

CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

December 2009

News and Announcements

Annual Conference

The 24th Annual Julius Hornstein Professional Conference presents: ***Challenges on the Home Front for Soldiers and Their Families.*** Renowned keynote speakers LTC Paul Bliese, PhD (Chief, Division of Neuropsychiatry, Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, Washington, DC) and Teresa Arata-Maiers, PsyD (Coordinator of Child and Family Programs, Warrior Resiliency Program, US Army, San Antonio, TX) will be joined by additional expert professionals for multiple workshops and lectures.

The Conference objective is to support practitioners in their efforts

to most effectively work with soldiers and their families by providing information on the most current challenges, recent research, and emerging treatment options. This event will be co-sponsored by the Winn Army Community Hospital, Hinesville, GA, U.S. Army Medical Dept.

The Annual Conference will be held on March 25-26, 2010 at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, GA. For additional information, please check our website for updates at: www.socialworksavannah.com

Fall Institute, November Meeting

The Fall Institute was a resounding success this year, and the CSWA-S would like to extend our gratitude to Nancy Thompson, PhD of the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, for her excellent presentation. It was both educational and entertaining, and attendees were able to expand their knowledge on Mindfulness in its application to psychotherapy. We would also like to express our appreciation for Hospice

Savannah, who provided us the use of their facilities for this year's Institute. In addition, Captain Jessica Parker, clinical psychologist and director of the Traumatic Brain Injury Clinic at Ft. Stewart provided an outstanding lecture on TBI. She will be returning this March for the Annual Conference to share more of her extensive knowledge on this and other issues concerning our military.

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- 12/10/09: Annual Holiday Social at Louisa Laird's home, 4111 Amsterdam Circle, starting at 5:30pm.
- 12/15/09: NASW Southeast Georgia Unit Annual Holiday Extravaganza 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Chatham County DFCS



For Your Consideration

Save the Date: Jan 19-20th

FROM THE FRONT LINE TO FRONT LAWNS:

Augusta will be the location of a two-day warrior and family care conference on January 19th and 20th, 2010 for up to 300 attendees in order to:

- Inform local, state and federal agencies, as well as community organizations and the public about federal, state and community resources for returning service men and women, veterans, and their families.
- Educate providers of community services and members of the faith community about the culture and mental health needs of returning warriors.

Meeting Location:

Charlie Norwood
VA Medical Center
1 Freedom Way
Augusta, GA 30904

For more information, contact
Von Wrighten:

vswrighten@dhr.state.ga.us

Oysters Are Yum!

The Annual Oyster Roast and Auction will be held on January 31, 2010, from 1:00pm to 5:00pm, at Gordonston Park. Bring what you have for the auction and bid for some bargains.

This year, all food will be catered (that's right - no covered dish to prepare!). The menu will be catered by Angel's B-B-Q, and will include barbeque and side dishes as well as oysters. The price of \$20 per person will cover food and drinks (soft drinks, beer and wine.)

In order to get a preliminary count for the caterer please RSVP Edward Parks at:

cswasavannah@gmail.com

by January 15th if you plan to attend. As always, family and friends are welcome.

NASW Holiday Party

The Southeast Georgia Unit's next function is an Annual Holiday Extravaganza on Tuesday, December 15, 2009, from 6-8PM at Chatham County DFCS, 761 Wheaton Street, Savannah, GA 31401. All in attendance are asked to bring a Tree Ornament, \$5.00 limit. We will exchange ornaments among those present. Please RSVP to Southeast Unit Representative Arthur Nixon, MSW, no later than December 7, 2009 at: astate@coastalnow.net

Also, 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.

Member Participation

Contributions to this newsletter are encouraged and can be sent to: harkonan@aol.com

Membership Renewal Application

Name: (Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.) _____

License Type: LCSW (\$30) LMSW (\$30) LPC (\$30) Student (\$10)

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

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It is that time of year when we start our annual pledge drive for members to renew their membership and pay the annual dues (\$30 for members, \$10 for students). Dues will be required by December 31st to avoid the late fee of \$5. Please fill out the form above, along with your check or money order, to:

CSWA-S, P.O. Box 13930, Savannah, GA 31416

From the Program Committee:

For December, we will not be having a monthly meeting. In January, we will host a panel discussion to be led by Louisa Laird, Joanie Dane Kellogg, and others to explore issues related to adolescent alcohol and drug abuse in our community. 2010 Winter/Spring Institute will include a five hour ethics workshop by Steve Howard MD of Atlanta (date to be announced). Steve Howard is an experiential psychotherapist, along with being a practicing psychiatrist. He will explore some of the difficult issues that seasoned therapists face in their everyday practice.

Call for Volunteers:

The Annual Conference will be a tremendous success, but only as a direct result of your volunteer efforts. We need people to help out with the A/V Equipment, Assistants for the Speakers for transportation and other arrangements, Conference Hosts, Registration Staff, and Sponsors. Please help the Planning Committee by taking a look at the current list and e-mail your interest, of any area, to Mary Hill: singmlhill@yahoo.com (In your e-mail, please enter the Subject as Conf. Volunteer.) There are plenty of areas for members to participate.

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We're On The Web!

<http://www.socialworksavannah.com>

Holiday Social Location: 4111 Amsterdam Circle



This year's CSWA-S Holiday Social will be hosted by Louisa Laird on Thursday, December 10th at 6:00 pm.

Louisa's home is two blocks north of Columbus Drive; Amsterdam Circle is essentially 57th Street. Coming south on Abercorn, cross Victory Drive and Washington Avenue, and then make a right on Amsterdam Circle. 4111 is the last house on the left before the turn.