Your Chapter has been gaining an average of five new members every week this year!

Our leadership is excited about this jump in membership and we’re looking forward to our upcoming meetings to develop our 2011-2012 workplan to continue the Chapter’s growth. The board will meet in Portland on May 21 and then have a retreat Sept. 24 and 25. We will be focusing on the results of our marketing analysis, which revealed information on why social workers and social work students are or are not members (details are forthcoming in the next edition of the Nexus). We are one of the few chapters in the nation that is growing, and we appreciate all of our members who are helping to inform colleagues and future colleagues about why membership is critical to the advancement of our profession and our advocacy on behalf of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty.

If you haven’t spoken to a non-member social worker or social work student about the many benefits of NASW, we hope you will. The greatest advertising for any organization is word-of-mouth. Tina Rosenberg, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, wrote in her current book, “Join the Club: How Peer Pressure Can Transform the World,” that “brand creates loyalty, affinity, and consistent expectations for the experience people will have with a product. Brands create emotional associations—when you hear the name, you feel something. All these are invaluable for behavior change.”

The NASW Brand

Our brand is NASW. We have worked for decades to advance this profession and to advocate for human rights in Congress and state legislatures. Not only have we been integral in building the profession of social work, but we are often one of the few at the table advocating for human rights. That means having the 1:1 conversation with non-members is essential in our future growth as an association as well as putting our core values as a priority in every discussion that will determine policy for Oregonians and all other Americans. We need non-members to become aware that for .52 cents a day (regular member) or .13 cents a day (student members) they can advance our core values in the Oregon Legislature and in the U.S. Congress. They can also join us in being part of all the amazing work that the Center for Workforce Studies and Social Work Policy Institute are doing.

Your Member Benefits

Our legal and ethical consultations are also popular member benefits, but many members are still not aware of these benefits. Any member can have a legal consultation with our attorney, Anne Camper, by scheduling a call with her at 202-336-8271. Leave her a voice mail message and she will contact you with a consultation appointment time. The ethics consultations are available Tuesdays 7 a.m.-10 a.m. Pacific or Thursdays 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pacific. The contact number is 1-800-638-8799. In this age of litigation, the consultations are very important benefits and we encourage all of our members to utilize these as needed.

The national website has been redesigned and includes a webpage of member benefits that we ask every member to spend some time reviewing: http://www.socialworkers.org/join.asp It includes a YouTube video from our (cont’d on page 16)
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Update from the Legislative Committee

By Jessica Ritter, Chair

NASW Oregon’s Legislative Committee and lobbyist, Maura C. Roche of StrategyWorks NW, have been busy following and weighing in on bills of interest to social workers at the Oregon State Legislature, which convened in January.

Legislative Session 2011: Budget, Budget, Budget

Oregon’s $3.5 billion budget gap has been a central focus of not just budget decisions but policy decisions as well. At the end of 2009, lawmakers projected there would be $18.3 billion available in the 2011-13 biennium. Today, budget projections are that the state will have only $14.8 billion available. There are a number of reasons for the shortfall. Tax receipts drop in a recession; Oregonians’ median income is lower than average, only about 90 percent of median income nationwide; the state’s tax rates are low, roughly 40th in the country. And the cost of services and state programs keep rising.

In an attempt to avoid harsh cuts to social services, education, and public safety, the State Employees International Union (SEIU) recently released a report titled, “Moving Oregon Forward: A Better Way,” which points state lawmakers toward $1 billion in new savings and enhanced revenue that can help the state cover the budget gap.

Additionally, SEIU Local 503 members from the Department of Revenue took a message to legislators March 8: Oregon could go a long way toward closing its budget gap without cutting services or raising a dime in new revenue if the state only collected more of the $1.25 billion in personal income tax it is owed, a staggering $1.25 billion in 2007, the last year for which complete records are available.

NASW Oregon will continue to monitor budget cuts and advocate for investments in services that support those in need. We work in coalition with the Human Services Coalition of Oregon and others who advocate for adequate funding of critical state services.

Policy Bills 2011: The Dirty Dozen

Thus far, we have been particularly active on a dozen bills where we have been able to provide written and/or oral testimony in committee hearings. Below is a summary of these bills, which cover a wide range of issues from child welfare and food security to immigration.

Child Welfare:

House Joint Memorial 12: Refocusing on our nation’s children

This bill, drafted and introduced at the request of NASW Oregon, urges the U.S. Congress to reconvene the White House Conference on Children and Youth. This Conference was held every 10 years from 1909 to 1970. It has been 40 years since child welfare advocates and professionals have been brought together to review the current state of children in the United States. The bill passed unanimously in the House and is on its way to the Senate.

House Bill 3471: Waiving tuition for foster care youth

This bill seeks to provide tuition waivers at state and community colleges for current and former foster care youth. HB 3471 gives youth 18 to 21 years old who are no longer in foster care, as well as those who are adopted after the age of 16, a chance to pursue college degrees in Oregon by eliminating barriers to the high-cost of higher education. Currently, 16 other states provide similar tuition waivers to foster children.

Senate Bill 654: Addressing disproportionality

SB 654 will allow lawmakers to request that the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission create a “racial impact statement,” similar to a fiscal or environmental impact statement, for proposed legislation affecting the criminal justice and child welfare systems. This will help the legislature, the governor’s office, the DOC and DHS to identify policies that may have unintended negative consequences for racial and ethnic minorities. These racial impact statements can help legislators identify ways to reduce these disparities to make sure that our policies are treating all Oregonians equally. This bill has been given a public hearing and may be amended to narrow the bill substantially in order to move forward.

Food Security:

House Bill 2975: Saving mothers and children nutrition program

Farm Direct Nutrition programs currently supply 26,164 low-income mothers and children with fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables and nutrition education through the WIC program. Only 18% of eligible women and children receive Farm Direct Vouchers.

The Governor’s budget would cut all state funding for the program, beginning in fiscal year 2011. Such cuts could lead to a loss of $1.3 million in federal matching funds. HB 2975 would expand the Farm Direct Nutrition program with an investment of $300,000 for services to WIC-eligible mothers and children. Next stop, Ways & Means to be added to the mix of worthy bills in need of funding this session.

Juvenile Justice/Criminal Justice Reform:

House Bill 2707: Keeping youth out of adult jails

HB 2707 establishes a standard for housing youth separate from adults preadjudication. In most Oregon counties, youth who have been arrested and are awaiting trial are held in adult jails until
trial. HB 2707 allows for counties to make arrangements to have them held in juvenile facilities. This bill passed the House without opposition and is headed for the Senate.

**Senate Bill 654: Addressing disparity in funding**
(see child welfare above)

**Immigration:**

**Senate Bill 742: Oregon’s version of the DREAM act**

SB 742 would allow undocumented Oregon students who have grown up here and have attended Oregon schools to pay in-state tuition if they have attended an Oregon high school for at least three years; have graduated from an Oregon high school; are accepted at an Oregon University System institution; and are actively working toward U.S. citizenship. This bill passed the Senate Floor (18 ayes, 11 nays with 1 absent) and is on its way to the House.

**Healthcare and Mental Healthcare:**

**Senate Bill 97 A-Eng: Increasing health care worker cultural competency**

SB 97 A-Engrossed would increase cultural competency training for health care workers, including social workers. This bill has been introduced for more than a decade and appears to have achieved broad-based support that will allow the bill to move forward.

**Senate Bill 524, Restores flexibility in assessing practitioner fitness**

SB 524 is a “fix” to a 2009 bill that passed to prevent individuals with criminal histories from working with vulnerable populations. However, the bill was too over-reaching and created many unintended consequences for practitioners who were convicted of relatively minor offenses, have been in the field for years, and pose no client/public safety risk. SB 524 would restore a more flexible approach in assessing, on a case-by-case basis, individuals who are seeking to work in addiction and mental health treatment settings.

**Social Work Practice:**

**House Joint Memorial 13: Helping to meet nation’s need for social workers**

House Joint Memorial 13, drafted and introduced at the request of NASW Oregon, urges the U.S. Congress to pass the Social Work Reinvestment Act (SWRA). SWRA is the primary policy initiative of the National Office and is a comprehensive strategy to address the workforce recruitment, retention and safety issues facing social workers now and in the future. This bill passed the Oregon House and is on the way to the Senate, so stay tuned!

**HB 2862: Extending basic workplace rights to interns**

HB 2862 is a Bureau of Labor & Industries bill that would extend basic workplace non-discrimination protections to individuals doing internships. NASW Oregon has been very supportive of this legislation and highlighted it on our 2011 Day of Action because internships are an integral part of social work education. HB 2862 was heard March 23, and NASW Oregon testified and recruited the Director of Field Education from Portland State University to share her perspective on the critical need for this legislation.

**HB 2314: Removing dual licensure requirement for school social workers**

HB 2314 allows social workers in school settings, who are TSPC licensed, the option to use the title “school social worker” which is now a protected title under Oregon law. This avoids anyone so licensed by TSPC also to be dually licensed through the Board of Licensed Social Workers. The stakeholder groups, NASW, TSPC, and the Board all agree that such dual licensure is unnecessary and duplicative. This bill has passed the House and is headed to the Senate for consideration.

**Usury and Scams Targeting Low-Income Oregonians:**

**Senate Bill 778: The Tax Refund Transparency Act**

SB 778 will regulate the tax refund financing industry. Many tax preparers market their services by advertising quick cash, a way to receive tax refunds immediately instead of having to wait for tax forms to be processed. In reality, these tax refund products, known as refund anticipation loans (RALs), are high cost, short-term loans loaded with extra fees and APRs ranging from 50 to 500 percent. Like payday loans, the loans are sold through storefront shops that are most commonly located in low-income and minority neighborhoods.

This session, the Legislative Committee has been monitoring many bills of interest to the association such as Ted Wheeler’s State Bank Proposal and HB 3510, the Affordable Health Care for All Oregon Act, a single-payer health care proposal authored by Rep. Michael Dembrow who explains that it would basically extend Medicare to all Oregonians.

We will keep you posted as things develop in Salem! For any questions, or if you would like to join the Legislative Committee, feel free to email me at jritter@pacificu.edu.
District News

Rogue Valley District to Sponsor Two Workshops

The Rogue Valley District is sponsoring the following two workshops, both to be held at the Smullin Center in Medford, Ore., from 9 a.m. to 12 noon with registration at 8:30 a.m. Three (3) CEs are pending for each workshop.

On Friday, May 6, Complicated Grief, Facilitating Healing will be presented by Barbara D. Knox, LCSW. This workshop will present new concepts in grief work and explain the common complications, which lead to prolonged dysfunction or a sense of “stuckness.” Barbara will discuss ways to work with people who have complications, emphasizing the role of trauma and anxiety in grief. The special needs of children who are grieving will also be discussed. Some of the difficulties for the therapist in working with those in grief will be explored. Barbara received her MSW from the University of Denver in 1973 and has 38 years of practice experience. This experience includes 20 years with Josephine County Mental Health; 20 years with Lovejoy Hospice, including seven years as Bereavement Services Coordinator; and six years with Ashland Hospital Hospice. She is the coordinator of the Palliative Care Program at Ashland Hospital. Barbara has also had a private practice with Counseling Northwest since 1990.

On Friday, June 24, Front Line to Home Front: Recovery, Resiliency and Wellness will be presented by Chris Petrone, LCSW. This workshop will address the process and challenges of supporting combat Veterans as they transition from the military back to their civilian lives. All veteran eras will be mentioned, with an emphasis on the newest generation of returning service members coming back from Iraq (OIF) and Afghanistan (OEF). Chris will discuss assessment and treatment of returning OIF/OEF Veterans and their families. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and the resulting high risk behaviors of veterans will be addressed. A brief overview of federal and state benefits available to veterans and their beneficiaries will be provided. Chris is the Program Manager for the OEF/OIF/OND at the Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics in White City, Ore. He received his MSW from the University of California at Berkeley in 1998. His experience includes eight years of providing community mental health services in California and five years of working with veterans with mental health issues.

For registration information, contact Gretchen Thiel at gthiel@pdx.edu. The fee for each workshop is $45 for NASW members if registered two weeks before the workshop; $55 within two weeks or less. Non-members pay $55/65.

Rogue Valley Celebrates Social Work Month 2011!

On March 16, 50 social workers from the Rogue Valley gathered at the Smullin Center in Medford for a complimentary luncheon to celebrate Social Work Month.

Delmar Stone, executive director of Oregon NASW, joined us and introduced himself to the district’s social workers. He updated the group on the state chapter’s lobbying efforts, including the Social Work Day of Action event earlier in March, and introduced the chapter’s Facebook pages and one for the Rogue Valley District.

There was also plenty of time for socializing and networking among the social workers in attendance. A raffle earned over $300 — which will be matched by the district — for two book scholarships for MSW Students from the Ashland site of PSU’s School of Social Work MSW-Distance Option. The 2011 MSW graduates were also acknowledged and congratulated for their achievement. Many of those in attendance also participated in An Introduction to Mindfulness morning workshop by local social worker, Martha Hutchison, LCSW. The day was a great success!

Social workers and Subarus

You may spot some of your southern Oregon social worker friends when a Subaru commercial airs in the near future.

A group of Rogue Valley social workers participated April 2 in the filming of a commercial at the Medford Subaru dealership. The theme was the dependability of social workers and Subarus.

Metro Portland District News

Swing into Spring set for April 20

The Aging Network of the NASW Oregon Chapter invites you to Swing into Spring on Wednesday, April 20 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Ave in Portland. If you like, arrive dressed in 40s attire, and enjoy hors d’oeuvres, a no host bar, networking and dancing with Jim Miller’s “Golden Harvest Music.” The event is sponsored by the Holladay Park Plaza, Providence ElderPlace and Prestige Care. Reservations are required and may be made by e-mailing agingnetwork@gmail.com.
Rethinking Psychiatry Two-Day Symposium set May 13-14 in Portland

Robert Whitaker’s book, “Anatomy of an Epidemic: Magic Bullets, Psychiatric Drugs, and the Astonishing Rise of Mental Illness in America,” has started a national conversation about what our society might do to stem the epidemic of disabling mental illness that has erupted in our society. In February 2011, over 450 people gathered in Portland to hear Whitaker and a panel of peers and providers discuss the state of mental health care and what we can do about it.

The Rethinking Psychiatry Two-Day Symposium, sponsored by the NASW Oregon Chapter Mental Health Network, will continue the discussion started in February. It will be held Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14, at The First Unitarian Church of Portland, 1011 SW 12th, in Portland. A donation from $5 to $20 is requested, however, no one will be turned away for lack of funds. No registration is necessary.

The topic on Friday, May 13, 7 to 9 p.m., is Creating a New Paradigm of Mental Health Care: What needs to be done? And why? Join Whitaker as he facilitates a conversation with the audience and a panel of mental health care providers and peers on the current national movement to create a mental health care system that is more holistic, effective and humane.

Building Strong Communities: New Tools for Mental, Emotional and Spiritual Health is the focus on Saturday, May 14, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Join us with Whitaker for workshops, open microphone, round table discussions and a community resource fair as we highlight the array of ideas, actions and activities that are helping to create the new paradigm of mental health care for all.

Supervision Group

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The Rogue District of NASW, which usually meets at the Medford Library each month, will meet at the office of Southern Oregon Child Study & Treatment Center (SOCSTC) now through June 2011.

These meetings will still occur at the regular time: during the noon hour the second Wednesday of each month.

SOCSTC is located at 358 S. Oakdale Ave., Medford, OR 97501.

We will return to the Medford Library in July 2011.

Lane County District Brown Bag Meetings

Join us at our monthly brown bag meetings, featuring speakers and networking for social workers wanting to get to know other professionals in Lane County.

1.5 CEs usually offered at each event.

MEETING DAY/TIME:
Usually 1st Tuesday of the Month,
11:30PM-1:00PM

LOCATION:
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**Invitation to join the book club**

The book: “Healing Mind, Healthy Women”
Authors: Alice Domar and Henry Dreher

Wednesday, April 20
Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Location: Portland

The NASW Book Club reads a non-fiction book each month that contributes to their understanding of social work practice concerns relevant to the book group members and that increases their sensitivity to diversity issues and ethics, and contributes to their personal pleasure as social workers. A book club member does not have to commit to attend every month to participate. Members receive 1.5 CEs free from NASW for each month’s book reading and discussion attended.

The group holds meetings the third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The April 20th meeting will be held at 1200 SW 20th (corner of 20th and Madison) in Portland. For future meeting locations and for more information, call Sally Stevens, (503) 702-8321.

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- To profile innovations in community social work practice.
- To build and promote the political engagement of social workers.
- To showcase the work of community-based students.
- To strengthen the relationship between the school of social work and the community.
- To build community among community social workers and other community practitioners.

For more information, contact Delmar Stone at delmar@nasworegon.org.
Other News & Updates

Photography exhibit shows mothers and infants in prison

A beautiful and powerful photography exhibit, “Protective Custody: Within a Prison Nursery,” was on view during March at the Hillsboro Cultural Arts Center. The Washington County Reentry Council, Blankets of Hope and Voices Set Free joined forces to bring this exhibit to the city. The exhibit features expressive portraits of mothers holding their infants at the Purdy Women’s Prison in Gig Harbor, Wash. The photographer is Cheryl Hanna-Truscott, a committed volunteer working at the live-in nursery program.

The exhibit moves to Salem to the State Capitol where it can be viewed in the Galleria from April 29 to May 2. Also, information will be available about the nursery at Purdy, which has been operating for 10 years. How wonderful if such a child-centered program could be placed in the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. There is strong evidence that the results obtained in keeping infants with their Moms adds stability to the child across her/his life span. And research supports that such strong family ties reduces recidivism.

In other news, Washington County is part of a three-year grant, Safe Havens, which is in the planning phase of offering supervised visitation and safe exchange in domestic violence cases. The $400,000 Violence Against Women Act national grant was awarded to Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. The need for this intervention was voted as the top priority of vital services missing in Washington County’s response to domestic violence. This vote came during a United Way-facilitated focus group, comprised of many service providers last October.

--From Louise Bauschard

Jim Henson writes book

Longtime NASW Oregon Chapter member Jim Henson is the published author of a new book “Pee Up a Tree: A Mental Health Memoir.” The book is set in the early 1970s in Oregon’s Umpqua River Valley, and shares the courage, wisdom, humor and folly of ordinary people through the extraordinary lens of a youthful mental health professional. Henson’s book is now available from the publisher at www.arborwoodpress.com, Amazon books or at most local bookstores.

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NASW Oregon Sponsors Spring Workshop

**Becoming a Better Person: Ethics and Virtue Development for Social Workers and Clients (6 CEs)**

May 6, 2011, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital, Building 2 Auditorium, 1040 NW 22nd Ave., Portland (www.legacyhealth.org)

This highly active and interactive workshop will make you forget everything you ever thought about “boring” Ethics workshops!

This workshop provides an alternative to standard discussions of Ethical dilemmas and situations. It draws from the 2000-year history of Virtue Ethics to focus not on “What is the right thing to do?” but on “Who do I want to be?” Virtue Ethics considers every moment of life to be morally relevant.

This workshop will focus on the daily habits social workers must develop to strive toward the goal of “doing the right thing, at the right time, in the right amount.” Come prepared to engage with the material and your colleagues, to learn, grow, and have fun!

**Presented by Brad Pendergraft, LCSW**

Brad Pendergraft, LCSW, is known for his humorous and dynamic presentation on topics including: Ethics, Solution Focused Counseling, Suicide Assessment and Intervention, Clinical Supervision, and Telephone Counseling.

Mr. Pendergraft is the former co-chair of the Ethics Panel of the Employee Assistance Professionals Association. He has a Master’s degree in Philosophy and a MSW, both from UCLA. He is a frequent guest lecturer on Ethics at Portland-area Social Work programs. He has presented on Ethics at national conferences such as the American Association of Suicidology and the Employee Assistance Professionals Association, and at the Oregon NASW Statewide Conference. He is the Director of the Lifetime Optimization Clinic, which uses Brainwave Optimization and Neuro-Strategic Therapy for outstanding client outcomes.

For more information and to register, visit http://nasworegon.org/continuing-education/nasw-workshops.
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**DVD: The Many Facets of Addiction**

*Presented by Claudia Black, MSW, Ph.D.*
*Sponsored by NASW Oregon Chapter; filmed in Portland on March 13, 2009*

Addiction is a critical factor in the preponderance of work with families and individuals. In this dynamic presentation, nationally renowned author Claudia Black addresses the many facets of addiction, including trauma, co-occurring disorders, multiple addictions, abandonment and family impairment. She will also discuss critical treatment issues and offer a variety of intervening strategies for social workers and allied professionals.

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**DVD: Boundary Issues and Dual Relationships in Social Work**

*Presented by Dr. Frederic G. Reamer*
*Filmed in Portland on March 2, 2007*

Is it ever appropriate for social workers to maintain relationships with clients after services are terminated? Should social workers ever disclose personal information to clients? How should social workers respond to gifts and social invitations from clients, or handle unexpected encounters with clients? Using extensive case material, Dr. Reamer provides a comprehensive overview of boundary issues and dual relationships that arise in various human service settings. Participants will learn how to identify and respond constructively to complex boundary issues, protect clients, prevent professional malpractice, and avoid liability.

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**DVD: Managing Difficult Ethical Dilemmas and Risks in Social Work**

*Presented by Frederic G. Reamer, PhD*
*Filmed in Clackamas, Oregon on Oct. 8, 2010*

This workshop will provide participants with an overview and in-depth examination of compelling ethical challenges in social work.

Building on introductory ethics concepts, this workshop will explore difficult ethics cases and practical strategies designed to protect clients and practitioners. The workshop will include a series of challenging ethics cases involving conflicting professional duties and discuss practical steps that professionals can take to manage ethical issues skillfully. Key topics will include boundary issues, dual relationships, conflicts of interest, confidentiality, privileged communication, informed consent, clients’ rights, termination of services, and impaired professionals.

The workshop will include discussion of relevant ethical standards: statutes, regulations, and case law; social and cultural diversity and competence; supervision; and consultation. The workshop will focus especially on complex documentation issues. The presenter will make extensive use of case material.

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April 20, 6:30-8 p.m., NASW Book Club – Healing Mind, Healthy Woman, sponsored by Oregon Chapter, NASW, held in Portland, no charge, 1.5 hrs., lizmasonllc@gmail.com.

April 21, 6-8:30 p.m., the movie “Papers” sponsored by PSU School of Social Work and Diversity Committee, Oregon Chapter, NASW, held in Portland. No charge, 2 hrs., lbates@nwresd.k12.or.us


April 26-29, 8:30-5 p.m., 12th Annual Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit, sponsored by Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office, held in Portland, $395-450, 23 hrs., 503-557-5827.

April 28, 8-5 p.m., Oregon’s Parent and Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) – 2011 Spring Conference: Flexibility Within Fidelity, sponsored by Oregon Health Authority – Addictions and Mental Health Division and the Counties of Jackson, Marion, Washington and Yamhill, held in Eugene, no charge, 6.25 hrs., 503-945-7814.

April 28, 8–3:30 p.m., Reducing Risk for Alzheimer’s and Other Age-Related Cognitive Decline, (repeats 4/29/11 in Tukwila, WA), sponsored by HEALTH Education Network, LLC d/b/a HEALTH ED, held in Portland, $179, 6 hrs., 800-839-4584.

May 6–11, 8:30–6:30 p.m., Resonance Therapy™ Seminar, 3-Day Foundational Seminar and 6-Day Comprehensive Seminar, sponsored by Sierra L. Levy, N.D., L.Ac., held in Portland, $795, 24.25 hrs. for 3 day training, $1,499, 48.5 hrs. for 6 day training, 503-575-0625.


May 6–7, 9–6 p.m., Sacred Art of Living & Dying: Unit Four, sponsored by Sacred Art of Living Center, held in Salem, $350, 14 hrs. 541-383-4179.


May 13, 9-11 a.m., Assessment and Treatment of Sexual Issues in Private Practice, sponsored by Cedar Hills Hospital, held in Happy Valley. No charge, 2 hrs., 971-228-8802.

May 20, 9-4 p.m., Assessment and Treatment of Sexual Issues and the Role of Bias, sponsored by Clinicians’ Network and Central Oregon Association of Psychologists, held in Bend. $120, 5.75 hrs. 541-419-3947.


June 3, 9–4:30 p.m., Juvenile Onset Bipolar Disorder, sponsored by MHREN, held in Medford, $80-140, 6 hrs., 541-941-9246.

June 3–4, 9–6 p.m. Sacred Art of Living & Dying: Unit Two, sponsored by Sacred Art of Living Center, held in Spokane, WA, $350, 15 hrs., 541-383-4179.

June 8, 8-3:30 p.m., An Insider’s Perspective on Autism & Asperger’s Syndrome, sponsored by HEALTH Education Network, LLC d/b/a HEALTH ED, held in Portland, $179, 6 hrs., 800-839-4584.


June 17, 8–3:30 p.m., Restoring & Revitalizing Marital Sexuality (repeats 6/10/11 in Seattle/Renton, WA), sponsored by HEALTH Education Network, LLC d/b/a HEALTH ED, held in Portland, $179, 6 hrs., 800-839-4584.

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June 18, 9-5:15 p.m., *Eating With Your Genes Off? Rapid Eating Disorder Remission and Its Implications for Behavioral Epigenetics*, sponsored by Kartini Clinic for Disordered Eating, held in Portland, fees vary, 6.25 hrs., 503-249-8851.

June 23–25, 9-4 p.m., *Fetal Alcohol and Other Neurobehavioral Conditions: Understanding Application of a Brain-Based Approach*, sponsored by FASCETS, Inc., held in Portland, $325, 19.5 hrs., 503-621-1271.

June 24, 9-12 p.m., *Trans-Inclusivity in Mental Health/Addiction Services*, sponsored by Cedar Hills Hospital, held in Portland, no charge, 2.75 hrs., 971-228-8002.


Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27; Nov. 3, 10 and 17; Dec. 1, 8 and 15, 6:30-8:45 p.m., *The Enneagram in Depth and Practice*, (repeated series) sponsored by Enneagram Portland, LLC, held in Portland, $400 early registration/$425 general registration, 20 hrs (two hrs. per session), www.enneagramportland.com.

Oct. 7 thru June 1, 2012, (Fridays) 11-12:30 p.m., *Consultation Group on Mental Health Consultation and Supervision*, sponsored by Reams and Associates, PC, held in Portland. $450, 9 sessions @ 1.5 hrs., 13.5 hrs. total, 503-299-4492.


The items below have been submitted for approval and are pending:

May 6, 9-12 p.m., *Complicated Grief, Facilitating Healing*, sponsored by Rogue District, Oregon Chapter NASW, held in Medford. Fees from $45-65, afanjet@jeffnet.org, 541-779-8850 x3.

June 17, 8:30-4 p.m., *Building Bridges, Managing Conflict: What We Can Learn from Neuroscience*, sponsored by Oregon Mediation Association, held in Portland. Fees from $115-165, 503-872-9775.

June 24, 9-12 p.m., *Front Line to Home Front: Recovery, Resilience and Wellness*, sponsored by Rogue District, Oregon Chapter NASW, held in Medford. Fees from $45-65, afanjet@jeffnet.org, 541-779-8850 x3.

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- Do you want to learn and teach others about the connections between environmental justice and social justice?
- Do you want to find new ways of doing things to make social work practice and social policy more sustainable and more in harmony with the natural world?

The Network would be open to all NASW Oregon members. If you are interested, contact Jesse Ellis O’Brien, NASW intern, at jesseellisobrien@gmail.com or (503) 504-8627

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We recently had a guest opinion published in the Portland Tribune which calls on the public to support our Social Work Reinvestment Act in the U.S. Congress (H.R. 1106 in the House and S. 584 in the Senate) and work to protect the social safety net. Our Joint Memorial H.J.M. 13 has already overwhelmingly passed the House of Representatives and is expected to pass the Senate. This federal legislation will be the biggest investment in our profession in modern history. If you haven’t asked your congressperson to support the act, please do so today at: http://www.socialworkreinvestment.org/

Thank you for all the work you do. Our profession is the only one rooted in social justice. Every day, we are working in neighborhoods, hospitals, schools, clinics, private offices and many other venues to create a better world.

Please help our leadership to grow our association so that we can continue to make a difference in Salem and Washington D.C.

Warm regards,

Lisa Bates, President
Delmar Stone, Executive Director

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The Oregon Chapter wants to welcome the following new members who joined NASW. We thank you for your membership and look forward to getting to know you.

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Nicole Marie Agnew
Nisha Smita Bobba
Richard Mark Braucher
Taylor Jay Burke
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Sondra Dee Coburn-Coffey, MSW, LCSW
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Carrieanne Hobizal
James Nakano Kon
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Krista Renee Nelson, MSW, LCSW
Beth Rossi, CADCI
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Sandra Tate
Julie G. Taylor
Anthony Weir
Raina J Wickham

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Wendy Bridges
Leah Buehrig
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Amy Ruth Crevola, LMT
Amanda Genus
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