

CONNECTIONS

July—September 2016

CT ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS & NASW/CT UNITE: FORM CT ALLIANCE FOR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS



The Connecticut Association of School Social Workers (CASSW) and National Association of Social Workers, CT Chapter (NASW/CT) are very pleased to announce the formation of the Alliance of School Social Workers

of NASW/CT. The Alliance, which has been in discussion for over a year, between CASSW and NASW/CT, creates a unified approach to the advancement and protection of school social work interests in Connecticut.

In the current environment of economic turmoil and political change, the pressures on students and their families have dramatically increased. These pressures have led to an increased need for school based mental health services. School social workers are the front line and leading responders to students and families in need of assistance. Given this challenging environment, school social workers are in need of greater support and advocacy. Combining the resources of CASSW and NASW/CT will most effectively deliver the assistance needed and strong voice required for these times.

CASSW brings to NASW/CT their expertise in school social work issues and the leadership of dedicated individuals who practice school social work. NASW/CT brings the advantage of strong organizational support, staffing, resources of 2,900 members within the association and successful experience at advocating for social work practice, including campaigns to protect school social workers positions.

The Alliance will provide school social workers with enhanced continuing education opportunities, information sharing, networking opportunities, and advocacy. The Network will also have its own pages on the NASW/CT chapter's website and featured articles in the chapter's newsletter. Both statewide and regional activities and support are envisioned which will bring school social workers together from various school districts. The Alliance will become an organizational member of the School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA) to ensure that Connecticut's school social workers have a voice in SSWAA and can take advantage of all the resources SSWAA has to offer. The Alliance will strengthen the voice of school social work within NASW/CT, the larger social work community, with the State Department of Education and throughout Connecticut's public school districts.

Over the summer the Alliance will be setting the groundwork for launching the Alliance's work. School social workers, and others interested in school social work, who would like to participate in the Alliance should contact Steve Karp at the NASW/CT office skarp@naswct.net or 860-257-8066 so that you will be notified of Alliance

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Kurt Fuchs, LCSW
President
Connecticut Chapter

Hello NASW-CT. My name is Kurt Fuchs and this is my first column as the President of our chapter. I am extremely grateful to have been elected to serve and represent the membership of our chapter - and our profession. But, before I launch into my very first column, I want to thank our outgoing president, Amy DiMauro for her dedicated service the past 2 years as president, her service on the Board of Directors prior to that and her continued volunteerism to be on the Finance Committee. I also want to thank our Executive Director, Steve Karp for his many years of dedicated service to being the voice of all social workers in Connecticut. His leadership of our chapter and the work he does on various committees through National ensures that we always have a fierce advocate for the profession. I have known and worked with Steve for the past 20 years and look forward to continuing to learn from him in my new role.

I became a member of NASW in 1989 when I was a student in the MSW program at Southern Connecticut State University. I joined then because it appealed to me to be part of something larger than myself - my only professional identity at that time was as a "mental health worker" and that was only because that was my official title at the psychiatric hospital at which I was working. The idea of being a social worker had only taken hold the year before when I took a couple of courses at SCSU as a non-matriculated student to see if social work "fit" for me. Twenty-seven years later I can easily say obtaining my MSW and becoming a social worker was one of the best decisions I ever made. I also learned that the values, ethics, ideals and scope of social work practice was a much more natural match to how I thought about individuals, communities and my relationship to the world in general.

There are several things I hope to accomplish as the president of our chapter. National has undertaken a complex and long

overdue "modernization" effort that will alter the structure of the organization in order to improve the financial efficiencies at the national and local chapter levels. There will be a great deal of time and effort dedicated to adjusting to the new structural relationships that will be the result of the modernization - but hey, we're social workers, change is what we do best. Right?

I want to significantly increase the number of members in our state and increase the number of members who get involved with chapter activities. The first step is to "get the word out" as to why being a member - and being involved with the chapter - is a valuable thing. So, if you are reading this, please encourage your colleagues who are members to become more involved with the chapter. And if you have colleagues who aren't members, please encourage them to join. The financial health of the association is directly tied to membership dues. Our clients have benefitted greatly from the staff's and lobbyists' efforts to protect the "safety net" as have many of our jobs.

Obtaining title protection is an area in which I hope we make significant strides in the next 2 years. It is critically important our clients know when they are receiving services from someone with the title of "Social Worker," that that individual has a degree specifically in social work and is committed to the values and ethics of our profession. We all suffer the consequences when there is negative news about a "social worker" who has not had the training and education associated with our degree. It would be terrifying to think that the "aerospace engineer" who designed the engines keeping the plane aloft on which I was flying was actually someone with a social work degree calling themselves an "engineer."

Our world today is faced with an incredible array of challenges. I have been trying to figure out a way to address the many episodes of violence our nation and world have experienced in the past several months. There are so many events to address just in the past week as I (re)write this. Thousands - probably more like millions - of words have already been written and spoken to try to place blame, understand cause and effect, correlate variables, invoke rage and anger, and to promise vengeance. I have no desire to add to any of those themes but I also feel incredibly inadequate in not being able to come up with any sage words of wisdom regarding the events and the relationship they have to our profession and daily practice - words are after all the primary tool of our trade.

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Summertime Breather?

I write this column two days before going on vacation for two weeks. This past program year at the chapter has been a full one. We sold out the annual conference for the first time ever and saw soaring attendance for many of our workshops. Our approval of outside organizations continuing education applications continues to grow. We completed our first full year with Social Work Examination Services as our vendor for the licensure preparation course, now offering the course five times per year (previously it was twice a year), and the feedback has been very good. The Connecticut Association of School Social Workers is joining NASW/CT to create a special interest group within the chapter. Financially the chapter has income greater than expenses for the third year in a row, another record! In many ways it has been a successful year for NASW/CT.

The program year also had some real challenging times. The staff went through the untimely death of our administrative assistant. The state budget is about as bad as I have ever seen, leading to a very difficult legislative session and passage of a budget that strikes at social services, including job losses for social workers. Membership went down a little, back up a little and ended the program year with a decrease of about 1.6%.

It all got me to thinking about the nature of our jobs as social workers. Whether you are a “micro” social worker, a “macro” social worker, or both (that really is what social work is, right?), our field is one where we have successes to celebrate and difficulties to endure. In this day of reduced resources to assist increased needs being a social worker is to be someone special. Ours is both a profession and a vocation. Some days you can go home feeling the high of making a difference in a person’s life, or an organization’s structure, or even a community’s functioning. Other days we may go home feeling worn out from the demands of the work and maybe even questioning the craziness that constitutes our job. Ours is a profession that combines perseverance with optimism and love of the work.

This all gets me to the title of this column, “Summertime Breather”. We all need a break that allows us to re-energize and restore our equilibrium. Here in the chapter office this summer may actually offer such an opportunity. Most of our committees are not meeting, phone calls and emails have slowed down a little and staff are finding time to take off. This is so important given the work we all do and I encourage

each of you to find that time and place to take a breath. Your work is of such tremendous value and you deserve time to care for oneself.

Of course, summer is not all relaxation, especially in an election year. Our political action committee, CT PACE, is working to develop a candidate questionnaire in preparation for making endorsements of candidates for state offices. At the same time National PACE has already begun to endorse candidates and will be supporting those members of our Congressional delegation that are up for re-election. Here in Connecticut we know of four social workers running for re-election to the CT Legislature and there are 2 others who we are aware of who are running for the first time. Having more social workers in the Legislature is one of our goals (there are currently four). Of particular importance is Representative Toni Walker, MSW, who is campaigning for the Majority Leader position in the House. If elected by the House members she will be the second highest ranking member of the House. Toni is a close friend of NASW who has supported our social justice issues and effectively advanced our professional agenda. I urge members to help her with donations and volunteer time. Once our endorsements are determined we will be reaching out to members for your help in electing our endorsed candidates.

I want to wrap up this column with a big thank you to our entire state congressional delegation for their strong leadership and commitment to passage of sensible gun control legislation. Senator Chris Murphy conducted a filibuster that forced a vote in the Senate. Representative Jim Himes led a walk-off on the House floor when the Republican leadership responded to the Orlando shootings with another moment of silence that was deafening by its lack of action to address gun violence. Representatives John Larson and Elizabeth Esty were amongst the leaders of a sit-in on the House floor. Representatives Rosa DeLauro and Joe Courtney have joined their colleagues in loudly speaking out for gun control measures that are supported by 90% of the public. I am so proud of our delegation! If you have not already done so please send them your thanks. Enjoy your summer.

Steve Karp, LMSW
Executive Director
Connecticut Chapter

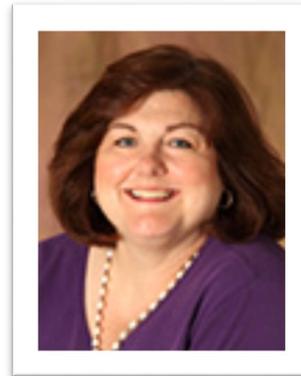


New NASW/CT Leaders Elected

NASW/CT is pleased to announce the election results for the chapter’s Board of Directors and Nominating Committee. Each new member’s term of office began on July 1st and runs for three years, except for student representatives who have one year terms. One-third of the Board is elected each year.

July 1st also began the presidential term of Kurt Fuchs who had been the President-Elect for the past twelve months. The Chapter had one vacancy on the Board of Directors for an At Large Member that we also filled.

An election was also held for the Chapter’s Nominations and Leadership Identification Committee with Matthew Somerville elected as the Region 3 Representative. The Nominating Committee is still seeking regional representatives for Region 1 (Greater Hartford /Northeastern CT) and Region 2 (Greater New Haven/Southeastern CT). Interested persons should contact Steve Karp at skarp@naswct.net. We thank all of the candidates who ran for an elected leadership position. (Not pictured is Cheryl Toth, Region 1 Representative).



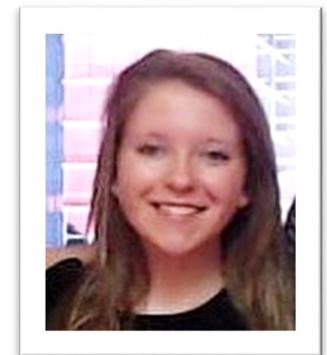
Beth Sharkey
Secretary



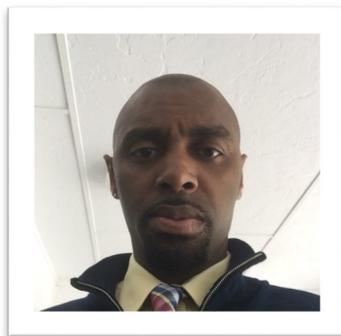
Michael Marshall
MSW Student Representative



Amy Myers
Region 2 Representative



Amanda Waine
BSW Student Representative



DeShawn Hawkins
Member At Large

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activities. The Alliance can only be as strong as its active members make it. We encourage members to step forward and support Alliance activities by offering your expertise. Short term and longer term commitments are both welcome. Please share your ideas with the Alliance’s steering committee.

To the best of our knowledge this is the first time that a state’s School Social Worker Association and a NASW Chapter have united in this fashion. It is a tribute to the leadership of both groups for their foresight in understanding the importance, value and strength of speaking with a unified voice on behalf of the practice of school social workers and the students and families whom they help.

Improve Medicare Beneficiaries' Access to Clinical Social Work Services Contact

BACKGROUND

Clinical social workers (CSWs) are the largest group of mental health services providers in the United States and are recognized by federal law as one of five core mental health professions¹

CSWs have a graduate degree (master's or doctorate) in social work, two years of postgraduate supervised experience in a clinical setting, and a clinical license in their state of practice. Third-party payers, including Medicare, reimburse CSWs for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness. CSWs use a holistic approach in providing mental health and other services to Medicare beneficiaries, focusing on biological, psychological, and social factors.

MEDICARE RESTRICTIONS AND REIMBURSEMENT ISSUES FOR CSWS

Access to Adequate Reimbursement Rates for CSWs:

CSWs are one of three mental health professions that provide psychotherapy services for Medicare beneficiaries. Medicare reimburses CSWs at only 75% of the rate reimbursed to psychiatrists and psychologists. This rate is even lower than the 85% other non-physician practitioners (such as physical therapists, physicians assistants, and occupational therapists) are reimbursed. This discrepancy deters CSWs from becoming Medicare providers and also makes it difficult to retain CSWs as Medicare providers, thereby decreasing Medicare beneficiaries' access to mental health services. Thus, the reimbursement for CSWs needs to be updated to the rate of 85% of the physician fee schedule.

Access to Mental Health Services for Residents of Skilled Nursing Facilities: When SNF consolidated billing was implemented, psychiatrists' and psychologists'

services were excluded from the Prospective Payment System (PPS), but clinical social worker services were not excluded. Thus, CSWs cannot be reimbursed as independent Medicare Part B providers for mental health services delivered to beneficiaries receiving skilled nursing facility (SNF) services under Medicare Part A.

This restriction limits continuity of mental health care for Medicare beneficiaries who transfer from a setting where they receive mental health services from a CSW to a SNF, where they cannot receive such services from their provider of choice. Such care transitions can occur even if the beneficiary is moved within the same building and even if a beneficiary remains in the same bed. The reimbursement restriction also impedes access to mental health care for beneficiaries who are not receiving mental health services from a CSW prior to SNF admission, but for whom a mental health need is identified during the SNF stay.



Senator Chris Murphy with Rose-Ann Wanczyk, LCSW and Stephen Karp, LMSW, Executive Director, NASW CT thanking the Senator for cosponsoring a NASW bill

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Access to Services That Help Medicare Beneficiaries Cope with Medical Conditions: Unlike psychologists, CSWs are unable to bill Medicare Part B for critical Health and Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) services that help Medicare beneficiaries with the emotional and psychosocial concerns that arise because of a medical condition (such as a diagnosis of cancer or congestive heart failure), and which are unrelated to a mental health condition. CSWs should have access to use the HBAI Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes and should be reimbursed by Medicare for services that benefit Medicare beneficiaries and that fall within CSWs' scope of practice under state licensure laws.

[Learn more about HBAI codes.](#)

LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION: SUPPORT THE IMPROVING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH ACT OF 2015, H.R. 3712

CSWs' work is at the heart of a strengthened mental health treatment system. NASW/CT urges Connecticut's Representatives to cosponsor and support the Improving Access to Mental Health Act of 2015 (H.R.

3712). This legislation, introduced by Representative Lee, enhances Medicare beneficiaries' access to mental health services in three ways:

- ensures beneficiaries' access to CSWs by increasing the Medicare reimbursement rate for CSWs to 85% of the physician fee schedule rate.
- ensures SNF residents' access to CSWs by excluding CSW services from SNF consolidated billing.
- ensures beneficiaries' access to Health and Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) services provided by CSWs.

Connecticut's two senators are already co-sponsors of the Senate version of the bill. **Now we are seeking to have our House delegation co-sponsor the House version. Please contact our House delegation by using this link**

<http://cqrcengage.com/socialworkers/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=137014> **Ask them to join our senators in becoming co-sponsors of the Improving Mental Health Access Act of 2015.** Heisler, E.J., & Bagalman, E. (2015). The mental health workforce: A primer. Retrieved from Congressional Research Service website: <http://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R43255.pdf>

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE DONATED TO THE 2016 ADVOCACY FUND

We thank Kathleen Brown who donated to the chapter's 2016 Advocacy Fund. All donations go directly to NASW/CT's lobbying at the Legislature and with the Malloy Administration. This reflects donations received since our last newsletter thru June 30, 2016.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS TO THE TITLE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN

As we launch our campaign for protecting the title of Social Worker we thank our early supporters who have initiated our fundraising efforts!

Kathleen Brown

Jo-Ann Dorn



NEW MEMBERS

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National Association of Social Workers reacts to Orlando Massacre

Association calls for gun control laws, gun deaths to be treated as public health threat, and end to culture of hate

June 17, 2016—WASHINGTON, D.C. The nation awoke on June 12 to the worst case of a single person committing mass murder with a gun in its history. A gunman killed 49 people and injured more than 50 at Pulse, an Orlando nightclub that serves a predominately LGBTQ clientele. Most of the victims were also Latino.

Compounding such a horrific loss of life is the fact the man who committed the murders may have been motivated by a complex mix of ISIL-inspired terrorism, anger toward American culture, bigotry, homophobia and internalized self-hatred because he may have had gay tendencies. He also had legal access to assault weapons with high capacity magazines. All of this formed a lethal combination.

However, as disturbing as the Orlando massacre was, it was only one of 91 gun-related mass murders in 2016 alone (mass murder is defined as four or more victims including the gunman). Moreover, within the last 10 years, there have been 371 deaths from mass gun shootings. Overwhelmingly, the shooters' weapons of choice were high-powered, semi-automatic assault guns and rifles.

As seen in the massive loss of life and injuries at the Orlando nightclub, such weapons are meant to inflict death or devastating wounds. Without easy access to assault weapons, it is unlikely the carnage of Orlando, Sandy Hook or Virginia Tech would have left so many dead and maimed.

This tragedy should be seen as both terrorism and a hate crime, just as the mass murder of nine black members of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina was a hate crime. All of which adds another dimension to developing strategies for greatly reducing mass shootings in the United States. There are concrete steps that public officials and the public at large can take to reduce the frequency of such disasters:

1. As a country, we must recognize that mass shootings are only a fraction of gun violence in the United States and we must look at gun violence in its totality. More than 35,000 people die each year from guns from a range of incidents including suicides, inner-city violence and accidents. Children between the ages of 5 and 14 in the United States are also 17 times more likely to be murdered by firearms

than children in other industrialized nations.

2. Federal, state and local officials must approach gun violence, including mass shootings, as a public health emergency similar to how we are reacting to the opioid/heroin crisis. Such a declaration would prompt a national mobilization to prevent gun violence and greatly reduce the number of victims of gun violence.
3. Embracing a public health approach to gun violence would also necessitate more research on the causes and population-based impact and result in recommendations for addressing the crisis.
4. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) recommends Congress lift the ban that prevented the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) from initiating research on gun violence, and should authorize funding for such comprehensive studies.
5. Sensible gun laws must be implemented, especially those that restrict access to assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines.
6. The country must change the culture of hate that now proliferates in social media, radio and on cable television. The Orlando massacre was driven by hate just like the mass shooting at Emmanuel AME Church and the shooting of six Sikhs in Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

NASW offers its condolences to the family and friends of the victims and the survivors. We also empathize with the pain of members of the LGBTQ community, which has experienced yet another hate attack. It is up to all Americans to stand up for an end to mass murders and all forms of gun violence. It is also up to all Americans to recognize that hate speech and intolerance are the precursors to hate crimes.

Social justice organizations must become proactive in advocating for sensible gun laws such as a ban on assault weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines, as well as strengthening background checks for gun purchasing. Organizations must also support Congress lifting the ban on CDC's ability to conduct research on gun violence, and ensuring they have sufficient funds to carry out comprehensive research.

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I was further upset with myself when I realized in the past month that I had stopped listening to and reading about the violent attacks that have been happening at home and abroad. I figured as a social worker I should be right on top of this information so that I can discuss its meaning in broader contexts with my clients and other professionals. And then a client reminded me why I was having such a hard time when she started to talk about how hard it must be for parents who have children in the military – especially in this election year where the rhetoric is flowing loudly and constantly. So, a lightbulb moment occurred. I have 2 sons. My oldest son works for the government and lives near Washington, D.C. – which always has to be considered a “target.” My youngest son is in active service in the Military and while not currently deployed, can be at any moment. It suddenly became clear to me that I was avoiding the news out of my own fear for my children.

We are really, really good at taking care of other people – that’s probably a common characteristic to most, if not all of the folks in our field. We may not be so good at taking care of ourselves, though. I was really on top of checking in with my clients to see how the violence occurring around the world was affecting them, either vicariously or directly. I was keen on listening for its effects even when clients told me that it wasn’t having an overly adverse effect and curious about how the ability to cope with those events could be extrapolated and modified for use with other emotional issues they are/were facing. I was careful in monitoring my own internal struggles I was having with the events – even though I was at times unaware as to the depth of my own fear – to make sure I was providing help and not using the sessions to get help. I am sure I was doing everything “by the book” as far as conducting my therapy sessions was concerned.

This leads to my final plea – at least for this column. I will harp for the next 2 years on us becoming much, much better at taking care of ourselves. I began remembering some things from my past 31 years in this field as I was reviewing my own journey through the denial I described above. I have worked in many settings and with many, many different people and personalities. I have been the recipient of extraordinary compassion when struggling with difficult situations as well as seen compassion and support being offered to others. I have also unfortunately heard administrators and other professionals take the position that it is somehow “weak”

to ask for help with difficult situations and /or that we should be able to get over things without additional support because it was “our choice to get into this field.”

I have seen and heard about too many of our colleagues “burn out” from the stress of working far too many hours, with far too many clients, for far too little pay. If you are doing direct care and struggling, please find someone compassionate and supportive to ask for additional help. If you are an administrator reading this, please evaluate whether you or your managers can do anything at all to additionally support your staff during these violent and tragic times – and at all other times as well.

Finally, please accept my thanks and appreciation for all of the hard work you do on a daily basis on behalf of your clients and know that the chapter will continue to fiercely advocate on behalf of all social workers and the clients we serve.

Social Workers needed for Study

You are invited to participate in a research study entitled *“Coping Skills and Self-Care Practices Using the Constructive Self-Development Theory to Examine Vicarious Trauma among Therapists Treating Traumatized Populations”*.

The purpose of this study is to examine how coping skills and self-care moderate the effect of vicarious trauma among helping professionals who work with trauma victims.

All clinical social workers are invited to contact Annette Zaccari, Doctoral Student with Walden University at amzaccari@prodigy.net for further information and informed consent. Participation is anonymous.

Spirituality & Energy Medicine: Healing Through the Mind, Body, and Spirit

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October 1, 15, 22, 29 (No Class Columbus Day Weekend)

Cost: \$250.00 (including Certificate)

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Managing your Private Practice: For Social Workers Looking to Start or Enhance a Private Practice

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Saturday, October 22, 2016

9AM – 12PM (Registration and coffee from 8:30AM – 9AM)

Holiday Inn Express, 278 Old Gate Lane, Milford, CT 06460

Hosted by the NASW Clinical Social Workers Network

Presented by private practitioner, Patricia Carl-Stannard, LCSW, ACSW with over 18 years of private practice experience and Ginna Swan, a claim specialist and sole proprietor of MedDirect, LLC, in Cromwell, serving mental health offices in Connecticut and New Jersey. This workshop has been offered several times in various parts of the state to rave reviews! Fee includes morning coffee and tea, handouts, and a continuing education certificate.

\$50 for NASW Members, \$80 for Non-Members Approved for 3 CECs

Serving Post 9/11 Veterans in the Community: What you Need to Know

Friday, November 4, 2016

9:00AM—11:30AM

Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic

Presented by Sharon Young, PhD, LCSW and Jennifer Lewis, LCSW

Registration for this event opening at the end of September



NASW Email Transition Announcement

Effective July 1st, the NASW/CT staff became national NASW staff. This was first announced to you through Steve Karp's "Executive Director's Column" from last quarter's newsletter.

During the next few months, we will be changing our email accounts as part of the modernization plan that is aimed at making sure that the association is a member centered as we can possibly be.

The use of a consistent email address will contribute to reducing network expenses while promoting social workers in all email communications, and unifying the NASW brand.

The national IT staff will be working with each chapter separately to convert their emails. As this project develops, we will communicate necessary updates.



Here is a list of our FUTURE email addresses:

Steve Karp, Executive Director:

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Nicole LePore, Bookkeeper:

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Cara Carroll, Administrative Assistant:

Ccarroll.naswct@socialworkers.org

Please continue to use our existing email addresses. There will be a period of time where we will overlap both new and old emails. We will communicate to you when all old email addresses will be closed. If you have any questions about this transition, please contact Cara Carroll at ccarroll@naswct.net or 860-257-8066.

Social Workers Rollin' on the River



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Awards Dinner

November 3, 2016

at the

Inn at Middletown

70 Main Street, Middletown, CT

Submit your Nominations by September 19, 2016!

Ethics Corner

The chapter's Ethics Committee will be asking questions through this newsletter to encourage dialogue amongst members. The question for this edition is:

"Given the reality that as a country we need to become aware of acts of terrorism in our lives and how it relates to our profession as social workers, what are some of the major concerns on how we move forward in helping the oppressed, under-served and vulnerable who have belief systems other than our own?"

Comments can be sent to Steve Karp at skarp@naswct.net and will be shared with the members of our Ethics Committee.



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CO-DIRECTOR OF THE
PHD PROGRAM AND
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

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September 19, 2016
5:30 - 7:00 PM

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Call For Nominations

NASW/CT ANNUAL AWARDS 2016

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD ∞ SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR
STUDENT OF THE YEAR, MSW & BSW ∞ EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR ∞ PUBLIC CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Connecticut Chapter of NASW annually honors individuals who have made valuable contributions to the social work profession. Anyone who appreciates a Social Worker is eligible to make a nomination. NASW/CT's 2016 Annual Awards Dinner Committee considers all the nominations and the selected honorees are recognized at the Annual Dinner. The awards give the Chapter an opportunity to show appreciation to the members of the profession who exemplify the commitment, spirit, advocacy, and integrity of a social worker. Those wishing to resubmit past nominations are encouraged to do so.

Criteria For Awards

The **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT** award is given to a person having a career-long history of exemplary performance representing the mission of social work. She/he should be a role model to other social workers.

The **SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR** should have made a recent outstanding contribution to the profession. She/he should demonstrate exceptional qualities that make her/him exceed the expectations of her/his job.

The **STUDENT OF THE YEAR**, either a MSW or a BSW student, should have an above average academic record in addition to having made noteworthy contributions to the professional community beyond the expectations of the field experience. *May include students who graduated in 2016.*

The **EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR** award is given to an educator who has excelled in the field of social work education.

The **LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR** award is given when a legislator demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to social and economic justice.

The **PUBLIC CITIZEN OF THE YEAR** award is given to someone who is not a member of the social work profession but who has advanced the profession's aims and ideals.

All nominees must:

- Be a member of NASW/CT in good standing (with the exception of the Public Citizen of the Year and the Legislator of the Year); demonstrate notable ability to take a leading role in contributing to the growth and development of the social work profession; and stimulate the contributions of others.
- Contribute to the positive image of the social work profession.
- Effectively integrate experience and education to promote the development of social work practice to meet human needs.
- Represent the professional ethics of social workers as defined in the [NASW Code of Ethics](#).
- Demonstrate a willingness to take risks for improved social services.

To Submit Nominations

Send to: NASW/CT, 2139 Silas Deane Highway, Suite 205, Rocky Hill, CT 06067

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by 9/19/16

Nominations should include:

- A statement explaining why you are nominating the individual AND the award for which the candidate is being nominated. (Please include clear and specific description of the nominee's outstanding contributions)
- Supporting documentation (i.e. letters of support from colleagues, newspaper clippings, AND her/his resume or c.v.).
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