

CLINICAL PERSPECTIVES

The Clinical Social Work Association of Savannah

November 2010

News and Announcements

Last Month's Meeting

We would like to extend our gratitude to Larry Dane-Kellogg of Coastal Behavioral, Beth Curry of St. Simons by the Sea, and Michael Mack of Memorial Hospital's Center for Behavioral Medicine for their panel discussion of Inpatient Adult Mental Health Services in the Savannah Area at last month's colloquium.

They reported the successes and opportunities for improvement in the ever-changing landscape of managed care demands, legislative requirements, and therapeutic trends in today's inpatient mental health care from the perspective of decades of combined experience.

November Monthly Meeting

The topic for the November monthly meeting will be "Power in Relationships: An overview of power differentials in relationships and how they impact interpersonal & professional relationship dynamics" by Helen Schandolph. The training will highlight the

Holiday Social

This year's Annual CSWA-S Holiday Social will be located at 1 Chipper Circle on Thursday, December 9th. Please RSVP to Helen Schandolph at: hschandolph@gmail.com

Chipper Circle is inside Fairway Oaks, the first subdivision off Waters Ave., on the left, after crossing south over DeRenne. When you turn left into Althea, make a right on Margatha. Chipper is the first street on the immediate right. The house is the second house on the right. There is a circular driveway in the front yard.

importance of understanding power differentials and how they may influence people's choices in partners, friends and associates. If you plan on attending, please RSVP Lisa Seago at lkseago@yahoo.com

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Calendar of Events:

- 11/17/10: Annual Meeting at the Hoskins Center of Memorial Hospital. Lunch is scheduled for 11:30am. To RSVP for lunch and CEUs., please e-mail Lisa Seago at lkseago@yahoo.com
- 12/09/10: Holiday Social, 6 to 8pm, 1 Chipper Circle, Savannah, GA



For Your Consideration

Autumn Institute Recap

Our Autumn Institute, *Breaking Through: Therapy With the Thought-Disordered Client* was a fascinating look into the world of the client suffering with symptoms psychosis and how the clinician can help such a client accept their illness, commit to treatment compliance, and begin regaining lost functioning. Our own Edward Parks led us through his multiple-disciplinary approach of psycho-education, cognitive-behavioral training, and person-centered process therapy. Thanks to all who attended and made it such a success.

Be sure and congratulate the author of this self-serving blurb when you see him at our next meeting on Wednesday or at the Holiday Social!

Faithfully Submitted,
Edward Parks, LCSW

Roommate Wanted

Greg Wilets, MD, board certified psychiatrist, is looking for a roommate at his private practice at Park South located at 7505 Waters Avenue. The second floor personal office itself is 120 square feet, and there is a waiting area. Some furniture included. Cost is \$200 a month. For more information, contact Greg Wilets at (912) 344-0040.

Submissions Needed

There is nothing worth reading about in this column, no congratulatory paeans, no rumors of organizational changes, nor any news about ailing or recently departed social workers, as members of the CSWA-S did not contribute opinions or reports of local events.

When your voice is not heard, the world grows silent.

Membership involvement in this newsletter is not only encouraged, but it is necessary for the social work community to thrive and succeed. Without dialogue, mutual respect and understanding fade, only to be replaced by ignorance and uncertainty. Your articles are welcome, and should be sent to harkonan@aol.com

Michael Mack, LMSW

Retrouvaille: A Peer Ministry for Hurting Marriages

Retrouvaille, French for re-discovery, is for couples with marital problems, including those who are separated or divorced and want to try again. Communication difficulties are often the primary problem in a marriage and sometimes lead to infidelity, physical abuse, mental abuse, or substance abuse. Retrouvaille helps couples put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships. The weekend part of the program is presented by team couples, who have experienced disillusionment, pain, anger, and conflict, offer hope as they share their personal stories of struggle, reconciliation and healing. Couples find courage and strength in the realization that they are not alone in their struggle.

Retrouvaille and counseling complement each other. Retrouvaille is a relationship building program not a problem solving program. Couples learn a new way of communicating feelings to each other in a very supportive and caring environment. The couples are not asked to share their personal lives with others.

Brochures describing the program and a booklet that is a professional reference and is a more detailed description of the program for professional use will be available at the CSWA-S luncheon meetings.

The next Retrouvaille program is the weekend of Feb 11-13, 2011 in an Augusta hotel. The follow up program is on the six consecutive Saturday morning following the weekend. Clients who want additional information should call 1-800-470-2230 and a Retrouvaille team couple will return their call to answer their questions. A more detailed program description is also available at www.retrouvaille.org

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Social Worker Spotlight

Larry Dane-Kellogg, LCSW

Larry was born at Fort Meade, Maryland while his father was in the Army. During my childhood, he lived in Stuttgart, Germany for six years. He graduated High School at Richmond Academy in Augusta, GA. He went into the U.S. Air Force right out of High School where he was stationed in North Dakota and went to Viet Nam.

Mr. Dane-Kellogg went to Augusta College for undergrad and University of Georgia, where he earned his MSW and also a graduate Certificate in Gerontology. He met his wife Joan (also a MSW) while in grad school and after graduation, they lived in Athens for a number of years. While in Athens, he worked for St. Mary's Home Health Care and the Area Planning and Development Commission, where he oversaw the Senior Adult Programs in the Northeast Georgia Area.

Larry worked at Richmond and Chatham County DFCS, for the military, Charter Behavioral Health, The Savannah Jewish Federation as Director of Family Services, and presently he serves as Director of Social

Service for Coastal Harbor Health System.

He has twice been President of CSWA-S, as well as serving in other CSWA-S officer positions. He is currently Vice Chair of Board of Directors of the Chatham County DFCS.

On a different note, Larry serves on the Board of the Coastal Jazz Association and has been involved in the production of nine Savannah Jazz Festivals, produce a monthly jazz concert, edits their monthly newsletter "Noteworthy," and is webmaster of the website (www.coastal-jazz.org). He was on the Board of the Savannah Onstage (now Savannah Music Festival) for 6 years and oversaw the production the annual music and art festival's jazz events.

Thirteen years ago, he created and produced the Annual Musical Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr., which is part of the official community celebration by the MLK Observance Committee.

Larry and Joan have two children, Julie (who graduated with a Master's in Accounting at UGA) and Sean (who is currently a senior at UGA).