

# New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association



SPRING, 2007

## President's Message

Greetings NHRA readers!

This year, the New Hampshire Chapter of the National Rehabilitation Association is focusing on building our strength through membership and commitment. We are kicking off this effort with a spring social event on May 2. This will be not only an opportunity to check out the organization, but to network with other professionals, get some fresh air, and have fun!

You may not have thought of membership, or if you have considered it, you

***"There has never been a better time to join NHRA."***

may be hesitating because of the cost. Some of the many benefits of becoming an NHRA member include strengthening your voice by becoming part of the National, Regional, and State associations. Annual training conferences are discounted for members. There are opportunities to join one or more of several professional divisions that offer additional information and networking with others in your area of special interest. In addition, NRA members receive the Journal of Rehabilitation, an internationally acclaimed scholarly journal that will help keep you informed of timely

rehabilitation research and information. Along with these advantages, you will have the opportunity to regularly network with others and participate in recognition of the achievement of individuals through awards. You will be eligible for the NRA MasterCard, and Professional Liability Insurance is offered at a very low rate.

Members who join NHRA have an opportunity to participate in one of our many committees. The Training Committee conceptualizes and plans training for professionals in our state as well as conferences. The Scholarship Committee oversees and administers the NHRA scholarship which grants scholarships to professionals and students in the field of rehabilitation. The committee reviews applications, awards grants, and presents the awards. The Legislative Committee monitors legislative issues and helps keep our membership informed about local, state, and national issues. Community Service Committee members identify needs and organize community service projects such as voter registration drives. Other committees that meet as needed include Nomination, Awards, and Conference. Committee participation is an excellent way to "give back" to your profession, your

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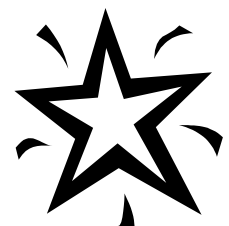
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### MISSION

The Mission of the New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association is to advance the rehabilitation of persons with physical and mental disabilities by eliminating barriers to employment and productivity through ethical and excellent professional practice.



## Scholarship Money Available from NHRA

The New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association Scholarship Committee would like to remind all members and friends of the availability of the 2007 Scholarship Fund.

Scholarships are now available to New Hampshire residents who are taking classes, workshops, or are students of human services or rehabilitation programs.

A total of \$1,000 is available for one or more qualified persons. Qualified persons are either current NHRA members *or* New Hampshire residents who currently work or

are students studying in the field of rehabilitation to assist persons with disabilities to obtain or maintain employment. Funds should be used toward educational or staff development pursuits.



To apply, complete the application on page five, or for an electronic copy of the application in Word format or PDF, go to <http://www.nh-rehab.org>. The application deadline for the 2006 Scholarship Fund is December 1, 2006. For more information, contact Christine

## Scholarship Money Awarded at Fall Event

On November 17, at the NHRA Annual Meeting, President Laurie Corbett awarded \$1,000 to scholarship recipient Kristy Moen.



Kristy is

studying Human Services at NH Community Technical College.

One of the goals of NHRA is to encourage scholarship in the field of rehabilitation for persons with disabilities. Scholarship money is awarded annually to an applicant selected by the Scholarship

Committee. Money is raised primarily through raffles held at training events and annual meetings or from donations. Please support this effort and be sure to spread the word to those who may benefit.

## SAVE THE DATES!

### NORTHEAST REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The New Jersey Rehabilitation Association will be hosting the 35<sup>th</sup> Northeast Rehabilitation Association Annual Conference this fall on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Trump Taj Mahal Resort and Casino in Atlantic City. The New Jersey Chapter always has a strong program to offer and the setting in Atlantic

City should make this an educational as well as fun opportunity for professional networking. I hope some of my fellow New Hampshire rehabilitation professionals can join us this fall. Watch for more information in the coming months.

The North East Rehabilitation Association (NERA) continues to hold regular quarterly

Board of Director meetings with the next meeting scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup> in Mystic Connecticut. We are seeking to fill a Board Member at Large position which has become vacant. If you are interested in becoming involved in NRA at the regional level, give me a call at 669-6550.

Bob Gray, NERA President

# *New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association Membership Social!*

**Wednesday, May 2, 2007**

**4:00pm - 6:00 pm**

**New Hampshire Audubon Society**

**3 Silk Farm Road**

**Concord, NH**

Refreshments will be served

**Admission is free, but please RSVP to Judy Sanderson  
Judy.sanderson@gsil.org or (603) 224-1130**

*Hike the beautiful trails!*

*Network!*

*Enjoy!*

*Join!*

**New members who join on 5/2 will receive a 50% discount!  
Existing members who sponsor a new member on 5/2 get a  
25% discount for each new member on your next renewal!**



## Fall Training Causes a Big Splash

On November 17, 2006, NHRA held our annual meeting at the Courtyard Marriott in Concord. Our guest presenters were Rosalind Eckman Ladd, PhD., and Sarah Ladd Bennett, M.Ed., speaking about Ethics in the Workplace and Suzannah Chance, MBA who provided a video and presentation on the Fish Philosophy, or how to boost employee morale and have fun at work.

The Ethics presentation effectively challenged participants to grapple with issues that could come up in their jobs, using a mixture of theory and application. Participants responded very positively to this presentation commenting that the topics were very relevant, informative, and well organized.

The interactive Fish presentation was fun and uplifting,

informative, and entertaining. Participants enjoyed the session and gave it very high marks in their evaluations, raving "It was very entertaining" and "Loved it, give me more!"

NHRA strives to bring valuable, relevant, and worthwhile training to New Hampshire. Watch for more opportunities like these in the future, or participate in the Training Committee and bring fresh new training ideas of your own!

## In Memory of Susan Auerbach

It was with great sadness that we learned of the sudden death on March 24, 2007 of Susan Auerbach.

Susan was a long time friend and associate of many professionals in our field and an advocate for many, particularly individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Susan worked for many years in NH Adult Learn-

ing and Rehabilitation as well as the Department of Education. In more recent years, Susan provided consulting and facilitation services for a variety of agencies. She was widely admired and respected for her work and leadership. Susan was a past member and president of the NHRA. She will be missed by all of us. Donations in her

name were made by the NHRA to the Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation and to Northeast Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.



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peers, and your community.

During the Membership Social Event on May 2, we are offering a discount of 50% off your membership for those who join on May 2. If you are already a member, and you spon-

sor a new member who elects to join on May 2, you will receive 25% of your next renewal fee for each new member who joins. NHRA Membership promotes awareness, advocacy, and professional growth. There has never been a better time to join NHRA. Please join us and see

what a great organization NHRA is!

*Sincerely,*

*Laurie Corbett, President*

## New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association 2007 Scholarship Application

The New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association (NHRA) Scholarship Fund is designed to assist members of NHRA, working professionals or students of rehabilitation/human services programs in their educational or staff development pursuits as they relate to the mission of NHRA. The NHRA mission is to advance the rehabilitation of persons with physical or mental disabilities by eliminating barriers to employment and productivity through ethical and excellent professional practice. The Scholarship Committee will accept applications post-marked on or before December 1, 2006. A grand total of \$1,000 is available. Please provide the following information and submit to the Scholarship Committee at the address below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer/School Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

NRA/NHRA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Student (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:

Prepayment is requested (Note: prepayment will be made in the form of a two-party check)

Reimbursement (Note: A paid receipt must be attached to this application.)

1. Explain how the training will relate to your employment and professional work and/or studies in Vocational Rehabilitation:

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2. Explain how this information or materials will be used:

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3. If awarded scholarship funds, do you approve the use of your name and/or photograph for publicity purposes? (yes/no) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Attach a copy of the class outline or training brochure and submit with the completed application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NHRA Scholarship Committee, c/o RSA, POBox 628, Henniker, NH 03242

Scholarships will be awarded without regard to race, creed, sex, age, physical, or mental disability.

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