

New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association



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*LEGOS, Sandy Beaches,
and the NHRA!*

President's Message By Judy Sanderson



The Board of the NHRA is very pleased to announce that we are holding a **membership social** at Science Enrichment Encounters Center (SEE) in Manchester on June 23rd from 5-7 pm this year. For those who don't know, SEE has a

*"The BEST
NEWS is no
charge to
attendees!"*

very large display of Legos® along with numerous hands-on activities throughout their facility.

During our social event, although you can't touch the Legos®, you will be able to get as involved as you want with everything else. There will be light refreshments, an informal wine tasting thanks to Gus Moral from the Imported Grape, and our raffle to raise money for the scholarship fund.

For those who are considering joining the NHRA we also have

made special arrangements to make it easier for you. Information on registering for the event is included in this newsletter but if you have any questions please feel free to **c o n t a c t m e a t** judy.sanderson@gsil.org or 224-1130.

We are also in the planning stage for our Annual Meeting to be held in the early fall. Currently we are looking at having it at the Ashworth by the Sea (this is where the "sandy beaches" comes in!) and trying to tie it into an event at the Casino Ballroom so that participants can attend the conference and then stay for a concert, comedy show or other popular event.

As soon as we have more information lined up we will be getting the word out on this.

The NHRA also has its web site up and running. We welcome you to visit us at www.nhraonline.org.



Scholars Granted NHRA Academic Award

By Mary Cahill

This year the scholarship committee had a very hard time deciding who to award financial assistance to. After much debate, we decided on two qualified candidates, Divina Gra-

cia C. Belardo and Karen L. Chandler.

Divina is currently working as a residential instructor for boys at an Easter Seals facility. The money awarded to her will assist her in obtaining training to become a mental health counselor. Specifi-

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MISSION

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Don't Miss This!

NHRA 2009 Membership Social

Tuesday, June 23, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM



200 Bedford Street, Manchester, NH 03101

The SEE Science Center is an interactive learning center established to promote the understanding, enjoyment, and achievements of science, mathematics, and technology. There are many exhibits and experiences including the LEGO® Millyard Project on permanent display.

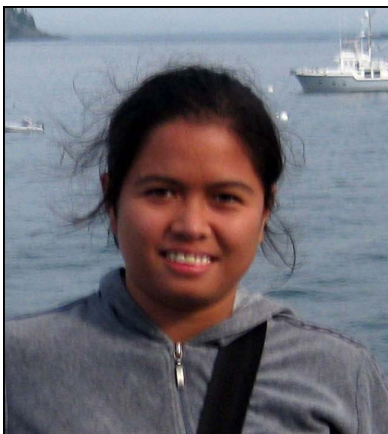
Light Refreshments will be provided.

Enjoy Wine Demonstration by Gus Moral from The Imported Grape!

There is no fee for the Membership Social. However, you must RSVP! Contact Judy Sanderson, Granite State Independent Living (603) 224-1130, or Judy.sanderson@gsil.org

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cally, she would like to learn new therapeutic interventions to help counsel boys. She would like to focus on working with children from abused families.



Divina Gracia C. Belardo

Karen is pursuing an associate in science as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. She would some day like to work for a school or vocational

rehabilitation center to help individuals develop their abilities and achieve independence, therefore enhancing their self worth.



Karen L. Chandler

NHRA is proud to assist both of these young women in reaching their personal goals to help others in our community.

New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association *2009 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, 2009. Scholarship grant amounts may vary. Please provide the following information and submit to the Scholarship Committee at the address below (attach additional pages if necessary).

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

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 relates to your employment and professional work and/or studies in Vocational Rehabilitation:

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

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, Susan D. Hilchey, M.Ed. CVE CRC
c/o Easter Seals NH, 555 Auburn Street, Manchester, NH 03103

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

The NHRA Scholarship...

Each year, the New Hampshire Rehabilitation Association Scholarship Committee provides one or more scholarship awards to deserving applicants who are studying in the field of rehabilitation, human services, or

related areas. We have awarded up to \$1,000 annually. Qualified applicants are current NHRA members or New Hampshire residents who currently work in or are students studying in the field of rehabilitation to assist persons with disabilities to obtain or maintain employment.

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*Watch for Information
on the 2009
NHRA Annual Conference
And Fall Meeting!*

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