



UNCG Gerontology Research Network

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lunch and Learn Series Canceled

-Reminder that there will not be a Lunch and Learn Series speaker on Monday **May 3rd, 2010**.

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Fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association

On **Thursday, May 6** from 5:30 – 8:30pm at Morningview Assisted Living located at 3200 N. Elm Street in Greensboro there will be a silent auction and pig pickin' fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association.

-WXII Meteorologist, Lanie Pope, will be the guest speaker.

-For more information you can contact Erin at 336-545-3444.

Community Forum - "The Nearing Death Experience"

-Tuesday, **May 11, 2010** Noon - 1:30 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall 2380 Cloverdale Ave, Winston-Salem

-You may have heard stories of people having inexplicable visions or dreams near the end of life. Are these experiences real or imagined? What do they mean? How does one make meaning of such spiritual experiences?

-Rev. Meghan McSwain, MS, MDiv, BCCC, chaplain with Hospice & Palliative CareCenter, will review literature and experiential data as she explores the nearing death experience.

-Lunch will be available for \$8.

-Please RSVP to the Community Partnership Line at 336-768-6157, ext 1622, or tomarilyn.barneycastle@hospicecarecenter.org.

A Matter of Balance Coach Training

-Matter of Balance Coach Training to be held in Durham on **May 24th and 26, 2010** each day 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

-Location: Council for Senior Citizens, 406 Rigsbee Avenue, #45, Durham, NC 27701

-Space is limited to 12 persons interested in training older adults within this Evidence- Based program

-TO REGISTER OR FOR QUESTIONS regarding the program, please contact Jane Armstrong: Email: jarmstrong@tjcog.org or call 919.558.9341 (office) or 548-0016 (cell)

- Co-Master trainers leading the sessions: Dr. Kathy Shipp and Jean Bridges, Duke University

- Sponsored by: Triangle J Area Agency on Aging and the Master trainers

Living Healthy Workshop *Flyer Attached*

-Living Healthy is a workshop that will help you take control of your ongoing health condition rather than letting it control you!

-If you have diabetes, arthritis, heart disease, COPD, fibromyalgia, or any other chronic disease, Living Healthy is for you. By attending this workshop one time per week for 6 weeks, you will learn how to:

- Manage symptoms
- Communicate effectively with your doctor and other health care professionals
- Lessen your frustration
- Fight fatigue
- Build your confidence
- Make daily tasks easier
- AND...Get more out of life!

-For more information about Living Healthy, or to register for a workshop please call Lindsey at Senior Resources of Guilford at 373-4816

Celebrating Lives through Person-centered Practices

Person-centered conference, "Celebrating Lives through Person-centered Practices" is scheduled for **May 26, 2010** from 8am-3:30pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Greensboro, NC.

Among the topics for the breakout sessions are:

- * Grandma Stole My Ipad: Technology and Person-Centered Practices
- * Overview of the MH/DD/SA Planning Process
- * MDS 3.0 Update: Person-Centered Care in Nursing Homes
- * The Purpose Triangle: Aligning Values with Work
- * 1 Life, 1 Page, 1 Heck of a Great Tool! Using 1-Page Descriptions Every Day
- * Painting Caregivers and Communities into the Person-Centered Picture
- * Developing and Maintaining Person-Centered Learning Communities
- * Capturing What Matters: Person-Centered Tools for Individual Planning
- * Keeping the Fires Burning: Person-Centered Learning Communities

For a registration form and additional details, go to <http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/May26flier&form.pdf>

PTCOG: Area Agency on Aging's 2010 professional conference *Sponsorship Form Attached*

-Plans are well under way for the Area Agency on Aging's 2010 professional conference "Aging in the Piedmont Triad: Forecasting the Future" to be held on **September 22-23** at the Emerald Event Center in Greensboro. While the conference program is still "under construction," an exciting line-up of speakers has already been confirmed including:

- Keynote speaker, Lanie Pope, WXII-12 News
- Sept. 22nd Luncheon speaker, John Hart, author
- Sept. 23rd Luncheon speaker, Dr. Charles Petty, motivational speaker

-The full conference registration brochure will be completed by early summer.

-In the meantime, **we are seeking agencies/organizations who are interested in sponsoring this year's event.** Thank you in advance for your support.

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2011 Class of the Senior Leadership Enhancement Initiative

-The UNC Institute on Aging is now accepting applications for the 2011 Class of the Senior Leadership Enhancement Initiative. This program is sponsored by the Institute with support provided by AARP-NC.

-The Senior Leadership Initiative recognizes the importance of older adult leadership in addressing issues affecting senior citizens. The initiative provides opportunities for candidates to broaden their understanding of aging in North Carolina, develop their leadership skills through an individualized learning agreement, participate in a leadership project, and participate in training made available through the Institute on Aging.

-To learn more and to download the 2011 application go to: <http://www.aging.unc.edu/seniorleaders/apply.html>

-Applications for are due by **May 28, 2010**.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Job Opportunity *Job Description Attached*

The Center for Volunteer Caregiving, (www.ctrvolcare.org) located in Cary, NC is seeking applications for the position of Transportation Coordinator. This position will be posted until **May 31, 2010** or until filled. Resumes may be sent to Lynn Templeton, Executive Director at ltempleton@ctrvolcare.org.

Scholarship Opportunity *Information Attached*

-The Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging has established a Scholarship to be awarded to a college student interested in pursuing a career in Gerontology or Geriatrics. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in the fall of 2010.

-The complete application package (application, essay and transcript) should be submitted no later than **May 28, 2010**. We plan to award three scholarships for \$1,000 each. Each scholarship recipient will receive a check prior to the fall semester. The scholarship recipients will also be recognized during the awards luncheon at the SE4A Annual Conference in Louisville on September 27.