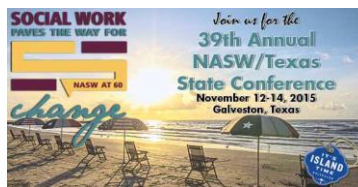




Social Work Month- March 2015

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Event Details

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March 3 (Tuesday) - Announce events to SGA

- The senator will be announcing our outline to the Student Government Association at the regular 7pm meeting.

March 3 (Tuesday) – Advocacy Day Participation in Austin

- March 3 is Social Work Advocacy Day in Austin. Two MSU social work faculty and about 16 students will be attending. At 10 am we will sit in the House Gallery and at 11 am we will sit in the Senate Gallery. At 1 pm we have a meeting with Representative James Frank. We would like the opportunity to meet with Senator Estes as well. Perhaps we could meet with the Senator after our meeting with Representative Frank. We are looking forward to this opportunity for our social work majors to learn how to work with their legislators to make a positive difference.

March 5 (Thursday) - Kickoff

- At 8am – Inauguration in Shawnee Theater. Dr. Johnston, Dean of Health Sciences Human Services will open with a welcome and president from NASW Red River Branch and other will be invited to speak. Dr. Satya Ayinagadda, Chair of social work department will present the purpose of the Social Work Month.

- At 10am we will move to the Student Center and give away baked goods with facts and statistics about social problems and the need for social work intervention. All students are asked to bring baked goods to the Social Work office prior to the event.

March 6 (Friday) – Community Education Rally

- At 12:00pm- We will march downtown with signs that represent social problems/ community issues (we use banners and signs for public educations.) We hope to have news coverage for this day. We will invite nonprofit organization, other university departments, government departments, and the public interested persons to join us. We hope to provide food and beverages at the end of the rally.

March 6, 7, & 8 – Adopt a Block

- These days we will meet a need for the East Side of our community by cleaning, painting, landscaping, or performing a requested task. We wish to provide water bottles to our working students. Possible locations are: Salvation Army or church.

March 9 (Monday) High School Education

- We will be going to all of the High Schools in Wichita Falls to present an anti-bullying campaign during their lunch hour. We are exploring other options to spread the message to as many students as possible. We will also be speaking to High School Seniors about the Social Work profession.

March 12- Informational Booth at Sikes Mall

Provide facts and statistics to the community by stationing an informative booth at Sikes Mall. We will be handing out flyers and candy in order to educate the public about social issues and the Social Work profession. Possible topics: Poverty, homelessness, domestic abuse, substance abuse, etc.

Volunteer Work

- Throughout the active two weeks, students will be volunteering in the community
 - o Faith Mission
 - o Helen Farabee Crisis Center
 - o Monterey Care Center
 - o Patsy's House

March 24 (Tuesday) – Symposium

This event will be from 2pm-7pm. There will be an hour break from 4pm-5pm

Themes:

- Alzheimer's disease: family and community response
- CPS Phased-In program

- Spirituality and Social Work
- PTSD in the Air force and social work response
- Impact of Globalization and social work response

Experts from relevant fields will present papers on the above themes. This is the final day and we want to leave a lasting impression on all who attend! We wish to provide food and refreshments for our guests during the scheduled break. We plan to have the following:

Testimonials

- A veteran suffering form PTSD
- A care giver of a person with Alzheimer's disease
- A person from an interfaith organization

Presentations:

- Video/ Side presentation
- CPS presentation – Brooke S. and group
- Cultural Education/Awareness

Other Speaker (Social Workers)

Representatives from Nonprofit Organizations

We will invite the President, Provost, Dean, and faculty and students of other colleges.

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