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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Invitation from the President of the Southern Gerontological Society: Dr. Janice I. Wassel

- Southerners have a proud history of taking care of each other and their older adults. The Southern Gerontological Society shares those same values.
- For over THREE decades, the Southern Gerontological Society has focused on improving the lives of older adults. SGS has focused on sharing research and training with those in the aging network in the community, policy, government, business and academia arenas to improve the quality of care, delivery of services, and lives of older adults who reside in the South.
- I am writing to make you aware of the current paper call for the 2011 SGS annual meeting and the special student award for a North Carolina student at our annual meeting, as well as the several other student awards. Call deadline is October 1, 2010.
- The 2011 SGS Annual Meeting will be held April 14-17, 2011 in Raleigh, NC. The theme, "The New Aging Enterprise," focuses on bridging service professionals, academicians with businesses. Please consider submitting an abstract (or two/three) and encouraging your students to submit an abstract by October 1, 2010 for the meeting.
- As many of you know, the SGS Annual meeting brings together leaders in the field in a professional, but relaxed, setting. It is a great venue for new scholars and students to gain professional experience. The link to the SGS Paper Call is: <http://www.southerngerontologicalsociety.org/sgs/annualmeeting/index.asp>.
- SGS student membership comes with all the benefits of full membership and costs only \$30 per year. Membership benefits in SGS include the journal subscription to the Journal of Applied Research, one of the leading applied journals in the field of aging, reduced annual meeting registration, and SGS's electronic newsletter. Here is the link to the SGS membership webpage: <http://www.southerngerontologicalsociety.org/sgs/index.asp>.
- Encourage your students to submit NC SGS student award for the 2011 annual meeting. Let's have a great turn out from UNCG!

### North Carolina Student Scholarship Award

- The **UNCG Gerontology Program** has established a one-time award for a North Carolina student member of SGS to promote presentation of their research or scholarly activity at the 2011 SGS Annual Meeting. The \$250 award will be presented to the student at the SGS Annual Business Meeting. The competition is open to all North Carolina student members of SGS. ***Students should submit an abstract using the on-line submission procedure, and email me directly that they want their work considered for the SGS 2011 NC Student Scholarship Award.***
- Upon notification of acceptance for a presentation at the Annual Meeting, students who wish to be considered for the award must then submit a letter of support from a faculty advisor and an electronic version of the paper/poster by February 1, 2011, to me, Janice I. Wassel, Ph.D. E-mail: [jwassel@uncg.edu](mailto:jwassel@uncg.edu). Submissions must be received by January 31, 2011. Notification will be made by March 1, 2011. The student receiving the NC Student Scholarship award must attend the annual meeting in Raleigh, NC and attend the SGS business meeting to receive the award. Papers will be blind-reviewed by an unbiased committee.



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## NEWS - LOCAL

### **Interdisciplinary Rehabilitation Conference: Spinal Cord Injury. \*Flyer Attached.\***

- On Friday September 17, 2010 at The William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education in Chapel Hill, NC.
- Are you interested in the rehabilitation for adults with spinal cord injuries, and want to hear professionals in Nursing, Recreation Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Occupational Therapy address issues and treatment options for people with spinal cord injuries?
- Hosted by UNC Health Care, the registration deadline is September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Registration is open for all health care providers who work with people who have spinal cord injuries.
- For more information, please call: Sue Lannon, RN-BC, MA, the Professional Development Coordinator NPDPR. Her phone number is (919) 843-1417; fax number is (919) 843-0274, and email is [slannon@unch.unc.edu](mailto:slannon@unch.unc.edu).

### **Delta Society Pet Partners Course**

- On September 18, 2010 the RTH Department will offer a full day Pet Partners handler course at Gateway Research Park. This class will prepare interested students, staff, faculty, and community members to become nationally registered pet partners. The licensed instructor is Dr. Linda Buettner.
- For members of the UNCG community the price is \$50 which includes the required book. For more information or to download a registration form visit: [www.uncg.edu/rth](http://www.uncg.edu/rth) (click on Pet Partners) or contact Amy Chandler at [amchandl@uncg.edu](mailto:amchandl@uncg.edu) or Linda Buettner at [lbuettn@uncg.edu](mailto:lbuettn@uncg.edu).

### **Presentation: Advance Care Planning.**

- On Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at the Durham Center for Senior Life, 406 Rigsbee Avenue, Durham, NC.
- The guest speaker will be Dori Wigen, an Elder Law Attorney, and the presentation will focus on Care at the End of Life.
- For more information, call Triangle J Area Agency on Aging Ombudsman Program at (919) 558-2714.

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

- On Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 5:00-6:30pm at the Virginia Dare Room in the Alumni House of UNCG, 404 College Avenue, Greensboro, NC, phone number (336) 334-5696. Attendance is Free.
- Presented by Richard Taylor, Ph.D., a former psychologist has lived in Houston, TX with the diagnosis of dementia probably of the Alzheimer's type for the past seven years. 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. The goal is to change the way that individuals, countries, and the world view and respond to dementia.
- Free and open to the community and campus. Park in 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.

### **Adventures in Learning. \*Flyer Attached.\***

- On October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4, 11, 2010 at Shepherd's Center of Greensboro, 302 West Market Street, Room 103, Greensboro, NC 27401.
- Offering over 20 classes of various interests for men and women over 60 years old, registration is \$25 per person, and the deadline is September 22, 2010.
- For more information, please visit [www.shepctr.org](http://www.shepctr.org), call (336) 378-0766, or email [shepctr@bellsouth.net](mailto:shepctr@bellsouth.net).



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## **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. 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).

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## NEWS - STATE

### **NC Governor's Conference on Aging.** \*Flyer Attached.\*

- On October 13-15<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center.
- For more information and to register, 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

### **Universal Design Summit 4 in St. Louis**

- On October 10-12, 2010 in St. Louis, Missouri at the Busch Conference/Student Center, it is titled "Creating Livable Homes & Communities." It is North America's only conference focused exclusively on inclusive housing that is usable by everyone, but especially by people with disabilities and older adults, whose abilities may differ from those of the public.
- The goal of this summit is to work towards creating community integration and participation while enhancing the independence of all people at home and during their daily lives.
- It is open to all public health professionals, but especially to architects, designers, developers, builders / contractors, design students, non-profit housing organizations, and code officials.
- For more information, please visit <http://uds4.org> or call the Information Desk at (314) 977-2820.



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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **Free Online Balance Assessment, Exercise Manual, and Video.**

- A new online resource is available for your older adult clients and friends to help improve their balance capabilities. Users simply answer a few brief questions (complete with video explanations to help guide them) and they will receive a manual and video describing and demonstrating how to perform exercise movements appropriate for their level of balance capability (ranked as either low, medium or high). These are exercises that can be performed at home with no special equipment. Best of all, this resource is completely free. It was co-developed by Dr. Cody Sipe (UNC-Greensboro) and Dr. Dan Ritchie. Visit [www.danmritchie.com](http://www.danmritchie.com) to complete the assessment.

### **Division of Aging & Adult Services (DAAS) Featured Profile: Fall Prevention Awareness.**

- The profile, titled "Get Some Balance in Your Life: Falls Prevention Awareness," features Irene Lee of Hillsborough, NC. It is the second of three profiles that focus on fall prevention, which is a critical issue, since falls are the leading national cause of doctor visits, hospital and nursing home admissions, and emergency room visits as well as the leading cause of injury deaths among people aged 65 and older in the USA.
- North Carolina has a Falls Prevention Awareness Week from September 19-26, 2010.
- To access more information, visit [www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/News/DAAS\\_News.htm](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/News/DAAS_News.htm). You can also go to the DAAS homepage: [www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/index.htm](http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/index.htm) and click on the icon on the right-side of the webpage.

### **Shepherd's Center Newsletter \*Flyers Attached.\***

- A non-profit, interfaith, volunteer organization in Greensboro, NC, it is open for all adults aged 60 and older. It offers a wide range of opportunities for older adults to peer-mentor and volunteer in the community and within the organization, as well as to take classes and learn new skills.
  - The Fall 2010 Newsletter and "Adventures In Learning" class schedule for Fall 2010 have been attached.
  - For more information, please visit [www.shepctr.org](http://www.shepctr.org), call (336) 378-0766, or email [shepctr@bellsouth.net](mailto:shepctr@bellsouth.net).
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