David Levine Honored as Distinguished Older Georgian 2009

As an NASW member for more than 40 years, David Levine has held numerous leadership positions through which many of you have had the pleasure of working with him. As the current chair of the NASW-GA Ethics Committee, he continues his commitment to our organization and the practice of social work.

Those of you who attended the University of Georgia’s School of Social Work may have known him as a knowledgeable and revered professor. Others may know him through his vigorous community activities.

Whether or not you have known Dr. Levine, please join the Board of Directors and staff of the Chapter in congratulating him on being named the Distinguished Older Georgian for 2009!

In companion Senate and House Resolutions, Dr. Levine was honored for his “unselfish, dedicated, and loyal service to his community and state.” describing him as “a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he has made of his life, he makes this world a better place to live; and it is only fitting and proper that he be appropriately recognized during Senior Week 2009.”

Highlights of the resolutions include the following description of our remarkable friend:

- Actively contributing to his state and community in his 90th year;
- Having received a Bachelor of Science degree from City College of New York, a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Doctor of Social Work degree from the University of Minnesota, making him one of the first 100 people in the nation to achieve this educational milestone;
- Recognized by the University of Georgia as a Professor Emeritus of Social Work in 1990, and advancing the field of social work through his teaching at the University of Minnesota, Florida State University, Syracuse University, and, for the last four decades of his career, the Medical College of Georgia and the University of Georgia;
- Having earned a reputation for his devoted service to the Athens-Clarke community and Georgia, serving as Founding Director of the Athens Community Council on Aging and an active member of the Georgia Council on Aging, the Georgia Gerontology Society Board of Directors, and the National Association of Social Workers;
- Provided decades of service and advocacy to the field of mental health through his service on the Olmstead Committee and his chairmanship of the new Northeast Georgia Community Health Center Board;
- An influence in the lives of many students and fellow professionals through his mentorship and his genuine concern for their lives and their careers in gerontology.

Well deserved Dr. Levine! You have made us all proud to be your colleague.

Kudos

The NASW-GA Board of Directors has appointed Angela Sanders to lead the Legislative Committee as Chair effective July 1, 2009. Many thanks are extended to Greg Senters who held the chair position for the last two years.

In February, the Department of Veterans Affairs recognized Mary Ann Shelton for her work with the REACH (Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer’s Caregivers Health) VA program piloted in 24 VA medical centers in home-based primary care to provide caregivers of Alzheimer’s patients with resources and support. She was also profiled in a May 23 article in the Augusta Chronicle. As a social work intern at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center, Ms. Shelton was the group leader and certified interventionist for REACH VA. She received her MSW in May from the University of Georgia. Congratulations Mary Ann!

Jeanne D. Ward has been appointed by the Board to succeed Latiya Oshodi as the Chair of the Membership Committee. Appreciation is extended to Ms. Oshodi who will remain on the Committee.

NASW Supports Issue Awareness!

Listed below are just some of the national observances NASW will be highlighting in e-newsletters, on the www.socialworkers.org and www.helpstartshere.org websites. We encourage you to go on-line and check out the websites and to participate in honoring these observances in your communities. If you would like more information, please call the Chapter office or contact your Unit representative.

June
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month
- Abused Women and Children’s Awareness Day
(Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration)
- National Cancer Survivors Day
(National Cancer Survivor’s Foundation)

July
- Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

August
The SOS Program (Signs of Suicide)

September
- National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month
(Department of Health and Human Services)
- Healthy Aging Month (Center for Mental Health Services)
- Support Infertility Week (National Resolve: Infertility Association)
Gatekeeping in our profession is a role many are reluctant to undertake; however, it is a role necessary to keep our profession strong and protect those we are charged to serve. We face many opportunities to be gatekeepers for our profession. As teachers, field instructors, supervisors, colleagues and mentors we see individuals who are struggling with the complex competencies necessary for the practice of professional social work. We have challenges to help those who can grow into good social workers as well as to help good social workers who find themselves facing the slippery slopes of ethical dilemmas make sound choices. The price of a membership in our profession is often the shared responsibility of gatekeeping.

I would like to offer for your review a thought provoking article by Donna DeAngelis, ACSW, LICSW, Executive Director of the Association of Social Work Boards.

Jan Yates, LCSW, ACSW, BCD
President, NASW-GA Board of Directors

Gatekeeping: the Responsibility of Many
By Donna DeAngelis, ACSW, LICSW
Executive Director, Association of Social Work Boards
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Last fall, I attended the Annual Program Meeting (APM) of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). I have attended these meetings for many years from the time that I was a member of the CSWE staff in the mid-1980s, and almost every year since 1995 when I started as the director of the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB).

In the October 2008 APM program I noticed for the first time several sessions on “gatekeeping” in social work education. I attended one of these sessions and a colleague on the ASWB staff attended another. I was very impressed that these sessions emphasized the responsibility of social work academic programs to screen applicants for their knowledge and abilities to successfully complete undergraduate or graduate course work and for suitability to practice social work according to the ethics and values of the profession. In the session that I attended there was a report of a study conducted on screening criteria and subsequent academic and professional competence.

I have stated before that not everyone can be a social worker; it takes more than a good heart and good intentions. Social work is a profession with an established and ever-growing body of knowledge, a distinct and observable set of values, and a code of ethics. Social work is a profession that requires the aptitude to successfully complete a program of higher education to learn the body of knowledge and the ability to competently put that knowledge to use in practice.

Admissions officers have an important role in determining who is and who is not a person who is potentially able to learn and perform the social work profession. This is the first gate a person needs to pass through on her or his way to becoming a social worker. The second line of determination rests with social work education faculty and field placement instructors. I have heard that once a student is accepted into the social work program it is very difficult to determine that they are not being successful there. I have heard many stories of professors trying to hold students to high standards and grading low those who do not meet them only to have their grades changed by the school’s administration. I have heard about field instructors who determine that a student cannot perform the integration of knowledge, values, and ethics into practice, or in other ways unsuitable to the profession, only to face many obstacles from the academic institution to giving a failing grade. When a student is allowed to pass and/or graduate without demonstrating appropriate social work knowledge, values and ethics, as well as personal suitability to practice, the second gate is breached. I was so pleased to hear presentations at the 2008 APM that addressed faculty and administration responsibilities to hold their students accountable for demonstrating these competencies.

After the graduation gate is passed, a new social worker in most jurisdictions must demonstrate minimum competency by passing either the Bachelors or the Masters social work examination in order to be licensed to practice and/or call herself or himself a social worker. This is a very concrete and objective determination of knowledge by standardized multiple choice examinations. These examinations
are not graded on a curve; the passing North American score is set so that each examination given is calibrated to assess that the same level of minimum competence knowledge is demonstrated. ASWB has never changed a score, although I have received many requests to do so. Many of the candidates with whom I have spoken who have failed the examination believe that they should have passed. Some even tell me that they couldn’t have really failed because they achieved a 4.0 grade point average in school. The North American passing rates for the ASWB examinations given in 2008 were just released last month. Of the candidates who took one of the examinations for the first time, which is the true passing rate statistically, 77 percent passed the Bachelors examination and 74 percent passed the Masters. This indicates that 23 percent of graduates with a Bachelors degree in social work and 26 percent of graduates who received a Masters degree in social work did not pass the entry examinations on their first try. How can this be if these candidates successfully completed a social work program of higher education? This is the big question, and one that has been asked for as long as the ASWB examination program has existed.

There is also the gate of performing adequately in a social work job. Some graduates find that they are not as interested in or suited for social work practice as they anticipated they would be and take themselves out of the profession by seeking other types of employment. Other graduates are encouraged to improve their practice or remove themselves from the profession by their supervisors on the job. Supervision is also another gate to be passed on the way to advanced generalist and clinical practice licenses. Most jurisdictions offering these licenses require at least two years of post-graduate employment supervised by a social worker who must then complete an evaluation for the licensing body. Just like social work faculty and field instructors, the social work supervisor is a very important gatekeeper. A social worker may have all the requisite knowledge and the ability to demonstrate it sufficiently to pass the licensing examinations, but there is no way the licensing board can measure interpersonal skills integral to practice, or practice performance according to the values and ethics of the profession. The direct observation by faculty and field instructors during the education process is parallel to post-graduate supervision. Regulatory boards rely on social work supervisors to accurately report their direct experience with and observation of the social workers’ practice and performance, and it is the social work supervisor’s ethical responsibility to do so.

If the employment practice experience and the supervisory evaluations are acceptable to the licensing board, the social worker must pass one more hurdle, the Advanced Generalist or Clinical examination. This is the last gate, but there should have been many gates along the way, and with good reason: this type of practice is a privilege and with it comes tremendous responsibility because the social worker is in a position of authority and has the opportunity to do much harm to vulnerable clients.

Finally, boards are left with the investigative and disciplinary process. This isn’t gatekeeping, per se, as much as eviction from or limitation of the practice of the profession. Those of us familiar with disciplinary cases often wonder if there may have been warning signs all along, and if this final gatekeeping action—one that could take place only after the public has been harmed—might have been prevented if all the other gates had been more carefully managed.

Gatekeeping is not easy or comfortable, especially for social workers who, no matter how experienced, are first and foremost inclined to help, rather than regulate. Gatekeeping responsibilities are further complicated by the ease with which people can take legal action against schools, individual faculty, supervisors, and regulatory boards. Fear of legal action can sometimes paralyze the gatekeepers. When this happens everyone loses—the public, who are our clients, other social workers, and the profession as a whole. As social work educators, supervisors, and regulators we must accept and perform the gatekeeping function to protect our clients and our profession. The bottom line is this: not everyone can, or should, be a social worker.
Charitable Giving Through Life Insurance
by Mari Lynn T. Cheatham, CFP®, CLU®, CLTC

Most people could not write a check today for $100,000 to their chosen charity. But through life insurance, it can cost you very little to be very generous. Life insurance enables you to make a substantial future gift by making small premium payments over time.

The advantages of using life insurance as the instrument to fund a charitable giving plan include:

- You may qualify for income, gift and estate tax deductions.
- The gift is given without disrupting other assets reserved for your family.
- Death benefits are paid promptly to the charity.
- Gifts of life insurance do not increase estate liquidity needs.
- The policy’s growing cash value also may be borrowed by the charitable institution for special needs.

The federal government has structured income, gift and estate tax laws to encourage you to share your assets with charitable organizations. The tax benefits you may receive include lower:

- Income tax liability
- Gift tax liability
- Estate tax liability

Options for funding charitable donations through life insurance

There are two common options to consider when making charitable donations through life insurance. Choose the one that best meets your needs.

**Option 1** – Name a charitable beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the proceeds of a policy you already own or purchase a new policy, naming a favorite charity as beneficiary. In either case, you own the policy and you pay premiums. You cannot deduct the premium payments, but you maintain control of the policy (should you decide to change the beneficiary at some point).

**Option 2** – Donate policy dividends*, if any, from cash values to a favorite charity, or make cash donations to the charity for the purpose of purchasing life insurance. This provides you with a current income tax deduction, while the charity pays the premiums and maintains ownership of the policy.

Estate planning needs

If you have more sophisticated estate planning needs, charitable giving may be a necessary and valuable component of a comprehensive estate plan. In this case, life insurance in combination with various estate planning instruments can provide you with current income tax deductions and may generate income for you and your family.

If you are interested in making a charitable gift through life insurance, or if you have complicated estate planning needs, consult your insurance representative and tax advisor or attorney for further information. No matter how you look at it, charitable giving through life insurance is a win-win situation. Your generous support of charitable organizations will help fulfill their missions while providing you with financial benefits.

*Dividends are not guaranteed.

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The premise of *The Power of Now* is just as it sounds, in order to fully live, we must use the only true power we have, which is our action and being in the present. Most of us spend our lives living in our heads thinking about the past or the future versus really being in the moments of our lives. One of the most profound pieces of the book for me is a simple question that is asked: “Do I have a problem right now?” This question is a way to help us understand that when we practice the principles in the book, our lives get much better. As I try and practice the teachings more, I can see that it will lead to real and lasting change as I become more and more aware. In addition to The Power of Now, I am also a big advocate of mindfulness, and I am teaching it in my current DBT group. So, I have been trying to find ways to incorporate both *The Power of Now* and Mindfulness practices into my personal life and professional practice. I have reviewed mindfulness previously, so in this article, I wanted to give a brief overview of *The Power of Now*, which also has a companion book that I use called *Practicing The Power of Now: Essential Teachings, Meditations and Exercised From The Power of Now* also by Eckhart Tolle.

The last section is about acceptance and surrender. Impermanence is the nature of the cycles of life, and without one side, the other cannot exist. If we cling to our life being one way, we will suffer due to lack of ability to change with life. If anyone has ever been waiting to pass an exam, they understand the passing lasts momentarily, and then life continues to the next goal. Everything carries on, and nothing remains the same. Life is about the process not the destination. All negativity in life is seen from the fact we are anticipating pain in the future or resisting the past. When I find myself thinking about problems and concerns in the moment, I simply ask myself: “Do I have a problem right now?” It has been a grounding tool for me because often I am worrying while I am in my “down time” and needing to relax and enjoy myself. This question has helped me reclaim my “down time”. Discussing this question is slightly premature because the first step in this process is awareness. Had I not been aware that I was tormenting myself needlessly, I would not have been able to ask myself the question. Therefore, the first step is observation and awareness. We must become an observer of our thoughts and feelings before we can know what we need to change. We have the vast ability to be calm and still and only notice “the thinker” that keeps us stuck in “mind stuff” versus life.

**Practicing the Power of Now** is divided into three parts, accessing the power of now, relationships as spiritual practice, and acceptance and surrender. Accessing the power of now is similar to the lesson I was speaking of in the last paragraph. Relationships as spiritual practice is about love and acceptance of what is. Becoming fully present and choosing to watch what happens inside of us when we live, helps us understand expectations that interfere with remaining in the present in our relationships. Our attachment to ego and mind is what causes emotional suffering, especially when striving for intimacy. Until we become conscious, “…all relationships and particularly intimate relationships, are deeply flawed and ultimately dysfunctional” (p.91). The relationship can seem perfect until frustration and pain ensue. Then we think that love relationships become love/hate relationships, but there is no opposite of true love. What happens in relationship is that we (our ego) access our past pain and seek salvation through the current relationship, which does not work. “We have to access in the Now, the power of presence, that dissolves the past and its pain, the reality that dissolves the illusion” (p.94). If you accept that the relationship is here to make you conscious, not happy, then the relationship can offer salvation.

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Gateway Logic Model Builder for Postadoption Services

Child Welfare Information Gateway has launched a Logic Model Builder for Postadoption Services Programs tool developed by a panel of adoption experts to help postadoption programs define their service goals and outcomes, identify indicators of success, and access other potential evaluation instruments that measure success. In five easy steps, you can use the tool to develop logic models and plan evaluation activities. Go to http://toolkit.childwelfare.gov/toolkit or visit www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/service/improving_practices/logic_model.cfm.

A New TIP on Managing Depressive Symptoms

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) announced the availability of Managing Depressive Symptoms in Substance Abuse Clients During Early Recovery, a new Treatment Improvement Protocol (TIP) that focuses on how to perform relevant activities and target specific needs of substance abuse treatment counselors, program administrators, and clinical supervisors. Download or order your free copy today at http://www.kap.samhsa.gov or http://www.kap.samhsa.gov/products/manuals/tips/pdf/tip48.pdf.

Strengthening Families and Communities, Preventing Abuse

Free copies of Strengthening Families and Communities: 2009 Resource Guide are available. Developed for service providers, the guide highlights strategies to strengthen families by promoting key protective factors that prevent child abuse and neglect, and includes tip sheets in both English and Spanish to share with parents. The guide is produced annually by the US Department of Health and Human Services’ Children’s Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, Child Welfare Information Gateway, and the FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, and can be downloaded or ordered at www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/res_guide_2009.
Help Celebrate Excellence in the Field of Social Work

It is time once again to begin the selection process for Social Worker of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards. The jobs performed by professional social workers make a difference in the lives of those in need of human services. The Social Worker of the Year Award allows us the opportunity to recognize and appreciate the achievements of an outstanding member of our profession. Therefore, Chapter leadership urges all members to actively participate in the process by submitting nominations for this prestigious award.

We are currently seeking nominations to be considered for the Frankie V. Adams Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is designed to recognize a social worker who, throughout his or her life, has consistently demonstrated outstanding achievements on behalf of clients and the profession of social work. In honoring the Lifetime Achievement Award winner, the Chapter is emphasizing the best social work values and accomplishments as demonstrated in a lifetime career.

Both Awards will be presented at the annual conference, which will be held October 23 – 25, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Select, Atlanta Perimeter Dunwoody, 4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA 30340.

Social Worker of the Year Award

An individual considered for this award should demonstrate exceptional professional qualities that make her or him stand out beyond the expectations of her/his job. The person you nominate must:

- Be a member in good standing with NASW-GA
- Demonstrate leadership qualities of an exceptional nature
- Effectively integrate experience with education in an outstanding effort to help people
- Show a willingness to take risks for improved social services
- Enlist public support for improved social services
- Contribute to the public’s knowledge of social work
- Represent the professional ethics of social work as defined in the NASW Code of Ethics

Frankie V. Adams Lifetime Achievement Award

In addition to meeting all of the criteria for Social Worker of the Year, the candidate must also demonstrate:

- Repeated outstanding achievements
- Recognition beyond the social work profession
- Contributions with a lasting impact
- Outstanding creativity and courage

The NASW-GA Chapter Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification (CCNLI) will review all nominations and determine the recipients of the Social Worker of the Year Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award. The completeness and presentation of your nomination materials will influence the selection process.

Please be sure to make a clear description of the exceptional contributions your nominee has made and, if possible, include a current resume. Your nomination should include newspaper clippings, articles, and other materials that will help the selection committee get a complete impression of the candidate. The recipients of the awards will be personally notified and an announcement of their selection will be posted on the Chapter web site and published in our newsletter.

Chapter Award Nominations Must Include

1. Title of the award for which your candidate is being nominated: Social Worker of the Year or Frankie V. Adams Lifetime Achievement
2. Name of Nominee
3. Nominee’s Current Position & Employer
4. Business Address
5. Business & Home Phone Numbers
6. Description of Nominee’s Contributions and/or Activities (You may include the nominee’s resume, news articles featuring the nominee and letters of support)
7. Name, Address, Phone Number and Signature of Nominator

Nominations should be mailed to the Chapter Office by Friday, September 11, 2009 at NASW Georgia Chapter, 3070 Presidential Drive, Suite 226, Atlanta, GA 30340.
Ethical Issues in Clinical Supervision
Presented by Jackie E. Pray, Ph.D., LCSW, ACSW
For those of you who attended The Essentials of Clinical Supervision, this is a must! Maintaining professional ethics in the supervisory process can pose unique challenges. The NASW-GA Supervision Institute workshop Ethical Issues in Clinical Supervision is designed to heighten supervisor awareness of these ethical challenges. Using “real life” case studies as a backdrop, this workshop will actively engage participants in thinking critically about ethical issues in the supervisory context, utilizing structured ethical decision-making processes to work through ethical dilemmas, and engaging in peer consultation. (NOTE: Registrants who have a “real life” case study for which consultation is desired are encouraged to submit a brief description of the case to the Dr. Jackie Pray, jackie@socialworkunlimited.com). You do NOT have to have attended The Essentials of Clinical Supervision workshop in order to attend this workshop.

Games People Play in Supervision
Presented by Jackie E. Pray, Ph.D., LCSW, ACSW
Helping supervisees develop is NOT as simple as it appears! In fact, it can be an anxiety provoking experience for supervisors AND supervisees. Various defensive responses, often classified as "resistance" serve a purpose in attempting to reduce anxiety. In this NASW-GA Supervision Institute, you will learn to identify the hidden agendas underlying these common supervisory transactions, and to respond to the challenging “Games People Play” in supervision.

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For up to date information, please check our web-site www.naswga.org or call the Chapter Office at 770-234-0567. The registration fee of $89 for members and $159 for non-members includes workshop materials and a light lunch. Pre-registration is required.

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Augusta Unit

Catherine Ivy, LCSW, was our keynote speaker at the Augusta Unit Annual Banquet and Workshop. Attendee ratings confirmed that it met the goals and aspirations of the social workers in attendance. Financially, it was a winner for the Unit.

The Augusta Unit Spring Fling was held June 4.

Our personal congratulations to our 2009 Augusta Unit award recipients: Catherine Williams, LCSW, Social Worker of the Year; Ellis Rece, LCSW, Lifetime Achievement Award; Ms. Edythe Dimond, Citizen of the Year; and, Mrs. Marj Poffenbarger, Senior News, Media Medium of the year.

Last year we decided to share our profits with Augusta State University BSW students. We completed the process and will award grants as they are requested by the students. The cost for Student NASW membership is $55 and we are granting $25 after the student has joined NASW. Our main goals are to offer the BSW student an opportunity to belong to a professional organization and to increase membership in NASW.

The Augusta Unit new workshop cycle will commence during September. Have an enjoyable and safe summer vacation.

If you have any questions about the Augusta Unit, please feel free to contact Houston Lirette, LCSW, Chair, at bubbalirette@aol.com.

Central Georgia Unit

The Central Georgia Unit holds monthly Lunch & Learn meetings on the third Friday of the month.

For information on the Central Georgia Unit, visit the blog site at http://naswcentralga.blogspot.com.

North Georgia Unit

The North Georgia Unit continues to provide events and activities to support its members. The yahoo email group has grown to 160 members and has become a well utilized, easily accessible method of Unit communication. To join the North Georgia Unit email group, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthGeorgiaUnit//join.

On April 18 a North Georgia Unit held a workshop on Medicaid Waivers: A Guide to Home and Community-Based Services in Georgia presented by Atlanta Legal Aid Society staff and coordinated by Michelle Putnam, BA, MPH student. It was a broad explanation of home and community-based services, including a brief history of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Olmstead Decision. Also on the program were two Medicaid waiver clients. There were 31 attendees and the evaluations were very good.

A North Georgia Unit meeting was also held on April 18. Issues discussed included how to stimulate Unit member involvement, and ideas for future workshops such as social worker self-care, mental health, Medicaid waivers, and effective ways to deal with a struggling economy and financial problems. Members Janice Moore, Carol Katz and Cathryn Johnson volunteered to assist at future Unit events.

The Social Service Career Network meets monthly at the NASW-GA Education Center and is a great resource for professional collaboration and support. Jennifer Moore, LCSW is scheduled to present Passion and Purpose: Living your Passion, Being on Purpose on June 29 from 6-8 PM. For more information about the Social Service Career Network contact Jeanne Ward, MA, LMSW at vicecareernetwork.org.

For more information on the North Georgia Unit call Robin Reeves-Oppenheim, LCSW on her cell phone at 678-481-7519 or send an email to robinopp@bellsouth.net.

Northeast Georgia Unit

Northeast Georgia Social Workers what are you waiting for? Come join us at www.nega_nasw@yahooogroups.com. The Northeast Unit yahoo group has 81 members and our numbers are increasing. The Northeast Georgia Unit e-mail group is nega_nasw@yahooogroups.com (please note: messages will go to the entire group).
Reinvestment starts with YOU! Together We Rise, In Cause We Unite, In Adversity We Stand!

County Link Up: When was the last time you got together with a social worker in your county? Post your next county link and keep the chain linked by networking in your counties. If you have and are planning to link up with social workers in your county, please let us know at nega_nasw@yahoo.com. Network! Network! Network!

For information contact Northeast Georgia Unit Representative Lorraine Driver, BSW, MSW, at PO Box 272, Bethlehem, GA 30620, by cell at 678-914-2786, or by email at nega_nasw@yahoo.com.

South Georgia Unit

On March 27 we held our 12th Annual NASW-GA South Georgia Unit conference at Valdosta Technical College. We had 6 great speakers, as well as the prominent group Dancing Moose Productions, which performed the Ethics: A Musical Comedy in Two Acts as the keynote event. Sadly, due to bad weather and bad transportation issues, the Dancing Moose group had to perform without their props and costumes. However, they performed without a problem and no one in the audience seemed affected by it. Approximately 80 people attended. We had several non social workers joining us who noted what a good time they had. We gave away several drawings, which included a free reservation for next year’s conference and a free year’s enrollment into NASW. Unfortunately, the conference was held at the same time the School Social Worker’s conference was held at Jekyll Island so we lost a few folks to that conference.

In addition to this conference, the South Unit continues to hold monthly meeting to address many Unit issues. We are still working to increase our membership, and to enhance the relationships between faculty, students at Valdosta State University and NASW. Overall, the Chapter continues to grow and is challenged by many issues due to the economy and the changing politics.

For information on the South Georgia Unit, contact Nancy Weingartner at nancy.weingartner@mchsi.com.

Southeast Georgia Unit

Southeast Unit Board Representative Arthur Nixon, MSW accepted the Proclamation of Professional Social Work month presented by Chatham County on the March 13th.

For information on the Southeast Unit, contact Southeast Unit Board Representative Arthur Nixon, MSW at astate@coastnow.net.

Southwest Georgia Unit

Please contact Sheri Nicholson, LCSW for more information about the Southwest Georgia Unit activities at 251-533-9875 (cell) or shrnicholson@yahoo.com.
Proclamations for Social Work Month

NASW-GA President Jan Yates’ goal for Social Work Month 2009 was to have as many Georgia Social Workers as possible honored. As you may know, sample Proclamations were sent to all 159 Georgia County Commissions. Dozens of them did arrange for a Proclamation signing to honor professional social workers in their counties. Below are a few examples of the events. Additional information is posted on our website.

Members Katie Hart, Olivia Smith, and Chanda White accepted the Clayton County Social Work Month Proclamation.

Members Sandra Wimbush (left) and Marilyn Lipper (right) accepted the Spalding County SW Month Proclamation from Spalding County Board of Commissioners Chairman Edward Goss.

NASW Georgia Chapter Members (from left to right) Youilite Matthews, LMSW, Membership Chair LaTiya Oshodi, LCSW, and Karen Nash, LCSW accepted the Paulding County SW Month Proclamation.

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Woodfin J. Threlkeld, MSW, LCSW at 404-325-3992 to enroll or to obtain additional information.
The 17th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect was held in Atlanta, March 30 – April 4, 2009 and attracted 1,130 attendees. The Conference was a great success due in part to the participation and support of NASW Georgia members and staff. As the local host agency, NASW-GA collaborated with 22 other organizations devoted to child welfare to coordinate planning efforts at the state and local level. Six members of NASW-GA, including Jennifer Moore, Board Member at Large, served on the Local Planning Committee. Executive Director, Susan Fort, appeared on the dais on April 1 along with the First Lady of Georgia and other notables. NASW Georgia was recognized during the Local Host Tribute, and Ms. Fort accepted an award of appreciation on behalf of the Chapter. There was a strong response from NASW members for the Call to Volunteer. Coordinated by staff liaison Allison Huppmann, 250 people signed on as volunteers. 115 of those worked at the Conference providing over 900 hours of essential support. Thanks to the many NASW members who volunteered to help at the conference. The Conference offered excellent opportunities for networking and continuing education, and NASW member networking. NASW had an exhibit table at the Conference, and staff was on hand to answer questions and promote membership. We are aware of at least one new member that has joined since the Conference. The National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect offered NASW-GA a unique opportunity to take center stage in a high profile event and partner with other organizations that have a social work focus.

17TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT HUGE SUCCESS!

Allison Huppmann [second on left top row] joins many of the conference volunteers.
Continuing Education Approvals

The following programs have been reviewed and approved by the NASW Georgia Chapter Continuing Education Committee. With this approval, the programs meet social work continuing education requirements of the Georgia Composite Board (see Rules 135.9).

For further information about specific programs, please contact the sponsoring organization’s contact person at the number provided.

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21st Annual NASW Georgia Chapter Conference
Social Work: Purpose and Possibility
Friday, October 23 – Sunday, October 25, 2009
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- Using case studies, discover the most common ethical violations for professionals, how they occur and how they are dealt with
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- Gain valuable resources for more information and support of ethical dilemmas

- Recognize how overindulgence masks abuse within some families
- Discuss current and relevant research related to overindulgence
- Summarize nine general, but severe, cognitive distortions leading parents to overindulge their children
- Explain how to guide overindulgent parents in how to cognitively restructure and to become mentoring parents
- Demonstrate cognitive-behavioral therapy, family counseling and action-focused techniques, addressing case studies where overindulgence covers deep emotional and family concerns

- Recognize the four primary stages of the timeless and universal framework for resilience known as the Heroic Journey
- Utilize the Heroic Journey within common clinical approaches, including
- Cognitive-Behavioral, solution-focused and expressive therapies, for diverse populations
- Identify new methods to help clients work through trauma, grief, loss, life and career transitions, addiction and other issues
- Discover a multitude of resources to teach the Heroic framework to clients, including literature, stories, movies, games and spiritual and religious teachings

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October 23 – 25, 2009

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**To Apply:** Send a letter of application, curriculum vita, and names of references to Dr. Debbie Whitley Search Committee Chair, School of Social Work, Georgia State University, P.O. Box 3995 Atlanta, GA 30302-3995. Review of applications will begin August, 2009.

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21st NASW-GA Conference

The 21st Annual NASW Georgia Chapter conference Social Work: Purpose and Possibility will be held Friday, October 23 – Sunday October 25, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Select Atlanta Perimeter Dunwoody, 4386 Chamblee Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA 30341.

$82 per night hotel rate (single, double, triple or quad). Call 1-800-465-4329 for reservations under NASW-GA. A block of rooms are being held until October 9 for NASW-GA conference attendees.

Early bird registration for 2-day and 3-day conference attendance is available online at www.naswga.org. The deadline for early bird registration is August 30, 2009 (postmarked or online by credit card at www.naswga.org).

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You have the opportunity to influence the future direction of our Chapter by helping to select our Chapter leadership. Ballots have been mailed and must be returned (postmarked) by Friday, June 19th.

Please make sure to have your official ballot postmarked no later than June 19, 2009.