

From the President OARP 2009 Members Social

OARP teamed up with the Oregon Workers' Compensation Division Rules Update Training on 12/3/09 to celebrate the holiday season with colleagues, peers and friends. We gathered at the Red Lion Inn for the update training on rules 105, 110, and 120 and afterwards we all wished each other Happy Holidays and enjoyed good food and laughs. This social provides us the opportunity to promote professional membership in IARP/OARP. We would like to thank PCC-Occupational Skills Training Program for their annual co-sponsorship of this social as well as the Oregon Workers' Compensation Division for sharing in this event.

Brendan Flynn
OARP President
2009-2010

IARP News

Remember the upcoming **Speech Recognition Software Online Webinar**. March 25, 2010. Presented by Arlette Loeser, President of Advanced Life Care Planning, LLC and Kimberly Patch, President of Redstart Systems. Register online at: www.rehabpro.org.

\$59.00 Members
\$85.00 Non-members

The Life Care Planning Summit, Atlanta Georgia, on the beautiful campus of Georgia State University. April 17, 2010. Read more about this event and register online at: www.rehabpro.org.

\$150.00 Students
\$345.00 members
\$395.00 non-members

Collaboration

by Michele Nielsen,
RN, MA, CRC

During these past few months I have had a very pleasant collaboration with a fellow OARP (and OARP Board) member, Juanita Cook. I first met Juanita when she moved to Oregon from Hawaii. After working for a time with a private rehabilitation organization, she was hired by the Oregon Commission for the Blind. How fortuitous! I happened to have a client for whom I was writing a Life Care Plan. Doug (not his real name) was catastrophically rendered blind and ten months later was referred for this Life Care Plan. No services had been provided to him for his blindness to date. As soon as I met Doug, I called Juanita, and she initiated services.

Juanita¹ is the vocational specialist for OCB (www.oregon.gov/Blind). She met with Doug and his wife in their home and immediately referred him to a field specialist, James Schroeder, within the organization. James quickly visited Doug and his wife in

their home and provided instruction and techniques for Doug's wife so she could become Doug's sighted guide. James taught Doug cane techniques and gave him a cane. He brought a TriMet application so Doug could become more self-sufficient using their services.

The mission of the Commission is to "assist blind Oregonians in making informed choices and decisions to achieve full inclusion and integration in society through employment, independent living, and social self-sufficiency." Life Care Planning is one of the five sections within the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (www.rehabpro.org). As a transdisciplinary specialty practice, each professional works within specific standards of practice for their discipline to assure accountability, provides direction, and mandates responsibility for the standards for which they are accountable. These include, but are not limited to, activities related to quality of

care, qualifications, *collaboration*, law, ethics, advocacy, and resources.

The other sections within IARP are: Case Management, Forensics, Social Security Vocational Evaluators, and Disability Management. IARP now offers a new benefit to its members, IARP Connect, for on-line collaboration. We here in Oregon can work together (collaborate) within our own workplaces (if there are other staff), or get to know fellow professionals at local, regional and national conferences. We have this opportunity at the OARP Spring Conference on March 19. I'm looking forward to collaborating with you there!

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In Memoriam January 17, 2010



Gale Gifford Gibson (75), an innovator in Occupational/Vocational software and systems

(VERTEK) died January 17, 2010 of natural causes, at home in Mattawa Washington. His contribution to our community will long be remembered.

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OARP 2010
SPRING CONFERENCE
Holiday Inn Wilsonville
7:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Friday, March 19, 2010
6.5 CEUs Including 1.5 Ethics
CRCC, CDMS, & CCMC
Register on line by 3/17
or you may register at the door.
<http://oarp.org>