NASW NATIONAL CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES
July 23-26, 2014, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC

PIONEERS CAN MEET, DISCUSS, & INTERACT WITH NASW’S SOCIAL WORK MEMBERS & PIONEERS. Over the past 20 years, individual social workers have been selected and honored by the NASW Foundation as “NASW Social Work Pioneers®.” This distinction reflects highly successful careers where each Pioneer has made significant contributions in many fields of practice. As a group, the Social Work Pioneers have organized a number of opportunities for the upcoming NASW Conference on July 23-26, 2014, in Washington, DC. We are excited to report that 20 Pioneers have had their individual or group abstracts selected and will share their knowledge and expertise as presenters. Additionally, Pioneers will staff a table within the exhibit hall so that attendees have the opportunity to meet with them and discuss critical issues related to social work practice.

The conference Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday, July 25, at 7:00 pm at the Omni Shoreham Hotel near the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Recipients include NASW Social Work Pioneer, The Honorable Barbara Mikulski who will receive the Sarnat Award. Lisa Pape, Charles Glisson, and Pioneer Robert Connolly will be honored as the newest Knee/Wittman Award recipients.

Register for the conference and as you review the conference offerings, look for the NASW Social Work Pioneer sessions, or simply stop at the Pioneer table in the exhibit hall.

Pioneer Jim Zabora, Baltimore, MD

PIioneer NASw Conference OppORTUnitiES

- Registration for NASW Members is $425.00. [http://www.naswconference.org/](http://www.naswconference.org/)
- Volunteer to meet and greet at the NASW Pioneer table. You don’t have to register to volunteer. Please inform NASW staff in the registration area when you arrive.
- Hear keynote addresses:
  - Brené Brown, PhD, LMSW, Research Professor, University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work
  - Steve Pemberton, Chief Diversity Officer and Divisional Vice President, Walgreens
  - Robert Reich, JD, PhD, Chancellor’s Professor of Public Policy, University of California at Berkley, Former Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor
- Select from Workshops including 20 led by Pioneers on topics including healthcare practice, caregiving, social work, Pioneer leadership stories, the business case for social work role, social justice, etc.
- Obtain a $50.00 ticket to attend A Night at the Awards on 7/25/14, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm at the at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW in Washington, DC at [http://www.naswconference.org/](http://www.naswconference.org/)
When I think about the word Pioneer so many things come to my mind. In my eyes a Pioneer is equivalent to a legend. In regards to social work, a Pioneer is someone who has committed their life to working diligently towards change and service to their communities. I attended the National Association of Social Workers 9th Annual Pioneers Program and Luncheon for the very first time and I had an awesome experience. The Luncheon Program left me feeling like I have monumental shoes to fill. Throughout the day I battled the intimidating thought of whether I had the capacity to provide such trailblazing change to the clients that I will serve in my practice. The Program changed my perception of the profession that I aspire to be a part of. Serving and helping people is a passion for many good social workers, but I strive to be more than a good social worker. Attending the Program and Luncheon ignited the feeling that I too can be a Pioneer and that I will aspire to be one of the greatest social workers amongst my peers.
From start to finish, the luncheon was filled with a distinct sense of positive energy and hope for the future.

One of the most memorable portions of the program was acknowledging the Pioneers that have transitioned to eternal life as well as the newly inducted living Pioneers. Witnessing the joy and pride that exuded from the new Pioneers in attendance as they stood to be recognized was thrilling. The room was filled with happiness and appreciation for the service that the new Pioneers have provided for the profession. Another part of the program was the excellent panel discussion that provided information regarding new developments within the field. I am especially appreciative of their discussion of the importance of reaching out to young social workers. As a young aspiring social worker, I believe that the new generation of social workers will need the guidance and wisdom of seasoned social workers to provide creative interventions and services to the profession.

Walking through the photo and memorabilia exhibit was such a humbling experience. I would often think to myself affirmations such as: “I can do this!” and “Believe in yourself, this will be you one day!” The exhibit highlighted the careers of deceased Pioneers including Mark Battle, James Dumpson, and Alma T. Young. These Pioneers stood out to me not only because their service was phenomenal, but also because these are Pioneers that look like me. They are Pioneers that not only share my passion, but also lived the black experience that I can relate to in many ways. I appreciated reading about the work and service of all the deceased social work Pioneers.

The actual luncheon was set up beautifully and provided a great opportunity to network with attendees. The food was delicious and it was thought-provoking to discuss some of the key issues that social workers face in practice. The keynote speaker, Ron Manderscheid, PhD, delivered a presentation about the Affordable Care Act and the importance and special urgency in implementing behavioral health care. I walked away from the presentation feeling well informed and I agree that all people deserve person-centered health care. I believe that the Affordable Care Act is an inclusive movement that incorporates and demands the attention to social, mental health and physical determinants of health.

One of the Pioneers proposed a question to my classmates that I still ponder to this day. The Pioneer asked how we as young professionals can keep social work relevant. Although the question seemed simple the conversation that was to come was complex and intriguing. One of the solutions that we came up with was to simply speak up and make our voices, issues, and concerns heard by society. Relevance comes with persistence and diligence. I feel if we continue to bring change to our society through our service, collectively we will make an imprint on society that cannot be ignored or overlooked. I am grateful to Pioneer Patricia Martin-O’Meally who is my Professor at the Howard University School of Social Work for coordinating the effort to give students an opportunity to attend and volunteer at the 2013 Pioneer Program and Luncheon. I would simply like to thank all the Pioneers for the service that they have provided and continue to provide to such a dynamic profession. I have found my niche with social work and I am proud to say that I stand on the shoulders of giants.
Dr. Ron Manderscheid, PhD, Executive Director, National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors & Adjunct Professor, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University provided an insider’s view into “The Affordable Care Act, and the Implications for County and City Behavioral Health and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Programs. This lecture is scheduled for publication in the JOURNAL OF SOCIAL WORK IN DISABILITY AND REHABILITATION. Some of the highlights of his talk were that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) holds considerable promise to improve the future of behavioral healthcare. He identified five key intended actions of the ACA. They are insurance reform, coverage reform, quality reform, performance reform, and IT reform. He used this framework to discuss how populations served and service programs will change at the county and city level from service access to service delivery as a result of the ACA. “One’s health status is correlated closely with one’s social class and race; hence, we find major negative health disparities, including behavioral health disparities, among persons of lower status and minority groups. These health disparities are associated with disparities in access to care. Social justice demands that we value all people equally.”

Social justice, equity of care and access are major focuses of the ACA. In addition to the five key actions of the ACA, will be a greater reliance upon IT tools, to conduct assessments and to deliver services. Great discussion followed the lecture and Dr. Manderscheid provided concrete suggestions and resources for Pioneer consumers, providers, policy developers and educators.

The morning program included excellent “Pioneer Reports from the Field” by Elaine Congress, Cudore Snell, and Bob Connolly.

Pioneer N.G. Cindy Jones, PhD
Fort Sam Houston, TX

LTJG Samantha Penny, LCSW
Army-Fayetteville State University Graduate 2013
Naval Health Clinic, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

PIONEER STEERING COMMITTEE
Pioneer Steering Committee Updates and Information

• On September 12, 2013, Pioneer Steering Committee members updated Angelo McClain and NASW Council of Chapter Executives Steering Committee (COCE). Members attending included Renee Rivera (CO), Johanna Byrd (VI), Marty Oliphant (HI), Walter Kalman (NJ), Carmen Weisner (LA) and Danielle Smith (OH). NASW chapters vary in terms of their involvement with Chapter/local Pioneers.

• Bob Arnold, Director, NASW Foundation, is pleased that so many Pioneers will lead individual or group breakout sessions at the July 23-26, 2014 NASW Conference.
2013 NEW PIONEER BIOGRAPHIES

Phyllis Black MSW, PhD, LSW, ACSW
Philadelphia, PA - Black designed and implemented the first required course in social work ethics in the country and has given extensive presentations and produced publications on the role of ethics in social work. She moved social work curricula from content-based to competency-based. From her days as a social worker in Harlem and Baltimore to leading the Council on Social Work Education Commission on Curriculum and Educational Innovation, Black has modeled the power of group work. Dr. Black is an expert in group work, ethics and research. Currently, she is the Professor and Director of social work and administrative studies at Marywood University School of Social Work, and serves on the editorial board of Social Thought and the Journal of Education for Social Work.

Elizabeth Wichers DuMez ACSW
Arlington, VA - Pioneer Achievement: DuMez undertook important and groundbreaking work in ethics as an NASW staff member. Later, she spent five years traveling, interviewing and photographing a diverse group of social workers to compile her book “Celebrating Social Work: Faces and Voices of the Formative Years.” The book features the oral histories of 51 accomplished social work leaders and spans decades of the development of the profession. Ms. DuMez is well known as an outstanding social worker, educator and program developer. In addition to compiling her book illustrating social work’s mission and contributions to social justice, DuMez also was involved with the Accreditation Commission of the Council on Social Work Education and administered the Office of Ethics and Professional Review for NASW. She received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the NASW Metro Chapter and is a member of the Social Work Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky.

June Gary Hopps MA, LCSW, ACSW, DCSW, Roswell, GA - Pioneer Achievement: Hopps’ participation in the civil rights movement and her time as a freedom fighter helped spur her interest in social justice and equality. She was the first person of color to serve as editor in chief of “Social Work” and the co-editor of the 19th edition of the “Encyclopedia of Social Work.” During her tenure at Boston College, Hopps helped guide the school to its 14th ranked status in U.S. News & World Report magazine rankings. Dr. Hopps has blazed a trail for women and people of color throughout her career as a social worker and has also been a leader in national efforts to build a research base for the profession of social work.

Mildred “Mit” Joyner MSW, LCSW, BCD
Westchester, PA - Pioneer Achievement: In the 1980s, Joyner established the first MSW program in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. She went on in her career to become president of the Association of Baccalaureate Program Directors (BPD) where she advocated for and obtained funding for BSW programs from the John A. Hartford Program, ultimately developing an official
Gerontology Committee for BPD to increase visibility of faculty and program directors in this area. She was also president of the Council on Social Work Education. She created opportunities for BSW students on Capitol Hill by funding the BPD summer program and developed an International Conference, providing the opportunity for BSW faculty to present papers globally and develop partners in other countries. She has been the President and Chairperson of the Board of Directors of CSWE and a Board Member of the International Association of the Schools of Social Work. Professor Joyner provided assistance with the development of the workforce in Ghana.

Elizabeth Pathy Salett, LCSW, Washington, DC - Pioneer Achievement: Salett founded the International Counseling Center in 1983, filling a need for multilingual mental health services. She followed this by founding the National Multi-Cultural Institute in 1990. The institute’s original purpose was to increase understanding between persons of different racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. It has since evolved to address the issue of human trafficking and slavery. Earlier in her career, Ms. Salett was a Peace Corps staff person in Venezuela and Operations Officer for Brazil in Peace Corps headquarters. She joined the Poverty Program in Washington, D.C. and held positions in Child Welfare and Mental Health. She has written many valuable publications and educational materials and has served as a member of the International Committee of NASW. Ms. Salett is “an extraordinary visionary and organizational director and manager."

Pioneer Bob Connolly
Ellicott City, MD

IN MEMORIAM

Catherine P. (Katy) Papell passed away November 14, 2013, at the age of 97 in West Orange, New Jersey. She earned a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan, a Master’s in Education from Columbia Teachers College, a Masters in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania, and her Doctorate in Social Work from Yeshiva University. Dr. Papell was influential in developing the field of Social Group Work since 1950 and in the creation of the International Association for the Advancement of Social Work with Groups. She committed her life to the celebration of diversity, to social/humanitarian causes, and to building connections between people. She was a Professor Emeritus of Adelphi University’s School of Social Work where she taught for 40 years. Katy was a founding member of the International Association of Social Work with Groups; a member of the National Association of Social Workers, a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Queens in Flushing, NY among many other professional and civic affiliations. She is survived by her three children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.


PIONEER AWARDS AND NEWS

Bob Connolly was named the 2013 Knee/Wittman Awardee for Outstanding Achievement for Health and Mental Health for his extensive contributions to the improvement of nursing home care, long term care programs, and Medicare and Medicaid Public Policy. In 1992, Bob received the Secretary of Health and Human Services Team Award for N.H. Quality Initiative Activities. Since retiring from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in 2008, Bob has been active in
NASW national and Maryland chapter volunteer committees and worked with nursing home leaders nationally to develop training to promote improved social work and psychosocial care in nursing homes.

**Senator Barbara Mikulski** was given the 2013 Rhoda G. Sarnat award for advancing the public image of Social Work. Senator Mikulski, U.S. Congress D-Md., has championed legislation supporting the Social Work Profession. Among such legislations was the introduction of the Dorothy Height and Whitney M. Young Jr. Social Work Reinvestment Act in the 110th Congress.

**Bob and Barbara** are being honored at the NASW Awards Ceremony held in conjunction with the 2014 NASW ANNUAL CONFERENCE on July 25, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

**Grace Lebow**, a 2004 Pioneer, exhibited her paintings at a one-person art show on January 5, 2014, in Bethesda, Maryland. The “PAINTING WITH GRACE” show demonstrated the evolution of an elder artist’s world at home and journeys to Latin America. She began a late life career as an artist in 1999 as she prepared to retire as Co-Founder and Co-Director of Aging Network Services. A highlight in Grace’s retirement career was in 2011 with the honor of being named “Artist in Residence” at the Gallery at Iona House, an outreach center for Older Adults in N.W. D.C. Grace was able to transfer the creativity in her Social Work Career with art workshops for the community. She received several professional awards including 2004 Knee/Wittman Lifetime Achievement Award and the Distinguished Career Award from Simmons College School of Social Work based on her career providing mental health services to older adults and their families.

**Patricia Brownell** is an active volunteer at the United Nations in New York City. She participated as an expert at a meeting entitled Neglect, Abuse and Violence of Older Women held in November 2013. Abuse and exploitation of older women is an immense international problem and Pat continues to provide expertise and time producing reports and developing UN recommendations. Most recently Pat delivered remarks on older women and empowerment at the NGO Forum of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development, which met from February 11-21, 2014 in New York City. Pat’s remarks and the webcast of the NGO Forum, held February 10, can be found on the home page of the NGO Committee on Ageing (www.ngocoa-ny.org). Both the International Federation of Social Welfare (ICSW) and the Global Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) are represented by active NASW members who are also NASW Pioneers including Pat, Helen Hamlin and Elaine Congress.

**Brij Mohan**, Dean Emeritus, LSU School of Social Work was interviewed by Shweta Singh, host of Loyola University, Chicago based radio, WLUW, 88.7FM on Sunday, February 23, 2014. Brij was asked about his comparative perspectives on Social Work and his evolution as a novelist. He had recently debuted Death of an Elephant (http://www.amazon.com/Death-Elephant-Brij-Mohan-ebook/dp/B00E946I5Y), which portrays the existential angst of a retired teacher. Dr. Mohan just returned from China and India after delivering two invitational lectures. His forthcoming book is Kafka’s Cave: An Academic Memoir and Archeology of Social Practice.

**Louis Edward DeMoll, Jr.**, age 94, reports that he is in his 25th year as campaign Treasurer for Texas House member Liber Elliott Naishat. Representative Naishat had been one of his former University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work students.
Anita Johnson Mackey was born in Riverside, CA. She celebrated her 100th birthday on January 1, 2014, with 150 family members, friends and professional colleagues at her retirement home in Glendale, CA. She indicates that she is in good health and that her mind is sharp. Her mother died when she was only 10 and she and her 8 siblings were raised by their father Frank Hannibal Johnson, who imparted his wisdom to her by saying: “never stop trying even if you fall short.” Being raised in a Christian home and having a strong faith as a Seventh Day Adventist for 80 years, Anita strongly believes in giving back and sharing with others.

Anita married Harvey A. Mackey, who died in 1986 after 49 years of marriage. He had attended Tuskegee University and was a former Chicago postal worker. Harvey’s father was a slave, lived with them for 4 years and had heard Booker T. Washington speak. Anita and Harvey never had biological children, but they fostered five foreign students in America: two from Africa, two from Brazil and one from Jamaica. She has traveled extensively, in part to witness with the Seventh Day Adventists worldwide. To this end she has visited all seven continents including more than 130 countries and islands. She spoke with pride regarding a contribution that she had made by volunteering as a teacher in a poor area of Michigan resulting in 28 young persons’ receiving their GED.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in speech from University of the Redlands in 1937 and her master’s degree in clinical social work from the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago in 1941, where she focused on medical and psychiatric issues. She worked for the Red Cross and the Veterans Administration, retiring in 1976 after 30 years of service and after becoming the first African American supervisor in the VA’s outpatient clinic in Los Angeles. She has been active over the years with the NASW Chapter in California and is the oldest licensed social worker in the state of California. Her advice to other social workers is “keep active because our experiences are invaluable and continue to make contributions whenever you can.”

PIioneer Interviews
What do Social Work Pioneers do when they retire from their creative careers?

Marjorie Brittain Hammock MSW, LISW – Columbia, SC has been retired from teaching for one year and quickly filled her retirement schedule. She does volunteer work as a Social Work Expert Witness and does bio-psychosocial reviews in death penalty cases. When this interviewer phoned Marjorie she was preparing for participating in an ‘Enuf is Enuf’ rally at the court house, protesting Medicaid and other social issues being denied in S.C. If this isn't ‘enuf,’ Marjorie is very active in her S.C. Social Work Chapter. Marjorie says she never had one job, and we can clearly see this holding true even in retirement.
Elise (Ann) Hutchings LCSW, ACSW Salt Lake City, UT, retired in 2002 and has re-retired as a volunteer Social Worker. These are her present activities:

- Two time president of local NASW Utah Chapter as well as Continuing Education Chair;
- University of Utah School of Social Work MSW program Admission Committee member;
- President of Utah Rose Society;
- Tutor for a Junior high student; and
- Traveling.

Elise was asked to share the social work wisdom that guides her in these retirement years. She answered: "Staying involved physically and mentally. I take care of myself as well as others."

Interviews by Pioneer Grace Lebow
Chevy Chase, MD

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20TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE OF THE NASW PIONEERS

Dr. Betsy Vourlekis and Dr. Jesse Harris have announced plans for the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Pioneers Program. Mark your calendars as the 10th annual program and luncheon will be held on October 17-18, 2014. Dr. Bernice Catherine Harper, Chair, Program Committee, reports that the plans for the two day celebration are very exciting.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014 - 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm

NASW HEADQUARTERS

Dr. Richard Barth, Dean, School of Social Work, University of Maryland, will be the keynote speaker at the afternoon SEMINAR on the "GRAND CHALLENGES IN SOCIAL WORK AND THE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES."

- This will be followed by ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS giving the Pioneers an exciting opportunity to utilize their knowledge, experience, and expertise in helping to advance social work in the 21st century.
- Robert Cohen, MSW, JD, will then address, "TWENTY YEARS: AN HISTORICAL Recapitulation of the Social Work Pioneer Program."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014 -9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Annual Program Luncheon

Woman’s National Democratic Club

1526 New Hampshire Avenue, NW Washington DC 20036.

- Featured Speaker will be Dr. Angelo McClain, President, NASW Foundation and Chief Executive Officer, NASW. “WE, US AND OUR: OPERATIONAL CONTEXT AND CONTENT FOR NASW”
- Dr. Darrell Wheeler, NASW President (2014-2016) will share with the attendees his vision for NASW during his presidency
- Planned Activities
  - INTRODUCTION of the 2014 Pioneers;
  - Program highlight report on the LEGACY PROJECT; and
  - TRIBUTES to the late Ruth Ireland Knee and Mark Battle, Co-Founders of the Pioneers.

There is a $100.00 registration fee, including RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON for both days and a $10.00 fee for those requesting continuing education credits. If you have any questions please contact Bob Arnold, 202-336-8333 or rarnold@naswdc.org.

Pioneer Bernice Harper, Rockville, MD
Pioneer Bob Mays, Upper Marlboro, MD
ADDITIONAL SPRING 2013 PIONEER SURVEY COMMENTS
Ideas, Comments or Suggestions to NASW and the Pioneer Steering Committee

Louis Demoll, JR, Austin, TX, writes that he is 94 years old and not very active. He looks forward to hearing what is going on. It is wonderful to be remembered.

Jeanne Gill, San Diego, CA, is interested in features about current Pioneers, connections with Schools of Social Work in her area and Pioneer involvement with state chapters.

Helen Hamlin, New York, NY, suggests that NASW News have a Pioneer section so that younger NASW members can be aware of who we are and our history. Pioneers should advertise when meetings are held. If the meeting is nearby, Helen would be interested in meeting with other Pioneers.

M.C. "Terry" Hokenstad, Jr., Cleveland, OH, recommends the possibility of occasional Pioneer luncheon in other cities (I would be happy to host one in Cleveland). Also, additional Pioneer News is an excellent idea and could be proceeded by a request for news items about Pioneer accomplishments.

Anita J. Mackey, Glendale, CA, writes to keep up your good work! I spoke at Glendale Community College twice in 2012. Encouraged a college student to go into social work and he did! (Smile) I am Seventh day Adventist so pray, tithe and give offerings every month.

Brij Mohan, Baton Rouge, LA, shares that Pioneers have been neglected by history. Some social worker Pioneers are even abused by current and professional politicians. Our focus should not be the welfare of Pioneers but the welfare of all, which must be followed through with full NASW force (against the institutional ingratitude and injustices). Mohan, in his forthcoming book, Archeology of Social Practice, documents how institutional ingratitude and injustice can adversely impact the quality of our profession.

Stanley Weinstein, Pikesville, MD, is interested in features on Pioneers impacting policies. I believe each Pioneer represents 40 to 60 years of social work practice and can make significant contributions. It may be of interest to survey Pioneers about NASW priorities, policies, and inter-professional issues.

Pioneer Bob Connolly
Ellicott City, MD

REQUEST FOR PIONEER NOMINATIONS

Please nominate qualified social work leaders in your area as NASW Pioneers.

Pioneer Nomination Criteria
- Sustained a record of achievement over a period of at least twenty-five years.
- Made significant/unique pioneering contributions to social work, social welfare, and human services.
- Made contributions that impacted "the betterment of human condition," and included innovative or ground-breaking features.

Application Requirements
- Nominator describes contributions in narrative form, limited to two to four pages, following guidelines at http://www.naswfoundation.org/pioneer_guidelines.asp
- One letter of support from an individual familiar with the work and accomplishments of the nominee.
- Must have been a member of NASW if the pioneering contribution was after 1955 or can be nominated as historic Pioneer if social work/social welfare contributions were made before the NASW was founded in 1955.
- Supply a photograph (formal or informal) of the nominee if possible.
- Completed nomination and support letter must be received by December 1, 2014 or May 1, 2015 to be awarded at the 2015 Pioneer Annual Meeting.
Pioneers Attending October 26, 2013 Luncheon in Washington, DC

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37. Jack Hanson
38. Steve Hornberger
39. Sherman Ragland
40. David Beers
41. Herman Curial
42. Jesse Harris
43. Bob Connolly
44. Beth DeMaiz
45. Rufus Sylvester Lynch
46. Stanley Weinstein
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We hope you enjoyed this edition of the NASW Social Work Pioneer® Newsletter!

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