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NEWS - LOCAL

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 (click on Pet Partners) or contact Amy Chandler at amchandler@uncg.edu or Linda Buettner at llbuettn@uncg.edu.

Institute on Aging-First Fall 2010 Seminar

Monday, September 20th from 3:30-5:00pm at the UNC Institute on Aging, 720 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 2nd Floor conference room. The seminar is free and open to the public. Seminar's title is "2010 Governor's Conference on Aging: Building a Livable and Senior-Friendly North Carolina."

Speaker: Bill Lamb, the Associate Director for Public Service, UNC Institute on Aging, and Conference Chair of the October 2010 Governor's Conference on Aging. The Seminar will be a summary of Senate Bill 195 activities, the State Aging Readiness Survey, and the upcoming Governor's Conference on Aging, all of which will form the basis for the 2011 State Aging Plan.

For more information, please contact Diane Wurzinger by phone at (919) 843-2647, or by email at diane_wurzinger@unc.edu.

Presentation: "Alzheimer's from the Inside Out". *Handouts Attached*

On Wednesday, September 29th, 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, or (336) 256-1020.

Speaker: Healing Power of Relationships *Flyer Attached*

On Tuesday, October 5th, 2010 at 7:30pm in Dana Auditorium, Guilford College Campus.

Admission is \$10 unless CEU is desired (0.15 awarded), which requires an additional \$10 fee/person.

Hosted by Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro as a special event for its 30th Anniversary in existence.

Speaker is medical ethicist Larry R. Churchill, Ph.D. of Vanderbilt University.

At conclusion of presentation, participants will be able to:

- Discuss information gathered from clinician interviews;
- Explore in detail why some patient interactions fail and others succeed;
- Develop a model of healing to guide future interactions with health care providers.

For more information, please visit www.hospicegso.org or see attached handout.



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Aging Boot Camp. *Flyer Attached*

On Wednesday November 3rd 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.

Job Opportunity: Carol Woods Life Enrichment Facilitator

The Life Enrichment Facilitator improves the quality of life of residents in Assisted Living and the Health Center by facilitating opportunity for meaningful engagement and creating an environment to support it. This role is responsible for assessing residents' individualized interests, abilities and needs for satisfying participation in meaningful, enjoyable activities, writing a plan to meet these needs, and implementing and evaluating the plan. In addition, this individual designs and facilitates group activities and coordinates volunteers. Must be willing to care for and work with pets and plants and to facilitate intergenerational activities. Activities Director/Professional, Recreation Therapy, Occupation Therapy, or related training/experience required.

Applicants can forward their resume/cover letter to hr@carolwoods.org.

NEWS - STATE

Advance Care Planning Clinics *Handout attached*

From September 16-December 16, intermittently, in Winston-Salem, Mocksville, Salisbury, and Kernersville, NC. Hosted by The Community Partnership for End of Life Care, a program of Hospice and Palliative CareCenter. Free and open to all. Topics covered will include advance care planning process, living wills, and health care power of attorney, with free handouts for every clinic.

For more information, visit http://www.hospicecarecenter.org/news_details.aspx?id=29, or please call The Community Partnership for End of Life Care at 336-768-6157, extension 1622. To reserve a seat, please call the number listed for your session.

Governor's Conference on Aging

On October 13-15th at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center.

For more information and to register, please visit <http://www.aging.unc.edu/nccoa/> or contact Diane Wurzinger at (919) 843-2647 or 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 14th. 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.

CEU's are confirmed for

- **NAHB** [This program meets NAHB's continuing education requirements for the following designations: Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist (CAPS) , Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) , Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) , Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) , Graduate Master Builder (GMB) , Graduate Master Remodeler (GMR)]
- **ASLA** American Society of Landscape Architects
- **LACES** Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System
- **AIA** American Institute of Architects
- **IDCEC** Interior Design Continuing Education Council
- **IIDA** International Interior Design Association
- **AOTA** American Occupational Therapy Association.

AHRQ Web Conference on Comparative Research *Newsletter Attached*

On October 12th from 2:00-3:30pm on the Web.

Listed in Issue 293 of the newsletter for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Conference is based on the Effective Health Care (EHC) Program, and is a free Web conference called "Integrating Comparative Effectiveness Research into Everyday Practice." It addresses comparative effectiveness research, which has emerged as a critical element of health care improvement, and compares drugs, medical devices, tests, surgeries, or ways to deliver health care. See the attached newsletter for online registration information, or visit <http://www.meetview.com/ahrq20101012/>.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Aging Means Business forum—Student Ad Contest *Flyer Attached.*

Aging Means Business one-day forum at the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meaning conference on November 18-23rd in New Orleans.

The focus of this contest is for students to research the best methods of targeting adults aged 50+ and then design an original print advertisement. Mailed entries must be received by the GSA in Washington, DC, by October 15th.

The contest info can be found here (as well as in the links below):

<http://www.geron.org/Annual%20Meeting/aging-means-business/student-ad-contest>. For more information, please contact Dani Kaiserman through email, at dkaiserman@agingsociety.org, or by phone, at (202) 587-2847.



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September: "Healthy Aging Month."

Just because an adult is now an "elder" does not mean that his or her life is over.

For more information, please visit <http://www.healthyaging.net/events.htm>. Even though the information from this website is listed as from 2009, there are still many helpful ideas for promoting this focus of "healthy aging."

2010 National Adult Day Services Week and 2010 Aging Active Week

Celebrated on September 19-25, 2010

Promoted by the "International Council on Active Aging" and the "National Adult Day Care Services Association." The third complete week of September is set aside each year to raise awareness of the availability and accessibility of adult day programs nationwide. Please visit <http://www.nadsa.org/content/index.php?pid=155> for more information.

There are Active Aging Week locations throughout the nation, and all businesses that cater to older adults are encouraged to offer any activities that are delivered in a fun, no-pressure atmosphere, are educational, and that are free to participants so that cost is not a barrier. For more information, and ideas for hosting an Aging Active Week event, please visit <http://www.icaa.cc/aaw.htm>.

2010 Falls Prevention Awareness Day

Held on the first day of fall, September 23rd, 2010. There are 35 states in the USA who recognize this day, including North Carolina. The purpose of this day is to promote and educate the public on the prevention and reduction of falls for older adults. For more information, please visit <http://www.healthyagingprograms.org/content.asp?sectionid=149>.

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 19-25, 2010.

To access more information, visit www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/News/DAAS_News.htm. You can also go to the DAAS homepage: www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/index.htm and click on the icon on the right-side of the webpage.

National Council on Aging

In this website is an abundance of information on successful senior centers, advocacy and research for older adults, national conferences on aging, promoting independence and dignity, enhancing financial stability and understanding, and improving health, among others. For more information, please visit <http://www.ncoa.org/>.
