

EMERALD COAST UNIT NEWS

The Emerald Coast Unit wishes everyone a Happy Holiday season. During this time we all are busier than even our normal busy lives are and we are all looking for just the right gift. Remember to give your family and loved ones the gift of time. We've heard it said that money is always the right size and color; however, time is the one gift that meets that criteria and builds lasting memories, too. So, take a long walk, have a long talk, share your hopes and dreams with someone you love during this season.

One of our Unit members, Janice Ellis, passed away suddenly on December 5th, 2007. Janice received her MSW from Florida State University Panama City Campus in 2005 and her LCSW in April, 2007. She worked at Life Management Center as a therapeutic foster care counselor. Janice will be greatly missed by all who knew her. The Emerald Coast Unit made a contribution to the Flo Bilelo Social Work Scholarship at FSU Panama City in memory of Janice.

Our December meeting was a holiday social with fun activities and networking. During December, the unit participated in a toy drive to benefit the Guardian Ad Litem program.

The January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17th at 5:30PM. Dinner is \$5.00. The theme of this month's meeting will be "Social Work Across the Pond: A Look at International Social Work." We will have special guests who have recently returned to the U.S. after working in England.

In February, our NASW-FL President, Jackie Nash, and our Executive Director, Jim Akin, will be our guests. The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21st at 11:30AM. Lunch is \$5.00. Join us as our NASW leaders in Florida share information about what's happening across the state.

All Unit meetings are held at Bay Behavioral Health Center, 1940 Harrison Ave., Panama City, FL.

Plans are underway for the Social Work Month celebration in March. Watch for more information.

If you are an Emerald Coast Unit member and are not receiving e-mails about Unit events, please send an e-mail to Myra Brazell, Chair, at: anchor76msw@aol.com.

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