

Clinical Perspectives

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

December 2008

News and Announcements

We would like to extend our gratitude to Hunter Hurst, Executive Director of St. Joseph's/ Candler's Georgia Infirmary for his presentation at last month's colloquium. His information on CMS, Medicare, and Medicaid was invaluable for social work practice, and resulted in one of the highest rated topic discussions of the year.

Upcoming Monthly Meeting

Due to the holiday season, we will not have a luncheon

Proposed Calendar of Events 2009

Luncheons

January 28th, 2009
February 25th, 2009
March (No Luncheon)
April 22nd, 2009
May 27th, 2009
June 24th, 2009
July (No Luncheon)
August 25th, 2009
September 23rd, 2009
October 22nd, 2009
November 18, 2009
December (No Luncheon)

Board Meetings

January 7th, 2009
February 4th, 2009
March 4th, 2009
April 1st, 2008
May 6th, 2009
June 3rd, 2009
July 8th, 2009
August 5th, 2009
September 2nd, 2009
October 7th, 2009
November 4th, 2009
December 2nd, 2009

in December. The speaker for January's meeting will be William Ellien, MD, Medical Director of the Memorial Hospital Center for Behavioral Medicine. The topic will be the prevention, identification, and treatment of the impaired professional.

For those looking to receive CEUs, it is imperative that you RSVP harkonan@aol.com before 01/23/09.

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Calendar of Events:

- 12/11/08: Annual Holiday Social at Louisa Laird's house, starting at 5:30pm (4111 Amsterdam Circle, RSVP: (912) 355-8215)
- 01/25/09: Oyster roast at 12:30pm (Volunteers Needed!)
- 01/28/09: Monthly Meeting at the Gibbons Chapel in the rear of Riverview Health & Rehabilitation (6711 LaRoche Ave.)



Editorials and Opinion

The New Year is almost upon us, which means the Winter Institute, the Oyster Roast, the Annual Conference, and Membership Dues are all just right around the corner. To find out more about these events and other opportunities, please e-mail CSWA-S president Helen Schandolph at hschandolph@gmail.com or VP Cathy McRae at mcra1452@bellsouth.net.

Oyster Roast

Held on Sunday, January 25th at the Juliette Low Park in Gordonston, the oyster roast will feature a pot luck dinner followed by an auction emceed by Fred Nadelman. Volunteers are needed to help this event go off without a hitch, so please e-mail Lagare Nadelman at:

grannygree@yahoo.com

Dues: Avoid \$10 late fees and pay your due before 01/31/09. Make your \$30 check payable to "CSWA-S." Then, stick it in an envelope and mail it to:

ATTN: MEMBERSHIP

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Winter Institute

Chris Foley of Hospice Savannah will be the featured speaker for the 2009 Winter Institute, and the topic will be Grief and Bereavement with Sudden Death Situations. The time and date will be announced once plans have been finalized.

Member Participation

This is to remind everyone that members like you generate articles on the Opinion Page. Contributions are encouraged and can be sent to: harkonan@aol.com

A letter from the President

When I assumed the role of president I articulated several goals. One goal was to improve our internal infrastructure by transferring all current, past and future CSWA-S correspondence to electronic media. Another was to remain accessible to the membership and I attempted to fulfill this obligation by engaging in multiple outreach efforts representing CSWA-S and by being accessible at every CSWA-S sponsored event and via e-mail.

As the New Year begins, I welcome suggestions & participation from all who wish to be active on the board/program committee. The goal of the CSWA-S is to be good stewards of the continuing education effort for clinicians in Savannah, maintain a core group of professionals for mutual support, and to provide a fertile ground for the efforts of mentorship in the social work community.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who make this organization possible. The number of volunteer hours from both past and current board/program committee members is immeasurable.

Respectfully,

Helen D. Schandolph, LCSW

President, Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

2009 Julius Hornstein Annual Conference

The upcoming Annual Conference will feature a two-day workshop on Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) a psychological method developed by Marsha M. Linehan primarily to treat persons with borderline personality disorder (BPD). The seminar will be conducted by Shari Manning, Ph.D., President and CEO of Behavioral Tech, LLC, the organization founded by Dr. Linehan to provide DBT training to mental health professionals. It will be held on March 26th and 27th at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, located at 305 Fahm Street. For more information, please contact Helen Schandolph at hschandolph@gmail.com.

LCSW Exam Training

In the past, the CSWA-S has facilitated training for the LCSW Exam by arranging for Dr. Jackie Pray, founder and owner of Social Work Unlimited, to come to Savannah to provide a two-day licensure exam preparation seminar. The tentative date for this workshop is mid-May, and the fee is \$375 per person, \$275 for CSWA-S members. Anyone interested in attending one of Dr. Pray's workshops is encouraged to contact Mary Hill at singmlhill@yahoo.com for additional information.

Hospice Training Opportunity

Hospice Savannah, Inc. will be providing a lecture by renowned Healthcare Communication Consultant, Dr. Marcia Levetown. The topic will be **Ethical Issues in End of Life Care**, and it will be held Saturday, January 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the Community Education Room, rear entrance of Hospice House, 1352 Eisenhower Drive. CEUs are available. **RSVP: Pat McIntosh, 629-1039**

A Friendly Reminder:

We will not be having a luncheon this month. Next month's meeting will be January 28th, and the RSVP date will be Friday, January 23rd. Please e-mail Michael Mack at harkonan@aol.com and let us know whether or not you will need CEUs and if you will be eating lunch.

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He was a bold man that first eat an oyster.

-Jonathan Swift

Oyster Roast & Auction: January 25th

In the beginning of every year, a group of intrepid social workers gobble down their weight in oysters, emboldened by distilled spirits and potato salad. They stand waiting in the elements with giddy anticipation of the Great Auction Extravaganza hosted by the Maestro Himself, Fred Nadelman, Auctioneer Extraordinaire, in the hopes of finding that perfect regifted remote-controlled back scratcher.

Ok, well perhaps it isn't that exciting, but the CSWA-S Annual Oyster Roast/ Auction/Covered Dish Dinner is a lot of fun. On January 25th, we will be meeting at Gordon-Low Park in Gordonston, Savannah at 12:30pm for oysters, as well as grilled hot dogs

and hamburgers for those land-lubbers too squeamish to enjoy Mother Nature's most concentrated little packages of zinc.

An auction will follow after everyone is stuffed to the gills, so please bring an item which you feel would be better suited on someone else's tchotchkie table. Proceeds will go towards the CSWA-S for future membership events.

So, dress casually, bring a friend and your favorite covered dish, and be prepared to have a great time.

For more information, or to RSVP, please e-mail Lagare Nadelman at:

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