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Check it out! Our new website is greatly expanded from our previous website. And, it is now a lot prettier and much easier to navigate. Please keep in mind that it is a work in progress! If you have an inspiration to add information or a new link onto the site, please share it with the Chapter staff. And, if you see anything that doesn't work quite right or that may seem confusing, we would appreciate hearing about that, too. The purpose of the website is to be a resource for you!

Members of Colorado NASW will have access to a "Members Only" section of the website. This section will include job information; current and past copies of *"The Colorado Social Worker,"* our Chapter newsletter; an opportunity to sign up for certain member privileges, such as a Supervisor Registry and other member-based information. To access the Members Only section, you will use your member ID as the User ID. The password you will need is "NASWCO".

"I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances."

Martha Washington (1732-1802)

Only active members will have access to this part of the website. If you do not know your member ID, just call the office. Once you sign in for the first time, you will be asked to change your password. You may also change your User ID. If you forget either your User ID or your password, the staff will be happy to look them up for you.

Various committees will be establishing List Serves; you can easily sign up right on the website to participate in these e-mail exchanges. The List Serves will provide a wonderful opportunity for social workers with similar interests to share information and ideas with each other.

Event registration will also be possible on the new website. And, we are in the process of adding credit card capability – for events and for products.

We look forward to seeing you in cyberspace.



January/February 2004

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From the President



Happy New Year to all!

At this time of year, I always am thankful for the things I have and the opportunities that are in my life. This year, I am excited about the opportunity to serve as your president until July. We are sad to see Jacquie resign from the presidency, but appreciate all that she has done for this chapter. With JTs decision to not accept the position, due to his own upcoming retirement, I am next in line (in case you were wondering how one goes from Treasurer to president.) The board is full of energetic and dedicated social workers who are here to make this association meaningful and rewarding to all.

My goals for this coming year will be those we established as a board in September— to oversee the licensure sunset process, to get a user-friendly and current website completed and maintained, and to reinstitute a state-wide conference (probably for 2005). I also encourage each of you to stay informed about what is happening in state and national legislation, volunteer, and practice with excellence. Current issues of note are the cap of the CHP healthcare program for the fiscal year, the proposal to eliminate the central registry (of child abuse), and most importantly the mental health licensure renewal.

As a new year begins, congratulate your peers for a job well done. We are currently seeking nominations for social worker of the year (both by geographic area and statewide) as well as others who might be interested in serving in various roles. If

you know a lot of leaders in the social work field, we need members for the nominations and leadership identification committee, please contact me. Get involved, or let us know about others deserving of praise or who might be willing to help!

Social work is an amazing profession. As someone who earned a BSW and then my MSW and LCSW, I know that it was the best choice I ever made about my future. Whether you are on the western slope, eastern plains, or one of the metro areas— you are a vital part of our community. In the hospitals, schools, nursing homes, and individual practice—your training is unique. “Lifers” about to retire and students who have just declared their major—you are all valuable members of our profession and this organization. Please let me know if there is any way that I can help you, or that you might want to help others in our field. Please keep an eye on the website (www.naswco.org) for our annual celebration date in March, and I look forward to seeing you all there. May peace and hope be with you in your own life and all encounters with clients.

Diana Rarich
Interim-President

Greetings, Social Workers!

Happy Holidays to all of you.

This letter is so significant to me. It is my farewell to you as your President.

The last six years have been incredible. And it has come to an end for me. I am so proud of Colorado Social Workers.

The Colorado Chapter has accomplished some amazing things in the last six years. You have so much to look forward to. Our Chapter is financially solvent. Our Board is phenomenal! I could not have ever imagined such an incredible group of people.

My prayer for you is that you all continue to grow and prosper.

Jacquelyn Stanton

“I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”

Ettiene De Grellet

From the Executive Director



“Time has been transformed, and we have changed; it has advanced and set us in motion; it has unveiled its face, inspiring us with bewilderment and exhilaration.”

-Kahlil Gibran,
“Children of Gods, Scions of Apes”

Change can be positive! We are definitely seeing some positive changes in the Chapter. One change may go unnoticed by most members, yet is significant nonetheless. The leadership of the organization has taken a new direction. For personal and professional reasons, Jacquie Stanton recently chose to step down from the Presidency. It is important to note that she was working on her third term as Presidency (in the absence of other interested parties) and that our Bylaws state that two terms are the maximum. And, we thank her for her many years of dedication to the Chapter and we wish her well.

We are very fortunate that Diana Rarich has stepped up to the plate to fill out the remaining months of the term. Diana recently joined the Executive Committee as Treasurer and has already demonstrated her leadership skills. A newly formed Finance Committee will provide oversight to the financial aspects of NASW for this interim period and will continue when Diana returns to the Treasurer position in July, 2004.

Diana recently left her position at DHS to become a school social worker at Green Mountain High School, and she is truly delighted with her new role. She has been involved in the Children, Youth and Families Committee for several years and stays current with children-related legislation. And, has assisted with the Social Work Month Celebration and other activities of NASW.

Of course, we will have more changes in July when Barry Erdman, our President-Elect, takes the leadership role, but let's reserve our bewilderment and exhilaration regarding those planned changes for later.

As you probably read on our front page - we have initiated a very considerable facelift through an improved website. We hope that through this website we are able to communicate better with all members - about any concerns. And, that we can help increase interaction between members. And, provide more meaningful information to those who desire or require such.

And, then - let's not forget the changes that will result from our Licensing Regulation through the Sunset process. The term “social worker” will take on a different meaning if those with an earned degree can call themselves a “social worker”. Distinguishing those with social work education from those without will start (hopefully) to put social work on a higher plain.

So, yes - change can be very positive!

Debbie Reinberg
Executive Director

Welcome New Colorado Chapter NASW Members October 2003 through November 2003

Gladys Martinez Augello
Victoria Barrington
Elissa Bennett
Laura Brown
Bonnie Cochran
Jennifer Cullinane
Jeanne Dallman
Rachel Theresa Dalpiaz
Carolyn R Demong
Suzanne Fabeck
Jessica Suzanne Filkins
Donna Marie Garbarini
Stacey L. Goren
David Greenleaf Hamlin
Celeste L. Hammond
Jill Homann
Amy Michelle Jenkins
Azusa Kijima
Eileen Duggan Lang
Anthony J. Marra
Mardi Lynn McHugh
Barbara McKeown
Katherine Michienzi
Cori Hatsuko Okabayashi
Wendy Ingham O'Leary
Willa Pendergrast
Del Quest
Jaime Rall
Barbara Redinger
Melanie P. Rodriguez
Paul Roy
Linley Kay Severson
Ivan Sosa
Laura L. Starnier
Michael M. Talamantes
Catherine L Taplin
Mira Valencia

Branches and Committees



Boulder Branch News and Upcoming Events

Our first three months as Boulder Branch Representatives have been successful. We were able to get social workers together to network, share experiences and provide support. Barry Erdman, President Elect and Debbie Reinberg, Executive Director of the Colorado Chapter of National Association of Social Worker provided social workers an opportunity to learn more about the sunset review, the new improved website and ways to give and receive support at the state level. At Sherpa's we met for a delightful lunch and began the holiday season. It was yet another reminder of the importance of social workers and a meaningful way to talk about our role in the community. We would like to thank both the speakers and participants for their support.

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, January 7th at 9.00am** for a breakfast meeting at Lucile's at 2124 14th Street in Boulder. This will be the first meeting of the New Year; Susan Stephens, MSW, MEd, will present some of the techniques that have been effective in starting her private practice and keeping it going. Susan has been in private practice for three years in Boulder. There will also be a time to share experiences and to network. Be sure to bring flyers, business cards and other materials to share with the group. If you are part of an agency please bring a brochure or let us know about your agency.

Tuesday January 20th Barry Erdman will host the private practice support group meeting from 12:00 until 1:30 in his office on 1900 Folsom St. in Boulder. Bring your lunch.

On **Wednesday February 4th**, Lorna Benton, Committee Chair of PACE (Political Action for Candidate Election) will be the guest speaker. Lorna will be monitoring all of the social work legislation and will speak about some of the more important bills, what people can do to get involved and the role of PACE. This is a timely topic. The February meeting will be from noon until 1:30 at the Golden Lotus Restaurant at 1964 28th St. in Boulder.

Come and join in the networking fun!

Tuesday February 17th Barry Erdman will host the private practice support group meeting. The meeting will be from 12:00-1:30 on 1900 Folsom St. in Boulder. Bring your lunch.

Contact: Sherry Greenwald
sgreenwald@pathbroadband.com
or Susan Stephens susan@operant.com

Four Corners Branch

Monthly luncheons continue in the Durango area. And, the Branch is beginning to plan a fun activity for Social Work Month in March. Those living/working in Cortez and interested in activities there should contact Pat McClenny at 719/882-1253.

Please help the Branch compile a master list of all social workers in the Four Corners area. Send any names to Wanda at wellings@du.edu or at 719/247-9773. And, if you are interested in supervisory training, want information about the proposed licensure law changes, or have any other questions or comments, contact Wanda!

Denver Branch

Informal happy hour at:

**Canyon Café,
2500 E. First Avenue
(next to Bed Bath & Beyond)
Thursday, January 22nd,
starting at 5:30 pm.**

Great appetizers at a very affordable price. Have fun networking, too!

Call Stacey Per at 303/722-5656 or e-mail her at Stacey@shaunper.com for more information.

CEU's being offered through NASW:

NASW - Colorado Chapter Continuing Education Providers:

American Association of Children's Residential Centers
Contact Tammy Eisenhart
877-332-2272 or e-mail
tammy@aacrc-dc.org for workshop information.

The Behavioral Technology Transfer Group, Inc
Contact Kelly Koerner, Ph.D.
206-675-8588 for workshop information.

Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council
Contact Ingrid Porter. 303-832-9594
for workshop information.

Marriage & Family Health Center
Contact Ruth K. Morehouse, Ph.D.
303-670-2630 for workshop information.

Branches and Committees



Women's Issues Committee

Why Women's Issues?

October 2002- Headline: "Violence study : Men killing Women at alarming rate"

The Arizona Daily Star article is not talking about Somalia, Afghanistan, Istanbul...it is not talking about the killing of female babies in China or Korea, nor about burying an African woman in sand and stoning her to death, or war time rape. Violence or the threat of violence is a daily occurrence for women globally, including in the United States. A 2000 study from the Washington based Violence Policy Center estimates that one woman a day, in the U.S., is shot by her husband or intimate male acquaintance.

August 13, 2002- Headline: "Women still earn less than Men"

The Daily Camera article states that the national average places women earning 73 cents to every man's wage dollar. For black and Hispanic women the gap is even greater: black women earn 64 cents and Latinas earn 52 cents for every male counterpart's dollar. This disparity is even greater globally. All this exists within the framework of an increasing number of women single- parenting and often providing the major financial support for themselves and their children.

The list of daily atrocities, abuses and denigrations toward women is alarming and perplexing. There is a lot of attention spent today toward "saving" everything from fish to forests. Women are becoming an endangered species and the question should be... "What's Wrong With This Picture?" Perusing the newspaper on a daily basis, you will read of many purposeful abuses.

Congress is voting this month whether to ratify the Universal Declaration of Human

Rights, which includes CEDAW: The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. This declaration has been ratified by approximately 121 countries. The U.S. remains one of the few industrialized nations not to have ratified. What is the message to the women of the world and especially the United States? To many of the women of the U.S. it may mean nothing. Perhaps the awareness of a 'problem' is too difficult to embrace or women believe discrimination is not their problem! Discrimination of any kind is everybody's problem. It is a problem that women and men of like mind must face and erase for the betterment of both genders and all people.

That's why a Women's Issues Committee!

Barbara J. Middleton
Chair, Women's Issues Committee

Legislative Committee

By the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, the 2004 legislative session will be in full swing. Given the contentious ending to the last session, it is anticipated that there will be many battles fought on the floor of both the House and Senate over issues that are vital to our public and private lives.

The bill that is paramount to us this session is our Licensure Bill. Other legislation we will be tracking include those relating to health care, health insurance, and welfare reform to name a few.

Since the end of the legislative session in May of 2003, the Legislative Committee has joined with the PACE Committee (Political Action and Candidate Election Committee.) The primary purpose of the

PACE Committee is to support candidates and issues that are relevant to social work and social workers. We have disbursed some monies to candidates who have been sympathetic and supportive to social work and will continue to do so as the campaigns heat up, leading to the November 2004 elections.

The Legislative Committee will begin meeting weekly in January with our lobbyists, Chuck Ford and Lynn Young. The purpose of the meetings is to identify bills which the Chapter will actively support, follow, or attempt to kill. We rely upon the membership to inform the Committee of upcoming bills as well as concerns, both pro and con, regarding various bills.

We appeal to you to become acquainted with your state Senator and Representative. **They are anxious to know you; after all, they represent you.** They need to know your views regarding proposed legislation, as well as any legislation you think may be important to both social work and to you as an individual. It is equally important that the Legislative Committee know what is important to you, and what stance you would like the Chapter to take regarding certain issues. Do remember, however, that the first priority of the Committee is to social work and social workers. Please contact Jean Greenberg at sjeanstange2000@cs.com or 303-761-5099 if you are interested in participating in the Legislative Committee or if you have information about bills that Colorado NASW should support or oppose.

Jean Greenberg
Co-Chair, Legislative Committee

"It is the duty of every citizen according to his best capacities to give validity to his convictions in political affairs."

Albert Einstein,
"Treasury for the Free World," 1946

Help the Chapter . . .



Social Work Award Nominations Sought

We are seeking nominations for several categories of awards for our March annual Social Work Celebration.

Please consider the contacts you know and determine if you know any outstanding leaders who are making

significant contributions to the field of social work in Colorado. Share this page with other social workers you know who might be aware of such leaders. We appreciate all nominations. Please note that nominees for the “social worker” awards must be members of Colorado NASW.

Is Your Information Current with National?

Need to change your address? Need to change your name? Need to give us your email address? Log on to www.socialworkers.org and go to the Members Only section.

To log in to NASW’s Members Only section, you’ll need a username and password. If this is the first time you are logging in, your “Username” is the same as your Member ID number (the 9-digit number you received when you initially joined.) All members received their passwords in May 2002. If you’ve forgotten or misplaced your password and NASW has your current email address on file, you can request it by clicking on “forgot your password?” If NASW doesn’t have your email address, please call Member Services 1-800-742-4089 or email membership@naswdc.org to receive a new password.

Seeking Volunteers for Conference Planning

The NASW Board of Directors agreed to plan a statewide conference sometime in 2005. Prior to that, our goal is to develop several Regional Conferences around the State.

We are seeking people interested in planning such conferences. Committees include program, sponsors, social, logistics and marketing.

Locations for Regional Conferences have not yet been determined; your input is valuable!

Call the Chapter Office to be involved. It is an opportunity to meet peers and help benefit Social Workers around the state.

Social Work Awards Nomination Form

Name of Person Nominating _____

Phone Number _____

e-mail address _____

Name of Person Being Nominated _____

Nominee’s Phone Number _____

Nomination is for:

- Social Worker of the Year
- Human Services Professional of the Year (not a social worker, but someone who embraces social work ideals)
- Legislator of the Year
- Rookie Social Worker of the Year (an individual less than 5 years past their social work degree)
- Rural Social Worker of the Year (an individual living in a rural area)

Attach on a separate piece of paper a description of why your nominee is qualified for the award.

Mail complete form to: NASW Colorado Chapter,
2345 S Federal Boulevard, Suite 200, Denver, Colorado 80219

Workshops and Opportunities



Audio Conference

“The Role of Social Work in Medication Adherence Treatment” in collaboration with NASW National’s HIV/AIDS Spectrum Project: Mental Health Training and Education of Social Workers:

Thursday, January 29, 2004

Noon - 1:30 pm

Chapter Office OR your own office

**\$10 at the Chapter Office
(bring your own lunch!)**

**\$40 from your own office
(multiple participants OK;
individual registration necessary for
CEU’s)**

1.5 CEU’s available

Please send checks to the Chapter Office (or check our website and try out our new on-line registration capability!) if you can participate at the Chapter.

You must register with National NASW (on their website at www.socialworkers.org) to set up a separate line for the conference.

Consistent and successful medication treatment is vital for those living with chronic illnesses. The challenges faced by many include poverty, limited resources, the lack of access to information and/or the affects of stigma and discrimination. Using HIV/AIDS as a case study, the content will review:

- * factors affecting adherence,
- * the role of the mental health care provider in adherence,
- * the benefits of harm reduction strategies,
- * stages of behavior change to identify barriers and steps to adherence.

A holistic practice model will be reviewed as one step towards promoting culturally competent practice with clients/patients, their family, and within the broader communities affected by HIV/AIDS.

On-Line Membership Renewal

Easy access to the renewal process is now available on the National NASW website! Go to socialworkers.org and click on Member Center. Go to your personal data and follow the prompts. Saves you time and saves NASW time and money.

Also note that specialty journals are now available on-line. By choosing on-line rather than mailed journals, the fee is reduced to join the specialty practice section.

All students are automatically set-up to receive the Social Work Journal and NASW News on-line. An option to receive printed versions is available for a small fee.

Taking Safety Home: An Alternative Approach to the Treatment of Family Violence

This topical and controversial workshop provides a historical and political context to understand current limitations in the treatment of Family/Domestic Violence. The “*Taking Safety Home*” model will be presented; it involves both solution focused and systemic thinking.

Participants will learn skills for assessing when to and when not to work with couples and families as well as gaining techniques to enhance safety when treating couples, families, and individuals distressed by violence.

Jeff Goldman, Trainer
Friday, February 13, 2004
9:00 am until 4:00 pm
155 S Madison
First Floor Conference Room

\$80 NASW members
\$50 Students
\$100 non-members

6 CEU’s available

Please rsvp by contacting the Chapter Office at 303-753-8890 or by registering on-line at www.naswco.org.

*“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable,
but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.”*

George Bernard Shaw

Consultation Groups



Social Work Consultation Groups

Social Workers in private practice can benefit greatly by participating in a peer consultation group. By sharing with peers, participants can often reduce confusion, emotional fatigue or personal doubt regarding their caseload. Supervisors can also gain confidence in the supervisory process by sharing issues with peer supervisors.

The ideal number of participants in a consultation group is 5 –6. Groups greater than 8 may be too unwieldy and groups of 3 or less may not be effective.

The members should all be willing to work as a team to assist each other and be interested in participating on a regular basis. Although having similar client populations may be a goal, it is generally not necessary that all participants serve the same type of client, as the same ethical principles apply to all types of situations. Also, it is not mandatory that all participants have the same level of experience; a group with social workers from different backgrounds and years of practice may be enlightening.

Many consultation groups meet on a monthly basis. Setting a routine date/time (i.e., the third Wednesday at 4pm) is more productive than determining a new date for each meeting. The duration of the meeting should also be discussed. A larger group will demand a longer meeting! Typically, groups meet for 1 ½ - 2 hours.

During the group meeting, each social worker introduces individual clients or client families to the group, providing a context for each case. Or, supervision groups discuss issues related to supervisees and the process of supervision. Use of genograms for families can be effective. The Social Worker should address the following questions and issues, discussing client strengths and skills. What

do they do well? What are they proud of? What gives them a sense of self worth and satisfaction? Discuss what is difficult for them. What situations are high risk? What is the current pattern of trying to accomplish these tasks? Discuss barriers.

The social worker may then pose his/her own difficulties or concerns about the case and ask for suggestions and guidance. At times, it may be appropriate to have participants role play the situation! Participants alternate case presentations and all members should have an opportunity at each meeting to present any difficult cases they are encountering.

Use of outside speakers/facilitators may be considered on an ongoing or periodic basis, to introduce a certain topic, to add a different perspective, or to “facilitate.” The Chapter Office is available to help coordinate peer consultation groups around the State and to assist with identification of facilitators.

Peer Consultation:

Southeast Denver:

Linda Davis 303-480-8864,
Anne Patterson 303-341-9011,
Mona Shea 303-370-9460.

Lakewood/Arvada:

Bethanie Nelson 303-568-5906.

Supervision Consultation:

Boulder:

Kay Jones 303-473-9045

Call the Chapter Officer for other locations.

Alert: Hospital Social Workers

You might be aware that as a hospital social worker, you are now exempt from using mandatory disclosure statements. But, what do you know about recommendations made by DORA about requiring social workers to provide all their clients with the mandatory disclosure statement? The Legislature is getting ready to hear our Sunset Bill. Come to the Chapter Office to learn more and share your opinion. Meet other hospital social workers! Please share details about this meeting with your peers!

**Tuesday, January 13th
5-7pm at the Chapter Office**

HIPAA Compliance Forms

Many of our members (and many non-members) have ordered and received the packet of forms Colorado NASW has developed to help social workers be in compliance with HIPAA and State law. If you are interested in receiving these forms, please contact the Chapter Office 303-753-8890, or send us a check for \$25 (members) or \$35 (non-members.)

Volunteers Needed for Social Work Month Celebration

March is Social Work Month. We are starting to think about our Chapter-wide event. Volunteers are needed to plan our Chapter celebration. Most Branches are also planning their own events. Please contact the Chapter office if you like planning parties, have some good ideas or just want to get involved.

Mentors Needed



Mentors

Do you remember when you were a social work student and you had a lot of questions...about the profession, about the job market, about finding a good supervisor, about maintaining the idealism of making this a better world?

Current social work students could benefit from a mentor – an established social worker to act as a resource, a motivator, even as a confidante.

We are seeking people interested in creating a one-to-one relationship with a student. No prior mentoring experience is necessary. Requirements include a desire to make a difference for someone entering the field of social work, and a little bit of time.

If you are available to be a mentor, please contact the Chapter Office. We will match you with a student who has similar interests as you. Thank you for considering “giving” of yourself to help a student’s transition toward productive social worker experiences.

Metropolitan State College of Denver SASW is planning an “Open House” to celebrate Social Work Month on March 26th. It is tentatively scheduled between 4 and 6 p.m. Please contact Adam Alleman at aalleman@comcast.net if you are available to meet with students at the Open House and share your experiences of post-graduation social work. Alumni especially encouraged to attend.

Colorado NASW Mentor Questionnaire

Name: _____

Cities Available for in-person Mentoring: _____

1. What was the focus of your studies (i.e., clinical, administrative...)?

2. Describe your work history. What type of work environments have you experienced, what types of client population(s), describe your duties...

3. What are your social work passions?

4. Define your availability as a mentor.

a. Type of availability (check all that apply):

phone e-mail face-to-face

b. Frequency (check all that apply):

Weekly Biweekly Monthly As needed one-time only

5. Any other comments:

“What you do speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

NASW National News



The NASW Foundation is pleased to announce that applications for the 2004 – 2005 Ruth Fizdale Chapter Research Grant will be accepted December 15, 2003 through March 15, 2004. All NASW chapters are invited to apply. One grant in the amount of \$1,500 will be awarded in the 2004 – 2005 program year.

The [Ruth Fizdale Program](#) underwrites research projects that link practice and policy issues with relevant social issues. The objective is to facilitate effective service delivery and contribute to community life. The program provides opportunities for NASW Chapters to conduct pilot research projects targeted to a specific emerging issue. These pilot projects then may serve as cornerstones for developing more comprehensive research projects.

The NASW Foundation is also accepting applications for the 2004 – 2005 fellowship and scholarship awards December 15, 2003 through March 15, 2004. [Eligible NASW](#)

[members are invited to apply](#). We hope that you will **help us make this information available** to as many students as possible by posting information about the 2004 – 2005 fellowships and scholarships on your Web sites and in your newsletters. Thank you for your continued support.

➤ The **Jane B. Aron Doctoral Fellowship** is awarded to a social work doctoral candidate engaged in dissertation research in health care policy and practice. One \$2,000 fellowship will be awarded.

➤ The **Consuelo W. Gosnell Memorial MSW Scholarships** are awarded to master's degree candidates in social work interested in working with American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latino populations or in public and voluntary nonprofit agency settings. Up to 10 scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 will be awarded.

➤ The **Verne LaMarr Lyons Memorial MSW Scholarship** is awarded to a master's degree candidate in social work who demonstrates an interest in or has experience with health/mental health practice and has a commitment to working in the African American community. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

Please visit www.naswfoundation.org to learn more about these programs. E-mail inquiries may be sent to naswfoundation@naswdc.org or feel free to contact Kerri Criswell, 800-638-8799, ext. 211 or Bonita Williams, 800-638-8799, ext. 298.

NASWCO Co-Sponsor With Colorado Delegation

The National Association of Social Workers is a Co-Sponsor of the **March for Freedom of Choice** on April 25, 2004. The March promises to be one of the largest and most diverse public demonstrations in support of reproductive freedom in history. Only a large-scale march in our nation's capital can demonstrate the widespread support for choice, and send the message to our elected officials that we will not allow our freedoms to be taken away.

Roe v. Wade hangs in the balance in the Supreme Court by only one vote. The

attacks on a woman's right to choose are being waged in Congress and in State Legislatures across the country. Even here in Colorado, a dangerous anti-choice bill was passed in the final hours of the 2003 State Legislative Session. We are currently living in an environment where anti-choice forces control the Colorado State Legislature, the Governor's office, Congress and the Presidency.

NASW Colorado is a co-sponsor with the Colorado Delegation ("From the Mountains to the March") and our goal is to organize a

delegation of Colorado social workers (and family/friends) to travel to DC for the March. If you are interested in the march, you can find more information at the www.socialworkers.org website and while you're cruising the website, please sign up — either as a marcher or as a supporter.

If you are planning to go to the March, please let the Chapter office know so you can be connected to others from Colorado planning to attend.

Calendar of meetings and events

January 2004

January 1 and 2

Chapter Office Closed

January 7

Boulder Branch Breakfast

Susan Stephens, Speaker

Lucile's

2124 14th St, Boulder

9:00 am

January 9

Social Work Board Meeting

9:00 am

1560 Broadway, Denver

PACE Meeting, Chapter Office

12:00 noon

Practice Standards, Chapter Office

2:00 am

January 12

Job Support Network

10:00 am, Chapter Office

January 13

Hospital Social Worker Meeting

5:00 pm until 7:00 pm, Chapter Office

January 19

Office Closed

Martin Luther King Day

Children, Youth and Families Committee

4:30 - 6:30 pm, Tennyson Center

January 20

Boulder Private Practice Support Group

12:00 pm until 1:30 pm

1900 Folsom Street, Boulder

January 22

Denver Branch Happy Hour

5:30 pm

Canyon Cafe 2500 E First Avenue

January 24

Chapter Board Meeting

9:00 am -12:00 pm, Chapter Office

January 26

Job Support Network

10:00 am, Chapter Office

January 29

Audio Conference

"The Role of Social Work in Medication Advance"

12:00 pm until 1:30 pm, Chapter Office

January 31

Nominations for Social Work Awards Due!

February 2004

February 4

Boulder Lunch

Lorna Benton, Guest

Golden Lotus Restaurant

1964 28th St, Boulder

12:00 -1:30 pm

February 6

Practice Standards

Chapter Office

8:30 am

February 9

Job Support Network

10:00 am

Chapter Office

February 13

Workshop

"Taking Safety Home"

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

155 Madison, Denver

February 16

Office Closed

President's Day

February 17

Boulder Private Practice Network

1900 Folsom St., Suite 203

12:00 to 1:30 pm

February 23

Job Support Network

10:00 am

Chapter Office

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The Colorado Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers is a professional association that advocates for the promotion, development and protection of its members, the profession of social work and social work values.

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Special Notes:

Thank you to **Jacquelyn Stanton** for her many years of service on behalf of the organization.

Thank you to **Diana Rarich** for her willingness to step into the role of Interim-President until July 1, 2004. Also, for her continuing support and guidance to the Finance Committee.

Welcome to our new Board Members, **Timoteo Barajas, Kris Cambria, and Jena Kelly** as Metro Denver Branch Representatives.

And, congratulations to **Stacey Per** who is joining the Executive Committee as Co-Secretary.