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Calendar

JUNE
Licensure Renewal Process Begins
25 Being Your Clients Voice Workshop, Atlanta
25:27 Emerging Aptitudes in Clinical Practice: A Skill Advancement Symposium, your.ceus.com live training

JULY
1 New Board of Directors and CCNLI Reps Terms Begin
5 Chapter Office Closed for Fourth of July Holiday
31 Annual Conference Early Bird Registration Deadline

AUGUST
5 3rd Quarter Newsletter Deadline
20 Social Work Awards Nominations Deadline

SEPTEMBER
6 Chapter Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday
30 NASW-GA Pre-Conference Workshops, Atlanta
30 Current Licensure Cycle Ends

OCTOBER
1-3 2010 - 2012 Licensure Cycle Begins
1-3 22nd Annual NASW-GA Conference, Atlanta

Leadership Transitions

Barron and Ligon Elected to National Posts

Lawanna Barron, LCSW, ACSW, has been elected Secretary of the National Board of Directors. She will assume this leadership role on July 1 of this year.

As many of you know, Lawanna helped to start the South Georgia Unit, served as President of the Georgia Chapter, was a delegate to the Delegate Assembly, served as Region VI representative to NASW’s Board of Directors, and is a trustee for the NASW Legal Defense Fund. She practices in Valdosta with military families to prevent child and spouse abuse. She has worked in the Moody Air Force Base Family Advocacy Program since 1993, currently as family advocacy outreach manager and a collateral duty equal employment opportunity counselor. She was honored as Social Worker of the Year in 2003 and has received numerous awards and recognitions from the community and her employer.

Jan H. Ligon, PhD, LCSW, has been elected to the National Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification. He will begin his service on July 1.

Jan has been an active member of NASW for over 20 years. Following completion of his MSW at the University of Georgia in 1988, he was employed in Georgia’s public sector mental health system. Since completing his PhD in social work at the University of Georgia in 1998, he has held faculty positions at the University of South Carolina and Georgia State University, focusing on teaching and research in behavioral health. He is a past-president of the Georgia Chapter and the 2002 recipient of the chapter’s Social Worker of the Year award. He is a current member of Georgia’s social work licensure board and conducts frequent workshops on resolving ethical dilemmas in social work practice. He is presently involved in a state-level initiative to improve the recruitment and retention of social workers in Georgia’s system of mental health and substance abuse services.

Congratulations to member Michael Norman of Tifton, GA for becoming the President of the School Social Work Association of Georgia (SSWAG). Michael took office at the SSWAG Spring Conference held in Atlanta this April. He succeeded NASW member Ola Scott of Milledgeville as the head of this valuable organization.

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Leadership Transitions ~continued~

Please join the continuing Board members and staff in thanking those members who assumed the responsibility for leadership roles on your Board of Directors. Those fulfilling their term of office on the Board include:

Jan Yates, LCSW, ACSW, BCD, President
Bernita Berry, PhD, MSW, Vice President
Tara Arnold, PhD, LCSW, Secretary
Emily Diehl, BA, QMHP, Graduate Student Rep
Caitlin Swanson, BSW, Undergraduate Student Rep
Arthur Nixon, MSW, Southeast Georgia Unit Rep

Membership Committee Chair Jeanne Ward and Board Members Gerald Richardson, Caitlin Swanson, Gaye Ethridge, Jan Yates, Stephanie Cruwys, Sheri Nicholson, Nancy Weingartner, Arthur Nixon, Jeanette Cummings, Robin Reeves-Oppenheim, and Jennifer Moore gathered after the May 22 meeting of the board in Atlanta.

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I suspect that many individuals who have had the privilege of being elected to help lead an organization have similar thoughts as they prepare to entrust the organization to new leadership “Wait…..it can’t be time to go….I think I have almost got the hang of this…..”

I take comfort in the consistent and abiding support of our Chapter’s Executive Director and Chapter Staff as well as having Board Members and Committee Members who have such creativity and wisdom given so generously. I am excited that our incoming President Jennifer Moore will bring the vision, spirit and knowledge needed to help guide us through these challenging times. “But….Wait…I...”

Four hundred social work leaders met in Washington, DC from April 22-23, 2010 to look at issues facing our 112 year old profession and voted for 10 imperatives to advance the profession over the next 10 years:

• **Business of Social Work**: Infuse models of sustainable business and management practice in social work education and practice.

• **Common Objectives**: Strengthen collaboration across social work organizations, their leaders, and their members for shared advocacy goals.

• **Education**: Clarify and articulate the unique skills, scope of practice, and value added of social work.

• **Retention**: Ensure the sustainability of the profession through a strong mentoring program, career ladder, and succession program.

• **Retention**: Increase the number of grants, scholarships, and debt forgiveness mechanisms for social work students and graduates.

• **Technology**: Integrate technologies that serve social work practice and education in an ethical, practical, and responsible manner.

A simultaneous Virtual Student Social Work Congress included 400 social work students from 16 different schools who were able to watch the proceedings on line and take part in the voting. What an amazing opportunity for the past, present and future of Social Work to come together and share a vision for the future.

My hopes for NASW Georgia are that we will be able to find ways to grow stronger in these times where social workers are facing so many intense pressures and difficult choices in all areas of practice. We can not afford to disconnect from each other and NASW Georgia gives us so many opportunities to stay connected and supported. We can not afford to abdicate our responsibility to grow our Chapter’s membership so that we can nurture and mentor our future leaders as they develop from solid roots. We can not afford to be passive and let the Unit and Chapter work fall to a handful of members willing to go the extra mile. They will not have to go miles if we all are willing to divide those miles up into inches, feet and yards and each of us give what we can afford to give...then one inch more.

We can not afford to depend on the voices of others to advocate for those vulnerable populations we serve; we must continue to be a loud and resounding chorus.

What a wonderful vision Elizabeth Hoffler, Special Assistant to the Executive Director and NASW Lobbyist gave us when she said “I envision a future where all social workers—micro, macro, and clinical, lobbyist, educator, psychotherapist and community organizer—value one another’s worth and recognize that we must work together to succeed.”

I hope we can use that vision for our Georgia Chapter...

“Alice laughed. ‘There’s no use trying,’ she said. ‘One can’t believe impossible things.’ ‘I daresay you have not had much practice,’ said the Queen, ‘When I was your age, I always did it half an hour a day. Why sometimes, I’ve believed as many as 6 impossible things before breakfast.’”

~ Lewis Carroll

Thank you

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

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

VICE PRESIDENT:
Nancy E. Weingartner, LCSW, ACSW, CAC, BCD and APA Diplomate
Employer: Loyola University of Chicago, Illinois
Position Title: Owner and President of the Better Mood Clinic, Private Practitioner; Adjunct Professor; Consultant and Clinical Supervisor
Employer: The Better Mood Clinic; Park University
NASW Service: Currently serving as South Georgia Unit board representative; presented numerous presentations at the NASW-GA South Unit professional conferences and consecutively served as a committee planning committee member; Supervises NASW members seeking LCSW licensure; Developed and consulted for leadership curriculum for NASW member students; Field director for NASW student/members practicums.
Community/Professional Service: Community Critical Incident Stress Management consultant and team member; presenter for local Parents’ University workshops and Prevention Relationship Enhancement Programs; Provides pro bono services, and consultation for professional social workers; Developed forensic social work program for national forensic organization (ACEFI); Expert witness in multiple military and civilian judicial proceedings.
Platform Statement: As a retired Air Force officer and licensed clinical social worker of 29 years, I have worked in almost every aspect of social work. I have in-depth experiences as a clinician, program manager, teacher, team leader and director. I have lived and practiced in five foreign countries and seven states. Because I have worked and lived with people from diverse cultures, religions and beliefs, I offer a diverse and open leadership perspective.

SECRETARY:
Jeanne Drake Ward, MA, LMSW
Masters in Forensic Psychology, City University of New York (CUNY) - John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Employer: Stay at home mom
Position Title: Proprietor of Casa de Ward
Employer: Social Service Career Network Special Interest Group; coordinate Social Service Career Network meeting presenters; coordinate Social Service Career Network held eight meetings and networking activities; attended November and February Board of Directors meetings on behalf of the Membership Committee and the Social Service Career Network.
Community/Professional Service: NAMI DeKalb Member and Co-President of their Board as of April 2010; Legacy 200 Governance Chair (Executive Board currently being formed); and Region 3 Adult Mental Health Summit Planning Committee facilitated by NAMI GA.
Platform Statement: NASW-GA is the strength behind our profession in Georgia. I want to be an active part of NASW-GA and their extensive efforts to continue to support Georgia social workers. I believe that with good documentation, the resulting structure and consistency will lead to collaborative success. I will record the information that is necessary to maintain the structure of our Chapter and will allow for further development of NASW-GA’s strides to move our profession forward.

MEMBER AT LARGE:
Angela Sanders, MSW
MSW, University of Georgia
Position Title: Supportive Housing Coordinator
Employer: Partnership Against Domestic Violence
NASW Service: Current Chair, NASW-GA Legislative Committee; Presenter, NASW-GA Student Lobby Day; Chair, Student Loan Forgiveness Task Force; NASW-GA Membership Coordinator; NASW-GA Student Intern.
Community/Professional Service: Athens Justice Project; Food Bank of Northeast Georgia; Project Safe; Citizens Review Panel, Cherokee County Juvenile Court; Cherokee Family Violence Center.
Platform Statement: As Member at Large, I would contribute to the development and advancement of initiatives that strengthen the visibility and understanding of social work and social workers within and beyond our professional circles. My platform is based on the priorities set forth in the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative (SWRI) to engage in legislative and political advocacy; public education; and workforce development strategies that promote recruitment; retention; research; and reinvestment in the social work profession.

NORTHEAST UNIT BOARD REP:
Lorraine Driver, BSW, MSW
BSW, Albany State University; MSW, Clark Atlanta University
Position Title: Chief Executive Officer
Employer: Genesis Consulting, LLC
NASW Service: NASW Media/ Public Image Committee; NASW Finance Committee; Current NASW Northeast Georgia Board Unit Representative; Current NASW Northeast Georgia Unit Chairperson; Current NASW Northeast Georgia Unit Secretary and Treasurer.
Community/Professional Service: Board Vice President of Alcove, Inc (Emergency Shelter for Children); Founder and Support Group Facilitator of Northeast Georgia Satellite of CHADD (Children and Adults with ADHD); Mentor recruitment ambassador for the National Network of Youth Ministries.
Platform Statement: Let’s change the misconceptions of the social work profession by reinvesting in ourselves. Let’s start by re-electing Lorraine Driver as the Northeast Georgia Unit Board Representative. Together We Rise, In Cause We Unite, In Adversity We Stand!

SOUTH UNIT BOARD REP:
Karen Nolan, LCSW
MSW, Valdosta State University
Position Title: Owner/Therapist
Employer: Self employed full-time in private clinical practice
NASW Service: South Georgia Unit 13th Annual Conference workshop co-presenter (2010); South Georgia Conference Committee Member (2000-present); NASW-GA Chapter Membership Committee Member and Recruitment Co-Chair (2009-present); Attended local annual conference 10 consecutive years; Attended state conference 3 years and co-presented 1 year.
Community/Professional Service: Financial contributor to local non-profit agencies; Board Member Valdosta/Lowndes Humane Society; Board Member and Chair Valdosta/Lowndes Habitat for Humanity.
Platform Statement: My goal is to promote the profession by encouraging membership and participation in NASW activities. NASW is an integral support system to help effectively serve communities and improve lives. Local support is imperative. We benefit from the work of colleagues and predecessors. During my 10+ years of membership I have been encouraged and enlightened through the utilized expertise of other social workers. I will continue this legacy by encouraging others to lend their talents to recruit and equip new social workers.

SOUTHEAST UNIT BOARD REP:
Arthur L. Nixon, MSW
MSW, Savannah State University
Position Title: Substance Abuse Counselor
Employer: Recovery Place, Liberty County Drug Court
NASW Service: Current Southeast Georgia Unit Representative, NASW-GA Board of Directors; and Current NASW-GA Executive Committee Member.
Community/Professional Service: Clinical Social Work Association-Savannah (CSWA-S) Board Member; Chair Person, Veterans Affairs, Civic Organization; Savannah State University
Advisory Board; and President, Transportation Ministry, First Calvary Baptist Church.

Platform Statement: As a social worker, I vow to always be committed to the population I am serving. My clients’ interest will always come before my own. I will be dedicated in assuring their needs are met to the best of my abilities. I will always seek to empower my clients, by doing so this would give them the ability and know how to change their own situation. I will always seek to establish a good client/worker relationship. I will never jeopardize that relationship once established. I will let empathy be my watch word and foundation upon which I continue to establish myself as a Social Worker. Finally, the NASW Code of Ethics will be my Bible.

GRADUATE STUDENT REP:
Cathy Sutton, MSW Student

Attending University of Georgia School of Social Work

NASW Service: Current BSW student, no prior experience/activities.

Community/Professional Service: ReStore Habitat for Humanity-Champaign, IL; and Vista Care Hospice-Lawrenceville.

Platform Statement: My previous internship supervisor, Monica Mcgriff, has recommended that I apply to a position of leadership on the NASW Georgia Chapter board as a student. I will have my BSW in July 2010, and will then graduate school in August at University of Georgia’s advanced standing program to obtain my MSW.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT REP:
Samantha Shiver, BSW Student

Attending Georgia State University School of Social Work

Position Title: Paralegal Assistant

Employer: Federal Defender Program

NASW Service: NASW Georgia Chapter Member.

Community/Professional Service: Georgia Teen Institute, Camp Counselor, Senior Staffer and Volunteer (2009-present); Georgia State University Colleges Against Cancer, Team Captain, Survivor Chair, President (2007-present); Georgia State University Panther Breakaway; Site Leader (2008-2009); and National Association of Team Institutes, Youth Advisor (2005-2006).

Platform Statement: My passions for compassion, knowledge, people and social justice are the driving forces in all I do. If I were given the opportunity to serve as student representative, there would be no exception. I am eager to know how social work, NASW and Georgia State University synergize, possible ways the synergy can be enhanced and to expand the opportunity to be an agent of change for both myself and my fellow classmates.

CHAPTER COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP IDENTIFICATION

CENTRAL GEORGIA UNIT CCNLI REP:
Alice “Cookie” Noel, LCSW, ACSW, DCSW

Saint Louis University

Position Title: Clinical Social Worker

Employer: Oconee Regional Medical Center

NASW Service: Member, CCNLI Committee NASW-GA; member, Continuing Education Committee; secretary, NASW-GA Chapter Board of Directors; president, NASW Missouri Chapter; Chair, PACE Committee, NASW Missouri Chapter.

Community/Professional Service: President, Harriet Goldstein Greenhut WOV Chapter; president, Kiwanis Club of Milledgeville; newsletter editor, Civic Woman’s Club of Milledgeville; president, Baldwin County American Cancer Society; secretary and Board of Directors, Georgia’s Old Capitol Museum.

Platform Statement: NASW provides a unifying structure for the social work profession. The strength of the organization is in its leadership. Getting the best social workers to take on positions in the organization insures that the profession continues to grow. I believe as a professional social worker, I have an obligation to develop the next generation of leaders in the profession through service with NASW. Therefore, I am honored to be a candidate for Central Georgia CCNLI Representative.

SOUHEST GEORGIA UNIT CCNLI REP:
Ruth E. Keith, MSW, LCSW, BCD

MSW, University of Georgia

Position Title: Social Worker

Employer: Department of Veterans Affairs; Savannah Primary Care Clinic

NASW Service: 2009 Chair, Southeast Unit Nomination & Leadership Committee; 2009 NASW Georgia Chapter Annual Conference Member; 2008 Chair, NASW Georgia Chapter Annual Conference; and 2004 NASW Georgia Chapter Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification (CCNLI)

Community/Professional Service: Board Member, Chatham-Savannah Homeless Authority; 2009 & 2010 Vice Chair of the United Way of the Coastal Empire Emergency Food and Shelter Committee; and Field Placement Instructor at the Savannah Primary Care Clinic for Master Level Social Work Students from Savannah State University.

Platform Statement: Social Workers quietly support, encourage, and inspire the lives of others each day. Often these acts are done in isolation, with little or no fanfare. Establishing avenues and venues to support each other is more important than ever. Be Proud to be a Social Worker!

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY 2012

Jackie E. Pray, PhD, LCSW, ACSW

BA in Social Welfare, Graceland College

MSW (Administration & Planning), Florida State University

Ph.D. (Social Welfare), University of Kansas

Position Title: Director/Owner

Employer: Social Work Unlimited, LLC

NASW Service: Member, NASW-GA Continuing Education Committee, 2003 – present; North Georgia Unit Representative, NASW-GA Board of Directors, July 2003 – June 2005; Member, NASW-GA Bylaws Committee, 2004; Chair, NASW-GA Student Lobby Day Committee, 2000 & 2001; and Unit Chair/Southwest Unit and Board Member, NASW Missouri, 1993-1995.


Platform Statement: The Delegate Assembly is empowered to develop policies that directly and indirectly impact clients served by social workers in various practice arenas, professional social workers at various levels of practice, and NASW chapters. As your Delegate, I will utilize my diverse professional background in helping our profession develop effective policies, based on critical analysis of the potential impact on clients and professional social workers in various settings.

Charlene Turner, LCSW, ACSW

BA in Political Science, Howard University

MSW with specialization in group work, Howard University

Position Title: Administrative Director, Care Management

Employer: Grady Health System

NASW Service: 1996-1998 Board of Directors, NASW Georgia Chapter; 1988-1990 Board of Directors, NASW Georgia Chapter; Former President, NASW Georgia Chapter; and; Delegate Assembly Participant – 90’s.

Community/Professional Service: Current Board Member, Georgia Rehabilitation Outreach (GRO); Board Member – Georgia Law Center – 1990-1995; Current Board Member – Georgia Law Center 2000-2005; National Society for Hospital SW Director – Member; and President, Georgia Society for Hospital Social Work 1990-1992.

Platform Statement: I strongly believe in what social work offers to our clients – and towards that end we can help shape public policy and programs.
NASW GEORGIA CHAPTER OFFICIAL 2010 ELECTION BALLOT

Please vote by checking or filling in the box to the left of the candidate’s name, tri-fold, seal, and affix postage. **To be counted ballots must be postmarked by Friday July 9, 2010.** Biographical information for each candidate can be found on the pages immediately preceding this ballot.

**Board of Directors Voting**

- **Vice President**
  - Nancy Weingartner

- **Secretary**
  - Jeanne Drake Ward

- **Member at Large**
  - Angela Sanders

- **Northeast Unit Board Representative**
  - Lorraine Driver

- **South Georgia Unit Board Representative**
  - Karen Nolan

- **Southeast Georgia Unit Board Representative**
  - Arthur Nixon

- **Graduate Student Representative**
  - Cathy Sutton

- **Undergraduate Student Representative**
  - Samantha Shiver

**Chapter Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification Voting**

- **Central Georgia Unit CCNLI Representative**
  - Alice “Cookie” Noel

- **Southeast Georgia CCNLI Representative**
  - Ruth Keith

**Delegate Assembly 2012 Voting**

- **Delegate Assembly 2010** (voting for 2 of 2)
  - Jackie Pray
  - Charlene Turner

Please join the NASW-GA Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification and the Board of Directors in thanking these dedicated professionals for agreeing to run for a leadership position.
Augusta Unit
In terms of member participation, I think our Annual Banquet and Ethics Workshop was one of the best. It was, to date, the most attended. We have so many people to thank: Sponsors, members, attendees, executive committee members and volunteers. You have to be proud when you think that we surpassed the crowds that used to attend the annual meetings that older members attended during the 1970’s, when Augusta was a chapter. To jog some memories, these workshops were held at the downtown JB White Building and they featured such names as Virginia Satir on “Death and Dying”, “I’m OK, You Are OK” by Harris and “Reality Therapy” by Glasser. At that time they had combined Mental Health Association and Social Work workshops. They did it with a lot of big names and big bucks. It all goes to prove that we can do it without the big names and we certainly don’t have the big bucks. We just need to continue asking for support from the community, its many healthcare professionals and our social work membership and organization. Special congratulations go to Jackie Wells, LCSW who received the 2009 Social Worker of the Year Award and Susan Bell, LCSW, the Lifetime Achievement award.

We also had a very successful Pioneer Luncheon. Honorable Otis Johnson, the Mayor of Savannah was superb as keynote speaker. The mayor of Augusta, Honorable Deke Copenhaver was also in attendance. Pioneer awards were presented for Administration, Betty Sue Gandy, Advocacy, Betty Frank, Community Service, Edythe Dimond, Education, Ernestine Thompson, Government, Pat Fitzgerald, and Health Care, Ellis Rece. It was indeed a memorable event. Special Thanks goes to Janice Adams, LCSW and Jeanette Cummings, ACSW for all their hard work and attention to detail. It was absolutely excellent. We were thinking about offering the pioneer event every other year. Get on your dancing shoes, Spring Fling is next month.

For information on the Augusta Unit, please contact Augusta Unit Chair Michael Morgan at gamaine@comcast.net or 706-738-6373.

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
Yahoo email group: The North Georgia Unit continues to provide events and activities to support its members. The Yahoo email group has grown to over 200 members. It has become a well utilized method of unit communication that is easily accessed. To join go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthGeorgiaUnit/. The North Georgia Unit held a meeting on Saturday, April 24. The meeting was held at NASW Georgia Chapter Education Center. Thirty-one members attended. The focus of the meeting was to introduce members to newly appointed Chairs of several Unit committees. Janice Shomo serves as the Unit Membership Chair and Representative to the NASW GA Chapter Membership Committee. Janice shared the North Georgia Unit’s new member welcome letter that will be sent to all new members beginning April 1, 2010. She is planning quarterly new member social networking events and asked for volunteers. Also members were introduced to Pamela Hill and Carol Moses who agreed to serve as Co-Chairs of the newly formed Unit Mentoring Program. About 20 applications have been received from members both looking for mentors and those asking for mentors and were turned over to Pamela and Carol. Many members had requested that the Unit develop a Mentor Program. This is a volunteer program in which seasoned professional Social Workers in a variety of practice areas will be available to those who want a mentor in the area of their interest. Mentorship is not intended to replace clinical supervision.

A workshop was held at NASW Georgia Chapter Education Center on Saturday, April 24 entitled, “Entrepreneurial Social Work: Opportunities, Challenges and Ethics”. Three core or ethics hours were approved by NASW Georgia Chapter. Forty people attended the program. Ten were non-members. The workshop was very well received. The topic appeared to be an extremely relevant and much sought after by the membership. Many members who were not able to attend asked for a repeat of this workshop in the near future.

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@yahoogroups.com. The Northeast Georgia Unit email group is nega_nasw@yahoogroups.com (please note: messages will go to the entire group).

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
Thirteen years and counting! That is how many years the South Georgia Unit has been hosting its annual conference during Social Work Month. This year, more than 100 people came to hear keynote speaker Paul d’Agostino talk about Managing Your Malpractice Risk as a Social Worker, and then selected three other sessions from choices including Navigation After Graduation, Autism, Media Madness, Collaborative Divorce, and Reactive Attachment Disorder.
The Pam Manley Memorial Luncheon was an occasion to honor social workers and others in the community for their service. Dr. Louis Levy was presented with a special honors award for being an instrumental part of the process that brought the MSW program to Valdosta State University (VSU). Dr. Rich Vodde, faculty member, reminisced about the meeting at which it became clear that the idea of a masters’ program was more than just an idle dream.

In recognition of the contribution of recent graduates, there were two New Social Worker of the Year awards presented at the conference. One went to Lorenzo Williams, who began the VSU MSW program after he retired from his career in the Air Force. He was influenced by social workers he met at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta to become a social worker. The other New Social Worker went to Lisa Spells, a long time worker at South Georgia Medical Center who was so inspired by the social workers she met that she went back to school and is using her MSW to work in the cancer center at the hospital; the first social worker hired for that position.

The Social Worker of the Year recipient was Libby Bickers, another VSU MSW graduate whose contributions to her position at South Georgia Medical Center were enumerated by Cathy Hoover in a tribute that included appreciative comments from hospital co-workers and administrators alike.

The Citizen of the Year plaque was presented to a stunned Dana Thomas, administrator of the Shelter Plus Care program which houses Behavioral Health Services consumers with dual diagnoses and no place to live. Her son-in-law, Justin Anderson, himself a social worker at the Valdosta state prison, presented her with the award after discussing her tireless services to her residents and other homeless persons in the community.

The Lifetime Achievement award went to Cathy Hoover who has served Children’s Medical Services and Babies Can’t Wait after a youth during which she was inspired by meeting civil rights activists and participating in one of the marches in Selma, Alabama. Most recently, Cathy’s focus on issues related to autism spectrum disorder has brought state of the art opportunities to parents and families who she has served in the South Georgia area. Dr. Diane Halim’s Valdosta State University MSW students offered poster presentations on projects completed during the spring semester, allowing an opportunity for practice in presentations and interaction with social workers already established in their careers.

The conference is an annual gathering and networking opportunity for the social work community and offers students the opportunity to meet and mingle with experienced social workers.

The city and county governments had issued Social Work Month proclamations and one was presented personally by John Fretti, mayor of Valdosta. A dozen vendors offered information on community home caregiving, local agencies, private social work providers, mental health inpatient facilities, the Census, Thomas University’s social work program, local hospice services, and other information.

To publicize Social Work Month, several local social workers spoke on two separate shows on an area radio station, explaining what they did and other aspects of social work.

Plans are underway for a lunch and learn workshop on June 10th featuring Representative Amy Carter, a local Georgia state legislator.

We continue also to find ways to increase our membership and our impact in the community. For information on the South Georgia Unit, contact South Georgia Unit Representative Nancy Weingartner at nancy_weingartner@live.com.

Southeast Georgia Unit
You are invited to sign-up for the NASW-GA Southeast Unit (SEGA) Google group at http://groups.google.com/group/nasw-sega. You will be prompted with instructions to sign up for the group. The group has now grown to 13 members. For information on the Southeast Unit, contact Southeast Unit Board Representative Arthur Nixon, MSW at arthur.nixon905@comcast.net. Together we can make a difference!

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Chapter Seeks Nominees for Annual Awards

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 social work awards luncheon at the annual conference. This year’s annual conference will be held October 1-3, 2010 at the Atlanta Marriott Century Center, 2000 Century Blvd NE, Atlanta, GA 30345.

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

Title of the award for which your candidate is being nominated: Social Worker of the Year or Frankie V. Adams Lifetime Achievement

- Name of Nominee
- Nominee’s Current Position & Employer
- Business Address
- Business & Home Phone Numbers
- Description of Nominee’s Contributions and/or Activities (You may include the nominee’s resume, news articles featuring the nominee and letters of support)
- Name, Address, Phone Number and Signature of Nominator

Nominations should be mailed to the Chapter Office by Friday, August 20, 2010 at NASW Georgia Chapter, 3070 Presidential Drive, Suite 226, Atlanta, GA 30340.
Ts! CAMERa! ACTION!
The Membership Committee is developing a video about the value of NASW membership, and ‘auditions’ are now open! The ‘stars’ of “NASW Membership: What’s In

Advocacy Anyone?

To paraphrase Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow, ‘It is easier to work toward electing someone than to work to unseat someone who has been elected.’ With the important primary on July 20 and the November 2 elections just around the corner, NOW is the time to get involved.

All of Georgia’s State House and Senate seats, the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, and many more critical offices will be decided in July and November. It is vitally for social workers to be heard. YOU can make a difference in many ways.

First and foremost, be an informed voter. Second, encourage others to vote, join a ‘Get Out the Vote’ effort, and/or bring a friend or neighbor to the polls with you. If you have not yet introduced yourself to the incumbent Senator and House member and their challengers, it is the perfect time to do so.

You can increase involvement by working on a candidate’s campaign effort or contributing to candidate. Whatever you can do is important and will make a difference. As our National Executive Director, Betsy Clark, has said: Advocacy is the cornerstone on which social work is built. It is so important that it is framed in three sections of our Code of Ethics. Advocacy for individuals, communities and systems is not just a suggested activity for social workers. It’s not a “do it if you have some extra time” or a “do it if the inequity and disparity are very great” activity. It is a requisite. Most of us came to the profession of social work to make a difference, to bring about positive social change, to better society. We could have chosen other professions that focus mainly on the individual, on intrapsychic issues rather than on the person-in-the-environment. We could have chosen psychiatry, psychology, mental health counseling or psychiatric nursing. We didn’t. We became social workers and committed our careers to working not just with, but on behalf of, others. We work towards ensuring healthy individuals, functioning communities and a better society. That’s where advocacy comes into the picture. The Social Work Dictionary defines “advocacy” as “the act of directly representing or defending others - of championing the rights of individuals or communities through direct interventions or through empowerment.” If being a social worker means standing up for others - all others - and trying to better society, then our critics are correct. We are guilty as charged - and we are unapologetic. Without advocacy, there would be no social work profession. And without social workers, this country would be a much less hospitable and caring place.

Advocacy starts with electing the right people. Please participate in the electoral process at whatever level you can!
Welcome New Members of NASW Georgia!

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Amanda L Stephens
Amina Ishaq
Anna Katuizhinsky
Brittany M Kirkland
Chad Killingsworth, CAC I
Deborah Harrishfeger
Emily Giattina
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Latosha Mariah Sullivan
Lisa Watkins
Lynda Thorne
Maria Fernanda Bermudez
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Mary Mahoney
Mary Margaret Behrends
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Roy Alejandro
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Shelia Ann Hill
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Beverly Amber Boze
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Charlotte McNabb
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Cristina M Ramey
Crystal Dishmon
Elizabeth McTiernan
Elizabeth Page Dickson
Elizabeth Paxton Franchot
Emily K Walters
Ennisia Henderson
Frances Garcia-Barna
Gabrielle Johnson, MSW, LMSW
Gianna Thacker, LCSW
Jeoson Johnthomas
Jill Cronenberger, LMSW
Jody Caldon
Julie Schacherer Newcomb
Laura M Zimmerman
Laura Tuttle
Leah M Elliott, MSW
Leah Tioxon
Linda Coleman, LCSW
Lindsay Gimlet
Lindsey Neale Bray
Lisa Watts
Lydia Ann Paris
Natasha Worthy

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Nicole Tabor
Olivia Branum
Shawona Marshall-Griffin
Sheena M. Grant
Shelia Lecarme
Sheri Ann Gatson, LCSW
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TL Bartleson
Tomika Danielle Watkins
Treva Gray Jones
Vickie L. Thomas
Wyjohnia Reynolds
Yesenia Carrillo, LCSW

CENTRAL GEORGIA UNIT
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Dorrie Garner

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Amy Clifton, LCSW
Christopher Elliott, LMSW
Hillary Faulk
Naomi Dominique, M.A.
Rochelle Rice
Sara Eden McDaniel
Sarah Judith Sprauve

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Jennifer Catherine Kleinschmit
Lashelle Reese Terry
Michelle Long, BSW
Scheraun Earl King
Troyce Lynn McVay

SOUTH GEORGIA UNIT
Haley Jewel Hancock
Justin Wayne Hancock
Katherine Moseley Freeman

In Memoriam

In addition to the loss of national civil rights pioneer, educator, and social activist Dorothy Height, our profession has lost some dedicated members and role models. Among those who have passed away in recent months are NASW Georgia Chapter members Olivia Allison, Otis Corbitt and Rona Schpeiser. Please join us in recognizing their long-term commitment to NASW and their service to the profession of social work.
NASW Supports Issue Awareness!

Listed below is a listing of NASW approved national observances. We encourage you to go to the national NASW web site at http://www.socialworkers.org/pressroom/features/observances.asp for direct links to websites and to participate in honoring these observances in your communities.

June

• 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)
• National Suicide Awareness Week (American Association of Suicidology)

Resources

NASW Specialty Practice Sections
NASW practice sections are professional, practice-specific communities that keep you current on practice issues and trends affecting social work practice and service delivery. The NASW national office has added 2 new specialty practice sections:

• Administration/Supervision: This Section focuses on leadership and advocacy consistent with the core values of social work, and is of interest to social work administrators, directors, managers, supervisors, mentors, field instructors, and lead social workers.

• Social Work and the Courts: This Section is of interest to social workers who perform community safety or offender assessments; provide forensic evaluations, custody and guardianship recommendations, mediation or parent coordination, or expert testimony in civil or criminal matters; or work in the areas of corrections, law enforcement, or probation/parole. Other available sections include: Aging; Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs; Child Welfare; Children, Adolescents and Young Adults; Health; Mental Health; Private Practice; School Social Work; and Social and Economic Justice & Peace. Learn more about practice sections at http://www.socialworkers.org/sections. You must be a current NASW member to join a Specialty Practice Section.

What Works for Programs for Older Youth
A new Child Trends fact sheet, What Works for Older Youth During the Transition to Adulthood, examines the role that programs for older youth can play in promoting positive development and subsequent self-sufficiency in adulthood, and is available at http://www.childtrends.org/Files//Child_Trends-2010_03_09_FS_WWOlderYOUTH.pdf.

Strengthening Families and Communities: 2010 Resource Guide

Evidence-Based Programs in Action: Insights from a Success Story
A new Child Trends brief Evidence-Based Programs in Action: Policy and Practice Insights from a Success Story profiles the Partnership for Results, a model designed to implement a broad spectrum of evidence-based programs for the benefit of youth at risk, can be downloaded at http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2010_04_01_RB_EBProgramsinAction.pdf.

Sustaining School-Based Health, Extended Learning, and Other Social Services
A new Child Trends brief, Sustaining School-Based Services: Insights From New Mexico’s Integrated School-Based Services, outlines the benefits, challenges and strategies for sustaining integrated health, extended learning, and other social services in schools, and can be found at http://www.childtrends.org/files/Child_Trends-2010_04_15_PI_SustainingServices.pdf.
Will Your Child Or Grandchild Have $250,000 To Pay For College?

by Mari Lynn T. Cheatham, CFP®, CLU®, CLTC

That’s how much a child born today may have to pay for four years of private college, if tuition and room and board expenses continue to increase. However, while the cost of college is high, the cost of not going to college is even higher.

A college education is one of the most important ways you can help your child succeed. According to the College Board’s Trends in College Pricing 2001, college graduates make over a $1 million more over their lifetimes than high school graduates do.

Fortunately, there are more ways to contribute to your child’s education than ever before, including:

- **Coverdell Education Savings Account** (formerly known as Education IRA) – You can contribute up to $2,000 each year for each child starting in 2002. All earnings are tax-deferred.
- The child can use the money tax-free to pay for college expenses.
- **Custodial account** – You control the money in the account until the child reaches a state-mandated age. There is no limit on how much you can contribute. Earnings and withdrawals are subject to taxation.
- **State 529 Plans** – You may be able to save up to $246,000 per child. All earnings are tax-deferred. The child can use the money, tax-free, to pay for college expenses.

The key is starting early. The sooner you begin, the longer your money has to grow. Talk with your financial representative from the Principal Financial Group® to discuss your personal situation.

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For more information about this and other financial topics, contact:
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For more information, go to www.yourceus.com
or call us toll free at 888-247-1991

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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<td>Georgia Geriatric Education Center</td>
<td>Donna Butler, PhD, MSW 706.425.3241</td>
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<td>Tele-Seminar</td>
<td>Child Protection Center Long-Distance Learning: Corporal Punishment</td>
<td>1 core</td>
<td>Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Child Protection Center</td>
<td>Lauren Brown 404.785.5754</td>
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<td>Being Your Client’s Voice</td>
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<td>NASW Georgia Chapter</td>
<td><a href="http://www.naswga.org">www.naswga.org</a> 770.234.0567</td>
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<td>Counselor Burnout: The Ethics of Self Care</td>
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<td>John H. Pruett, Jr. 770.656.9711</td>
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<td>Women’s Addictive Behaviors: Sex, Love, and Other Things</td>
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<td>Dianne Gay 678.232.3402</td>
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<td>Secret Lives: Quest of Authenticity – Healing from Trauma and Eating Disorders</td>
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<td>The New Orleans Institute at River Oaks Hospital</td>
<td>Barbara Bolongaro 800.598.2040</td>
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<td>The Ethics of Conflict of Interest</td>
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<td>Chris Kids, Inc.</td>
<td>Jessica Smith 404.466.9034</td>
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<td>Healing Attachment Wounds and Trauma: The PBSP Approach</td>
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<td>Southeastern Psychomotor Society (SEPS)</td>
<td>Renée Leathers 404.617.4778</td>
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<td>Augusta</td>
<td>Legal Issues and Aging</td>
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<td>NASW Georgia Chapter August Unit</td>
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<td>Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training</td>
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<td>His Brain – Her Brain: Understanding the Impact of Gender</td>
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<td>High Impact Training and Counseling, Inc.</td>
<td>Gary K. Bryd 404.523.6074</td>
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<td>Lethality Assessments: Evaluating and Managing High Risk Intimate Partner Violence Cases</td>
<td>2.75 core</td>
<td>Fulton County Family Violence Task Force; and Partnership Against Domestic Violence</td>
<td>Amanda at 404.612.2579; or Karria at 404.870.9627</td>
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<td>Step By Step: Making EMDR Effective and Developmentally Appropriate for Children and Adolescents</td>
<td>14 core</td>
<td>EMDR Institute</td>
<td>Michael Robertson 831.521.9544</td>
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<td>Trauma in Serious Mental Illness: The Silent Partner in Comorbidity</td>
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<td>Skyland Trail</td>
<td>Amanda Jones, LPC, NCC 678.886.5951</td>
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<td>Noblesse Oblige? The Power of Character in Ethical Caring</td>
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<td>Grow Counseling</td>
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<td>SafePath Children’s Advocacy Center, Inc.</td>
<td>Crystal Rosser 770.801.3465</td>
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<td>TBA</td>
<td>Two-Day Certified Laugher Yoga Leader Training</td>
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<td>Blue Skies CCH, Inc.</td>
<td>Craig Whitley 404.520.0221</td>
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<td>Could This Be Autism? What Now? How to Recognize an Autism Spectrum Disorder and What to Do Next</td>
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<td>Cumming</td>
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<td>Jackie E. Pray 678.473.9353</td>
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For the 22nd Annual NASW-GA Conference

Social Work Inspires:
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Friday, October 1 – Sunday, October 3, 2010

2-day or 3-day Early Bird Registration Rates for members only:
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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FORM (Please print)

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Payment Amount: $ ______

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Transforming Illness and Suffering through Radical Acceptance
By Tara Arnold, PhD, LCSW
7th Article of the Series

I have written several articles on mindfulness in the series of NASW articles. Transforming illness and suffering through radical acceptance is an advanced form of mindfulness that is typically found after learning to practice mindfulness and radical acceptance. This is the final concept addressed in Eckhart Tolle’s Practicing the Power of Now. Study of mindfulness as it is an evolving practice.

Transforming illness and suffering through radical acceptance is a concept that sounds utopian, and it is a practice that many people learn to utilize in extremely painful situations. Radical acceptance is a concept in which we learn that our resistance to reality is what creates a great deal of our emotional suffering. The way out of suffering is seen to be acceptance of what is. By this definition, acceptance does not imply agreement. Acceptance is seen as surrender to what is and dealing with the present moment with your full intention and energy. The current concept takes radical acceptance a step further to assist in practicing the concept in the most profoundly difficult situations in our lives.

Radical acceptance occurs when we accept what is in the current moment. The current moment is considered our life. Our life is separate from what is called our “life situation” which encompasses our issues in our past and future. If we narrow our lives down to this moment, we often do not have any problems, and we enter into our true Being. By this concept, illness and suffering are seen to be created by labels that we hold onto. If we surrender to each moment and feel the intense conscious presence, we are transformed and can move towards enlightenment. “Surrender does not transform what is, at least not directly. Surrender transforms you. When you are transformed, your whole world is transformed, because the world is only a reflection” (Tolle, 2002, p.134).

When we practice mindfulness and stay in each moment, we see that problems are often created from our egoic mind. The ego strives to control. When a bad situation arises, it is opportunity to surrender to it using it as a path towards enlightenment. It is important that we do not overly identify with the bad situation, such as illness, loss, or disability because it can cause us to see more of it and hold onto it. When you accept what is, you are able to “…live in a state of non-resistance, a state of grace and lightness, free of struggle” (Tolle, 2002, p 137). It is also important for us to try and accept the pain. By feeling the pain and not escaping through work, alcohol, drugs, etc, you get closer to death. By seeing that you can die and understand there is no death, then there is nothing to fear. Only the ego dies. Ultimately the path is to let go of egoic past and future and be present in what is in the present moment (Tolle 2002).

Mindfulness is a wonderful tool to use in clinical practice and in our personal lives. Mindfulness and radical acceptance are taught in dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), so it is accessible to clients. For more information about DBT groups and individual training, please contact Tara Arnold, PhD, LCSW at 404-964-6629.

Classified Ads

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• Room may be rented by the hour, half-day, or full day
• Includes access to kitchen facilities and ample free parking
• Low rental rates on audio/visual equipment (including LCD projector)
• Additional support such as beverage service, CE certificate preparation, and catering coordination may be arranged in advance (fee applies)

For more information or to place a reservation, contact Allison Huppmann, Member Services Coordinator, by phone (770-234-0567) or email: msnaswga@mindspring.com

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As we go to press, the Secretary of State’s Office has not yet activated the on-line renewal for LMSWs and LCSWs. The staff of the Composite Board assured us that on-line renewal will be available very soon.

As you hopefully know by now, the rules about renewal have changed recently. The deadline for completing your CE hours is September 30th of each even numbered year. All licenses will expire on September 30 of each even numbered year. The rule change removes the prior early deadline to submit CE hours by June each even numbered year. This had been in place to encourage all licensees to submit their CE hours early. Those waiting until September to renew each even numbered year may be in jeopardy of practicing without a license after the expiration date. How could this happen? If you wait until late September to renew your license and are randomly chosen for an audit, your license will be placed in a “pending” status until verification of your CE hours is completed by the Board. Your license will remain in “pending” status until all issues have been resolved. After September 30th of each even numbered year, you may NOT practice unless your licensure status is “active”.

**Renewal Dos and don’ts**

- Do review your personal information on the Secretary of State’s website. If not correct, send a written request to change that information.

- Do obtain all of the required continuing education prior to renewing your license.
  - Don’t attest to having completed your CE’s without doing so—this is unethical and your license could be revoked!
  - Audits are randomly performed on 5% of all licensed social workers.

- Do review each CE certificate you are counting for this renewal cycle. Each should contain: the name of the program/event; the date; the provider’s signature; the approving authority; the number of clock hours obtained; location of the event or that it was web based.
  - Don’t send CE certificates to the Board unless you are audited.

- Do renew as soon as possible to avoid the risk of practicing without a license.
  - Don’t wait until September to renew, you would risk practicing without a license if audited!

- Do know your continuing education requirements. The Rules of the Composite Board’s continuing education requirements are also on the Secretary of State’s website. In Georgia licensed social workers are required to obtain 35 hours of continuing education in each 2 year cycle. A summary of the breakdown follows.

  **Ethics.** Five hours must be approved as Ethics. If you received more than 5 ethics hours, the extra hours may be used as core hours if the course was approved by a professional social work association or a school of social work. If you obtained more than 5 hours of ethics training approved by the professional counselors or the marriage and family therapists you can apply the extra hours to your related hours.

  **Core.** At least 15 hours must be approved for core credit. You can have 30 or more core hours and submit no related hours. To be considered Core hours, the course must have been approved by a social work organization or school of social work.

  **Related.** Up to 15 hours may be obtained in related education. Related hours may be counted from activities sponsored, co-sponsored or approved by academic departments or professional associations of professional counseling, marriage and family therapy or the allied professions psychiatric nursing, psychiatry, psychology, or pastoral counseling. You do not have to obtain any related hours if you have opted to obtain 30 core hours or more.

Unfortunately, many of us delay this important task until the deadline is upon us. The Chapter in partnership with yourceu.com offers many on-line programs which have been approved for core or ethics. Act now and save yourself the last minute scrambling.

**A blast email was sent to all members on May 12 about the change in the Composite board rules. If you did not receive this email, please contact the Chapter office to verify your email address. If you have put filters on the use of your email address, you may want to consider changing them.**

**Questions? Feel free to contact the Chapter office!**
SAVE THE DATE!

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Pre-Conference:
Thursday, September 30, 2010
Earn last minute Core and Ethics hours for this licensure renewal period!
A licensure renewal station will be available on-site for conference attendees to report CE hours and renew licenses.

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Begin earning Core and Ethics hours for the next licensure cycle.

Join us in a great new location at Marriott Atlanta Century Center
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Atlanta, Georgia 30345

Make your hotel reservations now by calling 1-800-228-9290 and requesting the NASW-GA Conference room rate ($90 + tax per night - single, double, triple or quad). The room block is in effect until September 14.

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