



CONFERENCE COMMENTS

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WELFARE - *Your Professional Organization*

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

The 1995 Delegate Assembly was held October 19 - 20 at the Holiday Inn South in Baton Rouge, LA. Several interesting and informative speakers discussed topics of importance to LCSW's mission. LCSW is dedicated to promoting the health and welfare of Louisiana citizens. The Board established the following Priorities for the upcoming year.

EMPLOYEE ISSUES

LCSW will monitor and be actively involved in issues affecting social services state employees and retirees. Including but not limited to retirement, insurance and EAP, pay, public image and violence in the workplace.

WELFARE REFORM

LCSW will monitor, be actively involved and support welfare reform legislation that promotes self-sufficiency.

YOUTH VIOLENCE/CRIME

LCSW will support public awareness, educational programs and legislation which addresses the problems of youth violence and crime.

SECURE PLAN

LCSW shall monitor the activities of SECURE and make recommendations as appropriate.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

LCSW supports public awareness, educational programs and legislation for prevention of substance abuse.

LCSW president, Kermit Menard, appointed the following chairpersons for these issues:

Employee Issues	Barbara McManus	(318) 491-2178
Welfare Reform	Gerald Butaud	(318) 893-5930
Youth Violence/Crime	Pam Brown	(504) 635-3374
SECURE Plan	Mary Joseph	(504) 243-7700
Substance Abuse	Rhonda Martin	(318) 435-2170

These issues are of vital importance to us all as LCSW members and Louisiana citizens. The Chairpersons are responsible for keeping the LCSW membership updated on these topics. These updates will be published in future issues of Conference Comments.

SHARE THE NEWS!!!

Be generous and share this copy of Conference Comments with others in your office. Encourage them to join LCSW (see the back page for a membership application) and enjoy the benefits of membership, such as the chance to be well-informed on topics related to their work and state employee benefits, the opportunity to network with fellow employees, a scholarship possibility for their child and conference leave to attend LCSW functions.

LCSW \$1000.00 SCHOLARSHIP

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ** Must be a graduating senior of an accredited High School for 1996
- ** Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA
- ** Must have a minimum ACT score of 20
- ** Must be a dependent of an active member of LCSW
- ** Good character as shown by recommendations and participation in church, school and community activities.

TERMS:

\$1,000.00 to be awarded to a freshman entering a Louisiana University to study Social Work. Funds are to be used for tuition and books. Proof of registration as a full time student as defined by the university. Scholarship will be payable to the university and student. The winner also receives a free 4 year membership to LCSW.

To request Application Forms:

JoEllen Carruth, P.O. Box 366 Greensburg, LA 70441

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 1996

EXHIBITIONISTS TAKE NOTE!

Got your attention with that, didn't we? The State Conference Local Arrangements Committee is looking for individuals, organizations, or businesses who want to set up a booth at the Conference March 20-22, 1996 at the Holiday Inn South in Baton Rouge, LA. It will be a great opportunity to present your message, craft, etc. to a large audience. Booth spaces are \$50.00 each.

If you or someone you know is interested, contact Greg Alford (504) 342-0494 or Pam Brown (504) 635-3374. Space will be allotted on a first-come-first-served basis, so reserve your space early!

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

The Board of Directors and membership of Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare expresses their sincere sympathy to Shannon Andersen, Co-Chairperson of the Hammond Region, and her family on their loss.

We would also like to send our condolences to the family of Carl Walker who was a faithful member of LCSW for several years.

REGIONAL NEWS

The **Baton Rouge Region** is planning a regional meeting to be held February 2, 1996 tentatively at the St. Francis Hotel on the Lake in St. Francisville. Regional meetings provide a good opportunity to find out what LCSW is all about, meet with old and new friends, and hear interesting and entertaining speakers. Chef Kermit Menard will be cooking his famous chicken and sausage gumbo, a treat not to be missed. Suggestions for speakers or topics should be sent to Dickie McKnight (504) 342-3535 or Pam Brown (504) 635-3374 as soon as possible. Plans are being made to raffle a beautiful Mardi Gras wreath. Each office in the region is being asked to donate two door prizes. Mark your calendar and be the first in your office to request conference leave!

The **Hammond Region** held its 1995 Fall Conference on November 16, 1995 at the University Center on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA. Door prizes were provided by St. Helena OFS, Livingston OFS, St. Tammany OFS, Washington OFS and Tangipahoa OFS. Special guests in attendance were Kermit Menard, LCSW State Chairman and Liz Reno, State Publicity Chairperson.

Vera Easley, Regional Co-Chairperson, welcomed everyone. Mrs. Easley announced that Regional Elections for the upcoming term will be held in January, 1996. She encouraged everyone interested to be a candidate in this election. Kermit Menard, State Chairman, discussed the benefits of membership in LCSW and answered questions from the audience. Mr. Menard also discussed the goals and objectives of EBT and answered questions from the audience.

The morning speaker was Mr. Jamie Wax. Mr. Wax is a 26 year old native of Baton Rouge. He is a popular artist, speaker and actor who has received many awards during his career. Jamie performed excerpts from his one-man play, "Going to Jackson".

The afternoon speaker was Dr. Sally Clausen, SLU President, who presented information about SECURE, Select Council on Revenues and Expenditures. Dr. Clausen is a SECURE panel member. Accompanying Dr. Clausen on stage were Dr. Patsy Causey, Dean of the College of Basic Studies and Rebecca Bennett, SLU student. Dr. Clausen and Ms. Bennett had switched roles for SLU's "Big Switch" Day. A brief video explaining SECURE was shown and Dr. Clausen and Dr. Causey answered questions from the audience.

The Fall Meeting was enjoyed by all!

The **Lafayette Region** held its annual conference in New Iberia on Friday, September 29, 1995 and it was a huge success! One hundred thirty persons attended, representing OFS, OCS, LRS and DHH/BHSF and all seemed to enjoy the day away from the office. One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of the first annual LCSW Scholarship check in the amount of \$1000.00 (One thousand dollars) to Ethel Peters, EDS 1 St. Landry, on behalf of her daughter Shana who is a freshman at Southern University. The Lafayette Region is not only proud to be part of such a worthwhile project but is also particularly proud that the first recipient is from this Region.

LAFAYETTE REGION PHOTOS



*Ethel Peters accepts scholarship check from
State President Kermit Menard*



Some of the crowd



Registration table hard at work



Crawfish Stew

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE OF SOCIAL WELFARE
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

DATE	8/26/94	1/27/95	3/13/95	5/5/95	8/25/95	10/19/95	12/95
LCSW REGION	TOTAL ACTIVE	TOTAL ACTIVE	TOTAL ACTIVE	TOTAL ACTIVE	TOTAL ACTIVE	TOTAL ACTIVE	TOTAL TOTAL
Alexandria	29	28	28	34	35	37	37
Baton Rouge	127	103	144	152	118	122	119
Hammond	41	53	52	52	35	35	53
Lafayette	184	133	132	135	120	175	173
Lake Charles	98	120	89	92	79	92	99
Monroe	53	58	61	87	82	83	85
Orleans	78	72	71	82	49	56	70
Shreveport	54	41	40	49	36	47	48
STATE TOTAL	664	608	617	683	554	647	684

If you have news to report or pictures you would like to share, please contact Liz Reno at 504-922-3055 (LINC 427-3055), or you can send the information directly to Liz at 43281 North Little Italy Rd., Hammond, LA 70403.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please enroll me as a member of the Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare.

Enclosed is my check for: \$12.00 Individual Membership
 \$ 6.00 Retirees and Students

Please make checks payable to Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare and mail it to: Louisiana Conference of Social Welfare
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