

**February
2012**

Monthly Memo

Produced by the School of Social Work

Upcoming Dates:

Director's Corner:

Welcome back for spring 2012 semester. It's good to have so many high quality students in our programs! I'm impressed by the enthusiasm I see in many who are in field practicum or volunteering for community service work.

In late February, look for an online Diversity Climate Survey the School is sending all students. The survey's purpose is to gauge attitudes and perspectives about diversity issues within the School and student body.

You'll log on with your student ID and password. The information is confidential and only aggregate data will be analyzed. Please help the School establish data for improving our educational programming and services in the area of student diversity by completing the online survey when it arrives in your email inbox.

Thank you,

Susan C. Dollar, PhD, LCSW
Director, School of Social Work

► **Thursday March 1 - Student Advocacy Day**

If you are interested in attending, please contact Dr. Mary Ann Jennings at maryannjennings@missouristate.edu by February 13, 2012.

► **Friday March 2 - Ethics Workshop at Evangel**

Trask Hall from 1-4 p.m. Registration opens Feb. 1. The speaker is Dr. Saylor, Director of Ethics at Mercy.

► **Monday March 5 - Bowling for Fun**

Enterprise Park Lanes from 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$2.50 per game with shoes included

► **Week of March 12 - Evangel and MSU Student Led Event**

► **Thursday March 29 - Luncheon at Evangel** from 12-1:30. Registration begins Feb. 1. There will be a variety of guest speakers, door prizes, and much more.

► *For questions on these March events, please contact Dr. Mary Ann Jennings at maryannjennings@missouristate.edu*



All Social Work Students!

Are you interested in promoting concepts of health literacy with active older adults in our community? We have a unique opportunity for you to earn volunteer hours this semester! Join the Senior Health University grant program in presenting health literacy workshops to rural senior centers this spring. You will

- ✓ *Choose amount of hours you are willing to help*
- ✓ *Be provided transportation and training*
- ✓ *Interact with senior citizens*
- ✓ *Participate in grassroots research*
- ✓ *Earn a certificate verifying volunteer hours*

Please contact Carrie Lines at cllines@missouristate.edu or 836-6359. Thanks!

Note: See agenda on Page 2.

Agenda for Senior Health University Workshops this Semester:

Location	Topic	Date & Time
Nixa Senior Center 404 S. Main Street Nixa, MO 65714	Age-Related Hearing Loss, Tinnitus and Isolation	January 31 st 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Ozark Senior Center 727 N. 9 th Street Ozark, MO 65721	Computer Literacy for Health & Medication Questions	February 10 th 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Branson Community & Senior Center 201 Compton Dr. Branson, MO 65616	Caregiver Support & Resources	March 9 th 12:30 to 1:30 pm.
Forsyth Senior Friendship Center 13879 Hwy. 160 N. Forsyth, MO 65653	Exercise & Fitness Fun	April 20 th 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Polk County Senior Center 1850 W. Broadway Bolivar, MO 65613	Living with Cancer	May 3 rd 12:30 to 1:30 pm

"Sure, I'm for helping the elderly. I'm going to be old myself someday."
~Lilian Carter

Notes from Dr. Joan McClennen, BSW Coordinator:

Grade Appeals:

For grade appeals, write a letter to the professor explaining the rationale for the appeal. If the instructor denies the appeal, you may forward your appeal, along with the instructor's reply, to me for consideration. The next person is Dr. Dollar, the Director. You can read the entire process is explained in the Undergraduate Catalog.

(<http://www.missouristate.edu/registrar/catalog/graderev.html>).

Advisors:

All BSW students are being assigned advisors. Look at your Advising Notes to determine your advisor. If you cannot locate your advisor, feel free to contact me; email is the best way as opposed to a phone message.

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