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ANNOUNCEMENTS

By Dr. Janice Wassel

- Welcome to the first Weekly GRN Bulletin for the Gerontology Research Network. The positive response to the weekly news bulletin has been impressive. Please share the GRN newsletter and events with others and let us know if there is someone who isn't getting the newsletter, and we will make certain to add them to the list. Just a few items that I'd like to bring to your attention:
- I'd like to welcome **Dr. Linda Buettner** as co-chair of GRN and thank you, Lin, for your commitment to the Gerontology Research Network. We are looking for other volunteers for a GRN working committee. We anticipate an increased role for GRN in representing the network's given discussions on the university's structural changes. Please email either Dr. Buettner at [lbuettn@uncg.edu](mailto:lbuettn@uncg.edu) or me at [jiwassel@uncg.edu](mailto:jiwassel@uncg.edu) if you are interested in participating in the GRN committee.
- Next, please circulate **Dr. Richard Taylor's** flyer widely (see attached)! Already the response has been incredible. Students are most welcome to his presentation as are those in the community.
- We have a new graduate student editing the newsletter. Sarah Johnson will be collecting information for the GRN, updating information and sending out communications to the committee. Sarah will be emailing the GRN newsletter Wednesday mornings when the university is in session. She is looking for information and events for the GRN Bulletin and for the monthly Noteworthy. Please get information to her at [shjohns2@uncg.edu](mailto:shjohns2@uncg.edu) by 9 a.m. on Tuesdays for placement in that week's bulletin. Occasionally each of us becomes aware of an event or news that needs to be circulated immediately. Please make Sarah aware of the short deadline for those events so that she may circulate the information in a timely fashion.
- The North Carolina Conference on Aging (additional information below) will be held in Durham, October 13-15, 2010. The conference has been named the **Governor's Conference on Aging**. Governor Perdue is calling North Carolinians to help shape the future of this great state. The governor's staff is expected to have a strong presence at the conference; therefore it is critical for UNCG be highly represented if we want to be noticed and have a voice in her plans for North Carolina. Please try to attend and encourage your students with interests in aging to also attend.
- Finally, the **Southern Gerontological Society's** annual meeting will be in Raleigh, NC April 14-17, 2011. As the current president of SGS, I personally invite you to submit an abstract to the annual meeting, *The New Aging Enterprise*. The paper call may be found at <http://www.southerngerontologicalsociety.org/sgs/annualmeeting/index.asp> Deadline is Oct 1, 2010. SGS represents over 14 states and is an excellent networking opportunity for faculty, students and those working in the community. Please support SGS by submitting your abstracts, as it would be wonderful for UNCG faculty and their students to present the amazing research conducted at UNCG.



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By Dr. Linda Buettner

## Presentation: "Alzheimer's from the Inside Out." \*Flyer Attached\*

- Presented by Richard Taylor, Ph.D., a psychologist who has had the diagnosis of dementia probably of the Alzheimer's type for the past seven years. This diagnosis, along with his advanced training in psychology and counseling, make him an especially powerful advocate for people with Alzheimer's Disease. His goal is to create a supportive community where accurate information about Alzheimer's Disease is shared and actions are taken to improve the dignity and quality of life for people who are affected by dementia. Through this, he hopes to change the way that individuals, countries, and the world view and respond to dementia.

Dr. Taylor will provide practical tips, philosophical musings and a call to action! He will read from his book, which highlights the challenges in coming to terms with one's identity following a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease. His book is a strong reminder to physicians and care providers alike of the importance of open and honest communication, and is evidence that people can maintain their sense of dignity and self-worth despite such a diagnosis. He will also sign copies of his book for those interested. Bring your copy!

Attendance to all presentations are free and open to all. Parking available at Oakland Deck. Reservations are not required, but are appreciated. RSVP (only if you DO plan to attend) to Lori Kerr, [lakerr@uncg.edu](mailto:lakerr@uncg.edu), or 336-256-1020.

Wednesday, September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 Dr. Taylor's Schedule	
o	10am-12pm—Dr. Taylor to speak in RPM 231 Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation class in the HHP Building
o	Noon-3pm—Open to All Brown Bag Lunch with Dr. Taylor in the Dean's Conference Room, Room 400B, in the Health and Human Performance (HHP) Building on campus.
o	5:00pm-6:30pm, he will be doing a presentation with the Gerontology Research Network at the Virginia Dare Room in the Alumni House of UNCG, 404 College Avenue, Greensboro, NC, phone number 336.334.5696. Attendance is Free.

## NEWS – LOCAL

### Aging Boot Camp. \*Flyer Attached\*

On Wednesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00am to 4:30pm, and on Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010 from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Location: Western Piedmont Council of Governments; 736 4th St SW, Hickory, NC 28602. Lunches and refreshments are included in the registration fee.

- Hosted by The North Carolina Association on Aging, it is a popular orientation program that is most appropriate for brand new employees in the aging network, or for others interested in a basic understanding of aging issues and services.
- Registration for Association Members is \$60, for non-members it is \$75.
- Registration forms need to be received at PO Box 10341, Raleigh, NC 27605-0341 by October 29th. Register early to assure your place; only 30 slots are available. If you plan to register and bring your registration fee to the Boot Camp, please indicate this on the registration form. Faxing registration forms is discouraged because we cannot guarantee they have been received; however, you may email an electronic version of the registration form to: [bill\\_lamb@unc.edu](mailto:bill_lamb@unc.edu). For more information, call: 828-322-9191.



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### UNCG Health Literacy Counsel

- Hosted by the North Carolina Health Literacy Council, it is on September 21-22 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 204 Centreport Drive, Greensboro, NC 27409. Phone number: (336) 668-4535.
- Are you interested in the correlation between research and practice when working towards eliminating the challenge of low health literacy? Registration is open for physicians, nurses, clinicians, educators, researchers, administrators, public health employees, graduate students and others interested in health literacy. Cost is \$175.
- To RSVP or for more information, please visit [nchealthliteracy.uncg.edu](http://nchealthliteracy.uncg.edu), [www.uncg.edu/csr](http://www.uncg.edu/csr), or contact Kristen Stout at [kbstout@uncg.edu](mailto:kbstout@uncg.edu) or (336) 334-4660.

### Upcoming Special Events Relating to Alzheimer’s Disease:

- *What:* 100 mile police-escorted charity motorcycle ride  
*When:* Saturday, September 18 (Coincides with the Southern Pines Memory Walk)  
*Where:* Begins at Pine Knoll campus in Southern Pines, NC, and ends at Belle Meade of St. Joseph of the Pines  
 For more information, call Jeralie Andrews at 910.246.1139, or visit the website: [http://www.alz.org/northcarolina/in\\_my\\_community\\_20012.asp](http://www.alz.org/northcarolina/in_my_community_20012.asp).
- *What:* 65 mile fun poker rally for cool vintage and classic cars through Mecklenburg, Cabarrus and Rowan counties  
*When:* Saturday, November 13, 2010 (coincides with the Charlotte Memory Walk)  
*Where:* Begins at Symphony Park at Southpark and ends at the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer, NC for lunch. Stops along the route include the Willow Grove Retirement Living, NC Research Campus and the VA Medical Center.  
 For more information, visit the website above.
- **Memory Walk 2010” has begun.** These “Walks to End Alzheimer’s Disease” are held in every state across the nation, and are done throughout the year.  
 For more information, and to participate in networking in relation to increasing your team size or to raise more money, visit the website: <http://www.alz.org/memorywalk/overview.asp?memory=homepageflash>.

Memory Walks	<i>Find a Memory Walk Near You</i>
	High Point-September 11
	Southern Pines- September 18
	Burlington- September 25
	Winston-Salem- September 25
	Monroe- October 2
	Lake Junaluska- October 3
	Troutman- October 16
	Mountain Area (Asheville)- October 23
	Charlotte- November 13

If interested in walking or sponsoring a team, contact Jenna Schwartzmeyer at (704) 532-5282 or [Jenna.Schwartzmeyer@alz.org](mailto:Jenna.Schwartzmeyer@alz.org)



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## Continuing Professional Development

The complete calendar of CARES (Center for Aging Research and Educational Services) training events for 2010-2011 is now posted on our website, <http://ssw.uncg.edu/cares/trnall.htm>. The Center is open for membership for all professionals in Social Work, but they also cater to the needs of all human services providers who work with NC's older adult population and their families.

List of Training/ Continuing Education Sessions—open for all working with NC's older adult population or their families, not just for social workers. Website is: <http://ssw.uncg.edu/cares/trnall.htm#gmh>. Register on line at [NCSWLearn.org](http://NCSWLearn.org)

<i>Title of Session</i>	<i>Date of Session</i>	<i>Location of Session</i>	<i>Participants Allowed</i>	<i>Registration Fee</i>	<i>Website of Session</i>
<b>Ongoing Professional Training for Human Services Workers in Aging</b>					
Developing Effective Helping Relationships	September 29-30, 2010	Sylva, NC	25	\$40	<a href="http://ssw.uncg.edu/cares/dehr10-11.pdf">http://ssw.uncg.edu/cares/dehr10-11.pdf</a>
	March 29-30, 2011	Burlington, NC			
Effective Social Work Practice in Adult Services	October 27-29 and November 17-19, 2010	Washington, NC	25	\$65	<a href="http://ssw.uncg.edu/cares/core10-11.pdf">http://ssw.uncg.edu/cares/core10-11.pdf</a>
	February 1-3 and 15-17, 2011	Dallas, NC			
	May 3-5 and 17-19	Asheville			
Effective Supervision and Management in Adult Services	Module 1: <i>Developing Your Workforce</i> : May 23-26, 2011	Burlington, NC	20	\$80 per event	<a href="http://ssw.uncg.edu/cares/Sup10-11.pdf">http://ssw.uncg.edu/cares/Sup10-11.pdf</a>
	Module 2: <i>Working with the Community</i> : June 13-16, 2011	Burlington, NC			



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A Multidisciplinary Look at Geriatric Mental Health—tentative dates	October and November (4 days), 2010	Raleigh, NC	25	\$80	None available yet.
	March and April (4 days), 2011	Raleigh, NC			
Serious Mental Illness	March, 2011	Hickory, NC	25	\$40	<a href="http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/smi10-11.pdf">http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/smi10-11.pdf</a>
	April, 2011	Brevard, NC			
Working with Older Adults	February, 2011	Asheboro, NC	25	\$40	<a href="http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/wwoa10-11.pdf">http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/wwoa10-11.pdf</a>
	May, 2011	Chapel Hill, NC			
<b>Advanced Topics in Social Work Practice</b>					
Beginning with the End in Mind: Refining Your Skills in Termination.	January 26, 2011,	North Wilkesboro, NC Pinehurst	25	\$20	<a href="http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/term10-11.pdf">http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/term10-11.pdf</a>
	March 24, 2011				
Ethics in Everyday Practice.	January 13, 2011	Winston-Salem, NC	25	\$20	<a href="http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/ethics10-11.pdf">http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/ethics10-11.pdf</a>
	March 9	Chapel Hill, NC			
Substance Use and Older Adults	January 19, 2011	Sanford, NC	25	\$20	<a href="http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/subab10-11.pdf">http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/subab10-11.pdf</a>
	February 11,	Bolivia, NC			
Cognitive Impairments: It's Not Just Alzheimer's.	October 19-20, 2010	Bayboro, NC	25	\$40	<a href="http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/cogdis10-11.pdf">http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/cogdis10-11.pdf</a>
	April 27-28, 2011	Statesville			
	June 1-2, 2011	Boone			



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## NEWS - STATE

### Governor's Conference on Aging

- On October 13-15<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center.
  - For more information, please visit <http://www.aging.unc.edu/ncco/> or contact Diane Wurzinger at 919-843-2647 or [diane\\_wurzinger@unc.edu](mailto:diane_wurzinger@unc.edu).
  - General topics will include "Health and Aging"; "Economics of Aging"; "Access and Choice in Services and Supports"; "Lifelong Engagement and Contributions" "Homes and Neighborhoods", and "Safe Communities."
  - The Deadline for the Special Block Room Rate of \$105/night plus tax is September 14<sup>th</sup>. Make your reservation today at <http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=0912296839&key=8A26B> or by calling (919) 941-5050 and asking for the NC Conference on Aging block room rate.
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## NEWS - NATIONAL

- **Gerontological Society of America** early bird registration ends September 1!!!! **Information at [www.geron.org](http://www.geron.org)**
  - **Late Breaker Poster Deadline Approaches**  
GSA invites you to submit an abstract for the [Late Breaker Poster Session](#) at the upcoming [63rd Annual Scientific Meeting](#). The deadline is September 15. This is an opportunity to present your newest and previously unreported research results. The session is a coordinated effort by GSA's Biological Sciences and Health Sciences Sections, and the Research, Education, and Practice Committee. Please carefully read all submission instructions.
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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

- *Caregiving for Veterans*  
Over 10% of adult North Carolinians are veterans. Of those, just over a quarter have a disability, according to the American Community Survey estimates for 2005-2007, the most recent available. While a majority of these veterans with disabilities are from the era of World War I, II, and Vietnam, there is also a growing number of wounded veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan.
- The National Alliance for Caregiving has created an online survey of the family caregivers of veterans at <http://www.caregiving.org/>. If you are caring for a veteran or know or work with someone who does, take the survey or encourage them to do so.

### TrialMatch Launched at AAICAD

- AAICAD stands for "Alzheimer's Association International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease." It is the world's largest conference of its kind, bringing together researchers from around the world to report and discuss groundbreaking research and information on the cause, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders
- As a part of the Alzheimer's Association's research program, AAICAD serves as a catalyst for generating new knowledge about dementia and fostering a vital, collegial research community.
- The Alzheimer's Association has launched the Alzheimer's Association TrialMatch™, a confidential and free interactive tool that provides comprehensive clinical trial information and an individualized trial matching service for people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.
- More than 100 clinical studies in Alzheimer's and dementia are currently taking place and dozens more experimental compounds are moving from the laboratory to clinical testing. For people with Alzheimer's and their caregivers, clinical trials present an opportunity to play a more active role in their own treatment, and ultimately contributing to scientific discovery and benefiting future generations.
- Learn more about TrialMatch™ by calling 800-272-3900 or visit this website: [http://www.alz.org/research/clinical\\_trials/find\\_clinical\\_trials\\_trialmatch.asp](http://www.alz.org/research/clinical_trials/find_clinical_trials_trialmatch.asp).