

CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

August 2009

From the President

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah will hold our annual Legislative Meeting on September 23, 2009 at 11:30 to 1:30 at the Johnny Harris Conference Center on Victory Drive. We have invited the state legislative delegation and expect a good turnout. Sue Fort, Executive Director of NASW's Georgia Chapter, will speak on licensure, the issues of Social Work diagnosing, loan forgiveness for social work/ health professionals, and the state budget.

Kris Rice has agreed to present Children's issues especially in regards to DFCS workers. Diane Reeder and

John Richards of NAMI will present on the recommendations of the Mental Health Summit, which is specifically about community and hospital behavioral services in our area. If you would like to speak or have suggestions, please contact me at mcra1452@bellsouth.net. It will be a tight agenda, since the legislators will want to speak. We need your help attending the meeting and contacting your legislators

Catherine N. McRae, PhD
President, CSWA-S

Social Worker Spotlight: Joanie Dane-Kellogg

Originally from Brooklyn, NYC, Joanie received her undergraduate degree is from the State University of New York at Binghamton. During her time there, she also studied, lived and worked as a nanny in Paris for a time. She still loves to speak French at any opportunity. Joanie received her MSW from the University of Georgia and has worked as a social worker at the Council on Aging in Athens, Georgia, as the director of Safe Shelter in Savannah, at Charter Hospital in Savannah, and as an adjunct professor at Savannah State University.

For a number of years, she has been a psycho-therapist in private practice with Dr. Arnold Negrin. Joanie has served on the board of CWAS, the board of Mickve Israel Temple, and been involved with a number of community outreach efforts. Everyone who knows Joanie has felt her warmth and marveled at her energy. She is married to Larry Dane-Kellogg, also a clinical social worker, and they have two grown children, Julie and Sean. —Linda Barnes

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Calendar of Events:

- 08/25/09: Monthly Meeting at the Mercer Auditorium, Hoskins Center, Memorial Hospital at 11:30am.
- 09/23/09: Legislative Luncheon at Johnny Harris Conference Center at 11:30am.



News & Announcements

Help Us Help You

If you are in private practice, new to the area, or would just like to let other clinicians know about the work that you are doing, now is your chance! Contributing to the CSWA-S newsletter is a great way to introduce your services to area social workers. Please e-mail your information (name, specialty, etc.) so that it can be listed in the next newsletter. Contact Michael Mack at:

harkonan@aol.com

For additional networking opportunities, contact Lisa Seago at lkseago@yahoo.com. She will be putting together a column in this newsletter which will feature people and programs in Savannah.

First Steps

Local nonprofit First Steps - Parents of Newborns, offers support, education and referrals to parents. If you

are a licensed professional who is willing to treat mothers suffering from Post Partum Depression and would like to be included on a list, please contact Stephanie Mobley, 819-6911 or mobleyste@sjchs.org.



Yoga and Emotions

Join Lisa Seago in exploring how yoga impacts the emotional body. This workshop will teach how yoga, the body and emotions interconnect and how specific sequences can work to balance specific emotions. There will be discussion and optional practice. Saturday, Aug. 22nd 1:30 - 4:30pm at Savannah Yoga Center. Cost is \$35, \$30 if registered before the day of the workshop. All levels are welcome.

De-Escalating Crisis

A 1.5 hour educational opportunity will be provided by Memorial Hospital on August 11th at the Mercer Auditorium of the Hoskins Center, from 11:30am to 1:00pm. The topic will be De-escalating Crisis Situations, and the speaker will be Linda Aserr, PsyD of the Veterans Administration, Savannah Primary Care Clinic.

The goal of the seminar will be to teach participants how to identify signs and symptoms of an impending crisis, learn intervention techniques to de-escalate and stabilize a crisis situation, and to know when it is appropriate to seek outside assistance.

This will be a "brown bag" lunch meeting, and the cost is free. For more information, contact Pat Neither at:

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Calendar of Events and Meetings, 2009-2010

Date	Location	Speaker
August 25, 2009	Mercer Auditorium, Hoskins Center	Deborah Kearney, PhD
September 23, 2009/Leg. Luncheon	Johnny Harris Conference Center	Sue Fort, John Richards, Diane Reeder, Kris Rice
October, 22 2009	Hoskins Center, Classroom 3	Susan Lamb, PhD
November 18, 2009	Hoskins Center, Classroom 3	To Be Announced
December 10, 2009	Holiday Social (No Luncheon)	N/A
January 27, 2010	Hoskins Center, Classroom 3	To Be Announced
January 31, 2010	Oyster Roast/Barbeque	N/A
February 24, 2010	Hoskins Center, Classroom 3	To Be Announced
March 26-27, 2010	Coastal Georgia Center	Annual Conference
April 28, 2010	Hoskins Center, Classroom 3	To Be Announced
May 27, 2010	Hoskins Center, Classroom 3	To Be Announced
June 23, 2010	Hoskins Center	Annual Meeting

From the Program Committee:

The Program Committee met on July 17th for a morning of stimulating discussion to map out ideas for the 2009-2010 CSWA educational programs. This year's programs will focus on a wide range of clinical issues facing therapists in our immediate community, from adolescent drug use to adjustment challenges of military families. In addition, we will have a new meeting place, the Hoskins Center, classroom 3, at Memorial Medical Center. PLEASE RSVP TO ANDREA LIVERMAN AT andi0308@yahoo.com or call (912) 507-2483 to reserve a box lunch. PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY BEFORE THE WEDNESDAY MEETING. The August speaker will be Deborah Kearney, PhD. Dr. Kearney will talk about taking care of yourself as a therapist. I feel very excited by the energy and talent of this year's program committee and look forward to a year of stimulating and relevant clinical programs for the membership of the CSWA-S.

-Maggie Harris Lee

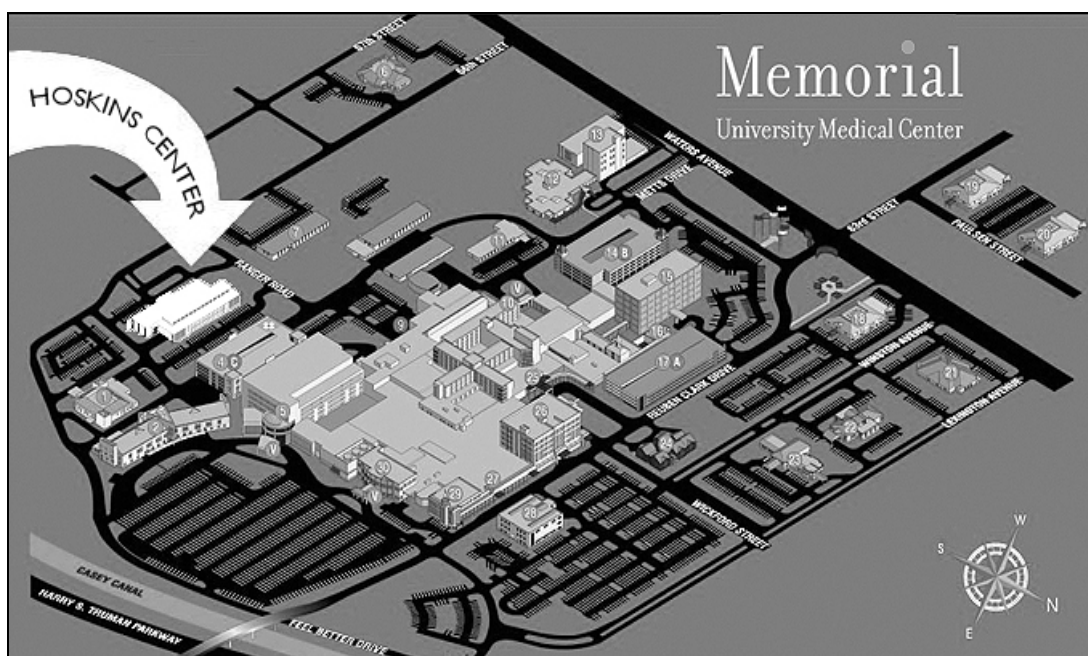
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Our New Meeting Location



The CSWA-S is pleased to announce that the new location for our monthly meetings will be the Hoskins Center of Memorial University Medical Center, located in the southeast corner of the hospital campus. From the main entrance on Waters Avenue, this corner is in the far back, towards the right. Ample parking is available, however, please observe all posted regulations and restrictions.