dave was an avid athlete, runner, biker, and swimmer until his last days. He loved football, his family, and sitting on the porch listening to the rain. He was a dedicated volunteer coach with the Special Olympics, a selfless servant on many boards and organizations, and was connected to countless individuals and communities through his service. Dave was an alumnus of Seabreeze High School, Lafayette College, and UF Law School. He served as a 1st Lieutenant MP in the US Army during Vietnam.

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TREASURED MEMORIES

Instead of asking members of CCMS four questions I reached out to a few members of the organization, so that we could all read a few treasured memories of David Beck.

Marie Joy (Former Executive Director): *I first met Judge Beck when I worked for the 7th Circuit Court Administration, he was always one of the nicest and approachable of the Judges. One day he poked his head in my office door and said “come see me in my office when you have a minute”. Of course, I did, after some questioning about my knowledge of mediation (at the time I was a certified volunteer mediator) he said Mediation Services needs an Executive Director, would I be interested in interviewing for the job. You know the rest of the story. Judge Beck was one of those special people who never let his status as a Judge interfere with down to earth interaction with all people. He always had time to discuss and advise Mediation Services either at the Board level or if any mediator or the Director asked. Judge Beck was primary in keeping CCMS viable and steadily improving, but most of all because he cared. His leadership was low key but his expectations were understood “let’s always improve”. He served CCMS graciously through good times, and the rough times.*

Judge Feigenbaum (Current Judicial Advisor): *I really admired David, and I enjoyed his company. What I can tell you is that he liked beer, the Gators, was fun, was so loyal to his family, and he was always thinking of ways to provide more for his family. (He even had a side port-a-potty business; and tried to flip some houses). Dave gave so much, without fanfare, to veterans and Special Olympians, and various other agencies like Habitat for Humanity, and he loved to be active—I can still see him biking or swimming laps at the Ormond Y and calling himself the manatee. He hated pretensions, not a fan of meetings or any stuffiness, a wiseass and a wise man.*

Melissa Brown-Mack (Current Treasurer): *I was very ill and in the hospital for several weeks and had multiple surgeries. Judge Beck called me every day to see how I was doing and always had something funny to say to lift my spirits. I knew him for many years, and only saw him get really angry once and I asked him about that. He started laughing and said "it happens", He then asked me what were my goals and said "you should consider being on the bench. If you decide to go that route, I will do what I can to support you". That is just the kind of man, friend, and mentor he was. Always encouraging you to set your sites high above the clouds. I can say I truly miss him---- what a great man.*

Jennifer Bagshaw (Current Executive Director): *Dave was an amazing mentor and friend to me. In the weeks following the passing of my Mom, Dave would email me a quote every day, his first emailed stated that if the quote made me laugh, made sense to me personally, or made me think about what I am doing or what I could be doing then the email is worth it. A few of the quotes that have stuck with me over the years are:*

- *Tough times don't last; tough people do*
- *It's not about perfect; it's about effort*
- *A problem is a chance for you to do your best*
- *It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get back up*
- *Work hard in silence, let success make the noise*

And the two quotes that were able to make me laugh, make me think, and made sense to me all at the same time:

- *You will survive because the fire inside you burns brighter than the fire around you.*
- *Don't be afraid to rock the boat, if someone falls off your boat, they weren't meant to be in it.*

Dave was an amazing mentor, friend, and man and he will truly be missed.

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CONCLUSION

For all of the volunteers of CCMS- the organization appreciates everything that you do for CCMS. Without all of you, the mission, purpose, and service of this organization would be impossible.

Upcoming Dates to Remember.

DRC Conference: August 15-17, 2019
JW Marriott, Grande Lakes Orlando

Board Meetings: June 10, 2019, August 12, 2019, September 26, 2019, October 14, 2019, and December 9, 2019.

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