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Saturday, October 20, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Woman’s National Democratic Club
Washington, DC
ABOUT THE PIONEERS

The NASW Social Work Pioneer® Program was created to honor members of the social work profession who have contributed to the evolution and enrichment of the profession. The Pioneer Program identifies and recognizes individuals whose unique dedication, commitment, and determination have improved social and human conditions.

Pioneers are role models for future generations of social workers. Their contributions are reflected in every aspect of the profession, as well as in the establishment of social policies and human services programs. They have accomplished this through practice, teaching, writing, research, program development, administration, advocacy, legislation, and election to public office.

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9:30 a.m.  Registration

10:00 a.m. Greetings
Moderator: Betsy Vourlekis, PhD, ACSW*
Co-Chair, Pioneer Steering Committee

Welcome Remarks
Dorothy V. Harris, ACSW, DCSW*
NASW Past President
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Pioneers in Memoriam
Juan Ramos, PhD, ASCW*
Retired, Associate Director of Prevention
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Rockville, Maryland

Introduction of 2011 Pioneers
Patricia Martin-O’Meally, ACSW*
Adjunct Professor, Howard University
Washington, DC
Member, Program Planning Committee

LEGACY Project Report
Betsy Vourlekis*

11:00 a.m. Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Joan O. Weiss, ACSW*
Founder, Genetic Alliance
Member, Pioneer Planning Committee

“The Invisibility of the Poor: A Challenge for Social Workers”
Colbert I. King
Washington Post Columnist, Panelist on
“Inside Washington”
Washington, DC

Audience Participation
Questions and Answers

12:00 p.m. Reception
Viewing Exhibits
Kenneth Carpenter, ACSW*
Member, Program Planning Committee

Group Photos
Robert Arnold, MPS
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Patricia McDougall Matthews
School of Social Work, Howard University
Washington, DC

12:30 p.m. Luncheon
Welcome
Moderator: Bernice Catherine Harper, LLD, ACSW*
Retired, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Chair, Program Planning Committee
1:30 p.m.  "Healthcare Reform: Current Issues and Answers"
          Moderator: Jesse J. Harris, PhD, ACSW*
          Professor, University of Maryland
          School of Social Work
          Baltimore, Maryland
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          Introduction of Keynote Speaker
          Hal Lipton, ACSW*
          Health Care Consultant
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          Ron Pollack
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2:30 p.m.  Acknowledgements
          Bernice Catherine Harper*

3:00 p.m.  Closing Remarks
          Jesse J. Harris*
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– Patricia Wood Davis

“There can be no greater distinction than being a Social Work Pioneer®, Congratulations! Having served our noble profession for over 50 years (34 at LSU), I came to realize of late- after retiring- that there is a summer after quarter of a century of past Dean winter (1986-2010). You, the Pioneers, are the future of this challenging calling. I fear at times social work will become its own nemesis. The goal of social work has always been the end of itself; a counterfactual ideal which we may never accomplish. I therefore urge, be the candle rather than becoming a mirror! Let your indelible optimism strengthen practice of hope to achieving a society without injustice. Love and Peace”

– Brij Mohan

“In honor of Bob Connolly, Social Work Pioneer® and friend, for his service to our field as well as his support to me and the countless others lucky enough to have crossed his path”

– Sherry Parrish

“Congratulations to our new pioneers. Your records speak volumes about yourself and our profession. I regret not being able to join you this year, because I am attending my 45th college reunion this weekend”

– Bill Pollard