



Chapter Update

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Congratulations

NASW SC Chapter would like to congratulate the following for their successful campaigns:

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(Orangeburg County)

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(Richland and Kershaw Counties)

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Western Unit Representatives

Christina Parker, MSW, Greenville (2009)

Pam von Kleist, LISW-CP, Simpsonville (2010)

From Where I Sit...



A year ago at this time I was being warmly welcomed into the chapter as your new Executive Director. One year later there is still much to learn, more people to meet, and greater challenges ahead. Your patience with me is much

appreciated.

I came into this work with a great appreciation and respect for the practice of social work and this past year has only deepened my sense of gratitude for all that each of you do for the profession and the people you serve.

The New Year begins with a great deal of uncertainty. Just when social services are most needed, the ability to provide them is stressed to the breaking point in many areas. These are grim realities, but realities nonetheless. This is not the first time people have been asked to do more with less; but, there is always hope. The chapter and its staff exist to serve you, the members, and support you and your work in the best way possible. If there is anything we can do for you, do better than we are doing now, or work with you on something new, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on the staff.

Our sense of hope can also be recharged when we are with colleagues, friends, and exposed to new opportunities for growth. Inside this issue you will find information about our Spring Symposium 2009. Obviously a Symposium is not the answer to all that troubles us professionally these days, but it can provide a wealth of opportunity for connecting, conversation, mutual support and sharing, and hopefully finding new ways to approach ongoing issues.

Join us at Myrtle Beach in March, and throughout the year, let me and the staff know what we can do to help you move forward in your practice as a social worker.

Bruce.



President's Address

Carol L. Jaskunas, LISW - CP,
ACSW
President, NASW SC Chapter

Greetings and Happy New Year! As I sit here writing this, it is the day after New Years Day. I hope that you are feeling as optimistic and energized as I am. On November 4th, Americans, by a vast majority, voted for a new direction and change. As President-Elect Obama said, "This victory alone is not the change we seek, it is the only chance for us to make that change". This is only the beginning of what will be a monumental task, not only for the President-Elect, but for social workers, to achieve a better life for all Americans.

President-Elect Obama has also said that "I'm asking you to believe not just in my ability to bring about real change in Washington.....I'm asking you to believe in yours." As social

workers, we have always been change agents and this will continue as it takes on a new meaning with an Administration that truly cares about people---all people. We can continue being change agents in our social work practices but now will have more opportunity than ever to be change agents in our local communities as well as our country. The websites www.barackobama.com and mybarackobama.com give information about ways to become involved and begin bringing change to our communities and country. One way is to host a Change Is Coming house meeting. This will help you get to know others in your area who are ready to work for change, determine the issues most important to your group and plan how to reach out to local representatives and media to make sure that your voices are heard. You can get many ideas about issues to work on by reviewing

the NASW published document Turning Priorities Into Action: How the Social Work Profession Will Help which is on the NASW website. Each session of Congress, NASW formulates a detailed legislative agenda and provides this to members of Congress. Contents of this document include: Reviving the Economy, Fixing our Health Care System, Improving Our Education System, Fixing Our Social Security System, Ending the War in Iraq and Finishing our Mission in Afghanistan, International Peacebuilding and Community Development, Utilizing Social Workers to Build Communities, and Equality for All.

For 2009, let us remember President-Elect Obama's words and believe in our ability to bring about real change on all levels ---local, state, national and international!



**SAVE THE DATE...March 22-25, 2009
ATTENTION ALL SOCIAL WORKERS!**

**23rd Annual NASW SC Chapter
Spring Symposium**

Springmaid Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC

A jam-packed event...Earn 20 Continuing Education Hours – 3 Days of Learning & Networking. Program will be mailed early January. Visit www.scnasw.org to learn how you can present at the symposium, be an exhibitor, or nominate a fellow social worker for various awards. For information call the National Association of Social Workers - SC Chapter Office in Columbia (803) 256-8406 or E-mail: scnasw1@bellsouth.net or scnasw2@bellsouth.net.

NOTE: If you plan to attend Symposium 2009, call early to reserve your hotel room at the Springmaid Beach Resort: 866-764-8501. Be sure to mention NASW-SC Chapter to get your reduced rate.



THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON...

Congratulations to Gilda Cobb-Hunter as the 2009 recipient of the Wilkins Award. This award is given annually by Furman University's Riley Institute. The award is given to the lawmaker who best displays, "the highest principles of leadership, integrity, compassion, vision, and courage." Gilda is a social worker and a member of the SC House of Representatives, D-Orangeburg. Gilda is the first African-American and first female recipient of this award.

NASW SC Chapter

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Identification
Is Currently Recruiting for 2009-2011

CCN&LI Committee Vacancies:

Catawba Unit
Northern Unit
Pee Dee Unit

Southern Unit
Western Unit
Chair of CCN&LI

Board of Director Vacancies:

President-Elect
Vice President
Member-At-Large
BSW Student
MSW Student

Central Unit (2 slots)
Northern Unit (1 slot)
Southern Unit (1 slot)
Pee Dee Unit (1 slot)
Western unit (1 slot)

Delegate (Delegate Assembly, 2011)
Alternate (Delegate Assembly, 2011)

As you can see, we have a large slate for the upcoming election. We, the committee, will need your help in providing us members to contact. **If you have suggestions for candidates, please contact me at msaylor@harbisonpsych.com, pistolpacknmo@aol.com, or call me at 803-261-8091.**

Mona Elaine Saylor, MSW, LISW-CPs & APs
CCN&LI Chairperson

How Can You Benefit From Being a Part of the NASW? Linda Scott, M.S.W.

As things change, so do opportunities and challenges in the work arena. You need successful people and good resources to enhance your career. The National Association of Social Workers' (NASW) is made up of 156,000 professional social workers worldwide, making it the largest organization of its kind in the world. NASW's mission is to advance the quality of social work practice, to promote unity and recognition of the profession, to advocate for standards that protect consumers, and to propose and support public policies that improve the social environment. As a member of the South Carolina Chapter you will be connected with employment, continuing education and practice resources that empower you and advance your career as a professional social worker.

You will reap many benefits from being a part the National Association of Social Workers. NASW stands in the gap, offering members the means to hone their skills and make a positive impact on the lives of those they serve. As a Central Representative, I have found that being involved with the South Carolina Chapter has made me even MORE proud to be a social worker! I have had the privilege of meeting successful and inspiring social workers with many years of experience. They bring wisdom and knowledge to an already excellent organization, and I have benefited from their guidance.

Without a doubt, NASW is just as strong as any sorority or fraternity that makes a commitment to its members. Come join our organization and build your professional abilities and empower yourself to be a strong vessel in your career and future plans as a social worker. Be the best you can be by becoming a part of the National Association of Social Workers.

Silent Auction Items Needed for Symposium 2009

The committee is beginning their search for items/commitments from members for the Silent Auction at the Spring Symposium. So far the Chapter has been the first to respond with a commitment to submit a number of items for the auction. Even if you are unable to supply an item - you may provide an idea or contact for a contribution to the auction.

Please contact Chapter Office, 803-256-8406, scnasw1@bellsouth.net

If you would like to join the Silent Auction Committee,
please contact Sandra Jeter, jetersa@dhec.sc.gov.

Unit News

Central Unit

January

When: Thursday, January 22

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Where: PALSS

(Palmetto Aids Life Support Services)

2638 Two Notch Road, Suite 108

(Corner of Two Notch and Covenant Road in the old Midlands Shopping Center).

What: PALSS has invited us to visit their program to learn more about the education, health, and social services being provided by their organization to persons living with and communities affected by HIV and AIDS. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to Nancy Born,
nborn@sc.rr.com

February

Outreach to Social Work Students

We will be reaching out to Social Work educational programs in the Central Unit counties during this month, listening to the needs of social work students and building a foundation for a "Professional/Student Connection Program."

Please contact Central Unit Representatives if you are interested in getting involved.

(More information to follow)

March

March 22-25

Meet you at the Symposium

Central Unit Gathering at the Spring Symposium

(More information to follow)

Catawba Unit

Contact Sue Lyman at lymans@winthrop.edu
for unit plans.

Western Unit

There are monthly educational meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 8:30am to 9:30am at the Gardens at Eastside and the fourth Thursdays of each month from 3:00pm to 4:00pm in the Private Dining Room at Marshall I. Pickens Hospital--Behavioral Health- Different speakers and different topics. 1 CEU is offered and the charge is \$10 for non-members and \$5 for members. If you are interested in presenting at the monthly meeting or have a suggestion regarding topics or alternate meeting places within the Western Unit geographical area, please contact Christina Parker (864) 562-4189 or Pam von Kleist (864) 455-5954.

Southern Unit Meeting

Issues and Concerns of Young Adults Coping with Cancer or Other Health Conditions - Brief Talk and Discussion

Presented by Jeremy Koenemann, MSW Student (field placement at Hollings Cancer Center) and Elena Bell, LISW

Learn and discuss unique financial, medical, and psychosocial issues being faced by young-adult patients.

Mount Pleasant Public Library – Community Room
1133 Mathis Ferry Road
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Thursday, February 26, 2009
5:30-6:30 PM

Refreshments & free parking
RSVP Elena Bell 843-792-3346

1 CEU (\$5 for members and \$10 for Non-members)
Free—if no CEU's requested

Northern Unit

Wednesday, **January 21, 2009**, Lunch 11:30 am,
speaker 12 - 1 pm.

Wade's Restaurant, Spartanburg

Working with Military Families

NASW New Member List
October, November & December 2008

Catawba Unit
 Melinda M. Singleton

Central Unit
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 Trudy Mary Cook
 Vivian Davida DuBard, LBSW, MSW
 Amy A. Nienhuis
 Christina Marie Roland
 Marguerita Shaw

Northern Unit
 Terrell H. Jones
 Kimberly Beth Meissner

Pee Dee Unit
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 Tinisha Reaunta Burgess
 Lenora C. Caldwell
 Karen Lee Duncan
 Justin David Gordon
 Vickie M. Hunter
 Vickie Melissa Hunter
 Elizabeth H. Mazurkiewicz
 Teresa S. Sims
 Tamika J. Smith

Western Unit
 Sarah H. Caldwell
 Amanda Lynn Hood
 Jerilyn Kay (Williams) Griffith, MSW, LMSW
 Ashley Patrice Smith

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Contact Margrett Winegard
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The PACE online fundraising tool has been officially
 launched! It can be found at :

<http://socialworkers.org/pace/default.asp>

There's also a link to it from [www. socialworkers. org.](http://www.socialworkers.org)
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 ceive through membership renewals. So it's in our inter-
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Unit News
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Catawba (Chester, York, Lancaster)

The Catawba Unit meeting will be the Shack held at the lake on the Winthrop Campus. Attendees will be offered 2 CEUs.

Contact Sue Lyman at lymans@winthrop.edu for more information.

Central (Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland)

Contact Nancy Born (803) 932-2250, Christine Boone (803) 534-6786 or Linda Scott (803) 776-2088.

Northern (Cherokee, Spartanburg, Union)

Monthly meetings and luncheon programs are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Wades Restaurant from 11:30am - 1:00pm. Contact Angela Howe (864-596-2227 or howeaj@dhec.sc.gov) for more details or visit us at www.scnasw.org.

Pee Dee (Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, Williamsburg)
Contact Agnes Edwards (843-520-0191) or Geraldine Dixon jeri@sccoast.net for further information.

Southern (Beaufort, Berkley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, Jasper)

Contact Elena Bell at belle@musc.edu or Marcella Hamilton celham2@netscape.net for unit plans.

Western (Abbeville, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Pickens, Oconee, Saluda)

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