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NEWS - STATE

North Carolina Association on Aging (NCAOA)

2011 Conference Dates: April 27th-29th, 2011 in Greensboro, NC in the Downtown Marriott Hotel.

Areas of concentration for the conference include adult services, senior centers, caregiver services, senior nutrition services, and leadership.

Deadline for the return of the call for proposals: January 10, 2011. Proposals will be evaluated in terms of the adherence to the conference theme, relevance to the selected areas of concentration, importance of the topic to aging, timeliness of the topic to current aging issues, soundness of the approach, and clarity of the narrative. Please submit the attached form electronically to: ncaoaconferencecord@gmail.com no later than January 10, 2011.

NEWS – NATION

The American Therapeutic Recreation Association (ATRA) is providing a 2 hour webinar with free CEUs for colleagues around the nation and around the world. There is also a system for taking questions from participants. The title of the webinar is “Experience matters: Enhancing Quality of Life through recreational therapy in the nursing home.”

The purpose of this webinar is to educate everyone about the opportunities of offering recreational therapy to nursing home residents through Section O of MDS 3.0. The goal is to provide therapeutic interventions for an active meaningful life. After a review of applicable CMS definitions, the emerging roles of the CTRS in the long term care setting will be explored. The role of recreation therapy (RT) as it relates to MDS sections F & O will be examined and the current evidence of recreation therapy's impact on care quality. The webinar concludes with a discussion of the RT as therapists in the SNF and how their role differs, but is synergistic in achieving positive resident outcomes.

Speakers are: Linda L. Buettner, Ph.D, LRT, CTRS Professor of Therapeutic Recreation/Gerontology and Tim Legg, Ph.D, GNP, and Nursing Home Administrator.

Register through www.atra-online.com (Tab with Continuing Education)

For more information, contact Dr. Jean Folkerth at jfolkerth@hotmail.com.

Websites about Person-Centered Care, Elder Culture, and Creativity

Websites to See Changing Aging: Bill Thomas, creator of the Eden Alternative, now hosts a blog on the Picker Report, dedicated to promoting person-centered care by building a social network of elders, their advocates, care givers and families. Learn more at: <http://changingaging.org/2010/09/28/3690/>

Second Journey. For articles about pilgrimage, cohousing, elder culture, and more, don't miss the latest issue of this on-line publication, available at: <http://www.secondjourney.org/Itin.htm>

Creativity. Check out the video “The Creative Age: How Artistic Expression Continues to Blossom,” featuring Gay Hannah, at: http://www.aarp.org/personal-growth/transitions/info-07-2010/creative_age.html



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Sigma Phi Omega: "Santa for Seniors."

Sigma Phi Omega, the Gerontology Honors Society at UNCG, invites all of our caring community (faculty, current students, alumni, and friends) to join together in a spirit of unprecedented giving to seniors in our Community this holiday season. We ask for your help in bringing a little joy to those that are too often overlooked during this busy time by making a contribution to "Santa for Seniors" sponsored by Senior Resources of Guilford.

This is a great opportunity for re-gifting unused items! Remember, it doesn't have to be expensive or grand to have a big effect, here are some ideas:

Gift Certificates (drug stores, grocery stores...)

Personal Care Items (lotion, shampoo, conditioner, foot care products, deodorant, tooth brush, tooth paste, facial tissues, shaving cream, chap stick...)

Clothing (gloves, mittens, hats, socks, robes, sweaters, slippers, shawls...)

Grocery items (Canned food items, tea, coffee, Ensure/Boost, crackers, pudding cups, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, snacks, candy....)

Other items (flashlights, batteries, towels, wash cloths, large print books and magazines, light bulbs, paper towels/plates/cups, stationery, stamps, crossword and puzzle books, magnifying glass, first-aid kits, large print coloring books,...)

Donations (Cash and checks made out to Senior Resources will be given to Senior Resources of Guilford to purchase additional items.)

Please bring your item(s) to the "Santa for Seniors" box in the Gerontology Department (219 McIver Building) by noon on December 10, 2010. If you would like to donate directly to Senior Resources of Guilford, please take your items to The Holiday House at #7 Battleground Court, Greensboro, NC, 27408 between 9am and 5pm Monday-Friday or contact James Joyce (SRG Volunteer Coordinator) at 373-4816 ext 249.

Job Opportunity

Job Title: Executive Director/Caro Hospice and Palliative Care—full-time position

Company Name: Post Acute Care Services—in Charlotte, NC.

Department: Post Acute Care Management

Job Requirements: Bachelors degree required. Masters preferred. 7+ years experience in hospice and palliative care.

Job Description: Executive Director is responsible for developing and managing the on-going operations of the CHS owned and managed Hospice organization, Carolinas Hospice and Palliative Care Network, in accordance with six system goals and when applicable to align with parent healthcare organization's business objectives. Provides administrative support to Enterprise-wide Palliative Care Program



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Job Opportunity

Open: one full-time position in Gerontology at Portland Community College in Oregon.

This is a full time (1.0 FTE) probationary faculty position commencing September 2011. Hours of work may include evening or weekend teaching assignments. Initial assignment will be at the Sylvania Campus.

Minimum Qualifications: A Master's degree in gerontology; or Master's degree in a social sciences or related area with at least 30 graduate level credits in gerontology or aging; and 3 years recent work or teaching experience in the field of aging.

Preferred Qualifications: Qualifications to teach 2 or more gerontology courses required for one or more certificate.

For complete position details and to apply, go to our website: <http://jobs.pcc.edu>, or call them at (971)-722-5857.
