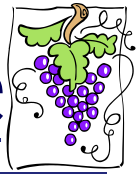


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The Georgia Rehabilitation Association Newsletter

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**Annual
Georgia
Rehabilitation
Association
Conference**

**August 21st
to
August 23rd
2013**



Summer Edition July 2013

Greetings to all,

Summer is here and things are starting to heat up for our Fall Training conference. The theme this year is **"On the Threshold of a Dream."** I hope you feel the excitement building as we approach this years' conference.

Let me first give a short recap of the first half of the year for GRA, and share some exciting possibilities for the second half of the year. GRA was very well represented by six members who attended the Governmental Affairs Summit in Washington, D.C. Those efforts hold a special place as we continue our long history as leaders in the forefront of advocacy. I was reminded about the overall theme of equality in work, life, and leisure that all deserve, as well as the need to continue to provide a voice to our leaders in Congress. "From many, One", or "E Pluribus Unum" was a founding principle in the development of America. We too, have a strong voice and responsibility to remember this principle as we advocate, educate and serve Georgians. Several GRA members also attended the SERNRA conference in Louisville KY, and enjoyed a great conference.

Looking ahead to this fall, I am excited about the possibilities for a localized outreach to our GA legislators as we plan for legislative events across the state. You will hear more from our Education and Advocacy Chairs Jennifer Howell and Cheryl Ussery in the near future.

Finally, this years' conference in St. Simons has the makings of being a great opportunity to enhance our skills, challenge our minds, and celebrate accomplishments. I look for to seeing you all there!

Thanks

Ed James, GRA President

"Do what you feel in your heart to be right- for you'll be criticized anyway" - Eleanor Roosevelt

Chapter & Division Reports

Metro Atlanta Chapter Report — Michell Temple, President

The Metro-Atlanta Chapter hosted its first Lunch & Learn on April 19, 2013 at Tommy Nobis in Marietta. Ms. Dana H. Carroll presentation to over 30 attendees on “Social Security Disability: Can’t work with it, Can’t Work without it” was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Planning is underway for the Metro-Chapter’s community services project. Information coming soon and we hope you will participate.

Calendar of Events for 2013

Date: **Friday August 2nd, 12PM—2PM**
Topic: **Clients with Autistic Spectrum**
Presenter: **Matthew Segall, Pd.D, Emory Autism Center**
Location: **To be announced**
2 CRC credits applied for
Email: metrogra@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES

Ethics Symposium Friday, October 25th 9 AM – 4 PM

Do you have a favorite recipe that you’d like to share?

In celebrating diversity through food, GAMRC is again publishing our annual cookbook. We would love to feature delicious recipes of appetizers, main entrees, desserts, side dishes and beverages you’d like to share. All recipe donors will get credit in the book. Please see our flyer for details.

GARL Report— Ed Leysath, President

GARL is pleased once again to sponsor our Town Hall meeting with Greg Schmieg, Jimmy DeFoor and Twyla Crump. We look forward to their sharing their perspectives on GVRA. In addition, we will have an interactive exchange of ideas between our VR Leadership Team and the participants. We will have our famous auction outside with the candidate’s social beginning at 8:30 p.m.----you may want to bring a lawn chair. See you at the conference!

Archives Committee Report—Kay Harbin & Jason Williams

The Archives Committee is pleased to report that all material to 2012 has been scanned and saved to discs and will be backed up on the “cloud” system at RWSIR. Kay Harbin and Bruce Dukes along with Ann Jones are to be commended for the work they have completed to achieve this milestone. Local Chapters, Divisions, and the GRA Secretary/Treasurer are encouraged to scan and save their items for the archives from this point forward. There is no progress to report on the planned GRA wing of the RWSIR Ann Johnson Heritage Museum but space will still be made available when this project is completed at the Institute.

Chapter & Division Reports

East Chapter Report — Sharon Brown

The East Chapter has had three meetings so far this year, the board meeting in January and local chapter meetings in March and June. The first two meetings were held through telephone conference; and the meeting in June was held at the Goodwill Industries of Middle Georgia and the CSRA site location in Augusta.

At the meeting in January we were able to establish our calendar for the year, discussed implications for limited travel mandate on participation for future meetings; agreed that the President-Elect will arrange for meetings that would be held in Washington and Athens; members in Augusta will be responsible for obtaining the speaker for the meeting that will be held in Augusta. We decided that the board will solicit input from members regarding specific interests for future training. We will try to ensure that CRC credits will be offered for training for both the Athens and Augusta meetings.

The East Chapter provided a monetary donation for refreshments for the vendors and the volunteers as part of our special projects to the following: Project TEAM 26 – Veterans Jobs & Resources Fair held on March 4, 2013 from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. In Augusta, GA and the event was a great success according to the feedback received.

We also discussed special projects to include Toys for Tots, Canned food donations for needy families, Clothes Closet; approval was granted to donate \$50 per person for members running for office (Sharon Brown – Board Member at Large; Lauri Tuten – Vice President) to assist with the cost of providing food for the social at the GRA Conference. Approval was granted with funding of \$25 per school to assist with the cost of certificates and refreshments for the Richmond County Awards Day Ceremony held in May.

The East Chapter Special Projects Committee supported students attending the High School Job Club Awards Celebration, held on May 13, 2013 and May 16, 2013 at 2 local high schools in Augusta (The Academy of Richmond County and T.W. Josey High School). With the support of the East Chapter, refreshments for the ceremony were purchased and provided to attendees. Several GRA members attended the event and it was a huge success. Each student was extremely excited to receive their certificates of completion for their hard work in the program. For some of the students, this award was the only award they have received during the school year. Please look for pictures in the next GRA newsletter.

Special Projects Committee will kick off Phase I, with the “Wounded Warrior Card Writing Campaign”. Committee members will collect get well cards, letters, and drawings for our Recovering Wounded Warriors at Ft. Gordon and Recovering Service Members at the Charlie Norwood Veterans Administration Medical Center. All cards will be given to veterans on “Veterans Day, Monday November 11, 2013”. Phase II, will consist of the “Campaign for Caring Food Drive”. Members will collect donated nonperishable food items for the Golden Harvest Food Bank in Augusta. Golden Harvest Food Bank has been helping feed individuals and families in and around the CSRA since 1982.

At the June meeting we also revamped the fundraising events to include the “Naughty but Nice”; “Sweet Tooth”; and “Hodge Podge Baskets”; the 50/50 drawing, the drawing for a business donated jewelry set, and donations for UGA fans.

Photos of the events appear in the next page.

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Chapter & Division Reports

East Chapter Report (continued) — Sharon Brown



T.W. Josey High School Job Club: April 13, 2013

A.R Johnson High School Job Club Students; April 16, 2013



Chapter & Division Reports

East Chapter Report (continued) — Sharon Brown

Region 5 VR Program hosted the GVRA Board meeting on June 12, 2013 at the Athens Career Center. The meeting was well attended by VR Field Staff, DAS, GIB, private providers, GVRA State Office staff and other guests. The GRA East Chapter donated \$75 to assist Region 5 in purchasing food and gift bag items for the Board Members



We discussed recruitment of new members within our local areas from staff, providers, and other agencies. We discussed the membership drive and goal of being 500 members as we are already at 446 members for the state. We are happy to report 6 new members for the East Chapter so far this year.

We discussed fundraising events to include the "Naughty but Nice" and "Sweet Tooth" baskets along with a 50/50 drawing and the fundraising drive and goal being set at \$500.00.

At the June meeting the speakers were Ms. Angela Collins; Regional Workforce Development Manager, Ryan Farrell Vocational Rehabilitation Case Manager, and Ms. Amy Breitmann; Admissions and Recruitment Manager for Helms College Augusta Campus. At the meeting we were able to take a tour of the Goodwill facility to include Helm College.

Special Project Committee Members will soon begin working on the "2013 Campaign for Caring". The Special Projects Committee will kick off Phase I, with the "Wounded Warrior Card Writing Campaign". Committee members will collect get well cards, letters, and drawings for our Recovering Wounded Warriors at Ft. Gordon and Recovering Service Members at the Charlie Norwood Veterans Administration Medical Center. All cards will be given to veterans on "Veterans Day, Monday November 11, 2013". Phase II, will consist of the "Campaign for Caring Food Drive". Members will collect donated nonperishable food items for the Golden Harvest Food Bank in Augusta. Golden Harvest Food Bank has been helping feed individuals and families in and around the CSRA since 1982.

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West Chapter Report— Jason Williams, President

Our local chapter plans to offer a free training session this fall to members with CRC credits to be provided. We also plan to purchase an advertisement in the GRA Program and send members to this training as well in addition to providing some snacks and goodies for the registration bags.



Save the





Date



**August 21-23, 2013
for the
GRA 2013 Training
Conference
At
Sea Palms Resort
On Saint Simons Island**

Wonderful Training
Beautiful Setting
Great Networking
Hope to see you there!



Georgia Rehabilitation Association “postcard”
Training Conference SEA PALMS @ St. Simon's



GReAT

Pre-Conference: August 20th.

Plan & Save The Date: 8/21-23/2013

"On the Threshold of a Dream"

Our **GReAt** Training Conference is going to be the best ever for speakers, certification hours, topics, disability issues, motivation, insight, and good ole' relaxation for our weary bones! Come join us at Sea Palms on St. Simons as a member of the **GReAteam!**



Do you know someone who is not a member? Go to our website at georgiarehab.org for an application and look around. Thanks—Larry



**2013 Georgia Rehabilitation Association Conference
C U @ Sea Palms: August 21st—August 23rd**

"Taste of Highlands" *Wine Tasting Event*

Join us Thursday night at the GRA Conference in St. Simons for the Taste of Highlands!

We will be raffling off a gorgeous gift basket of wine and accessories for \$1 per ticket. Buy 5 tickets and receive FREE admission to our wine tasting event featuring wine selections from North Georgia's amazing wineries. Additional tastings available at \$1 each. Finger food and music will also be included.

Join us for a great evening of friends, fun, and wine!

Date: August 22,

Time: 4:00 PM — 6:00 PM

Where: Sea Palms



**Sponsored by the
GRA Highlands Chapter**



GRA 2013

Nominations

Slate of Candidates

President– Elect

Paige Tidwell

Vice President-Elect

Lauri Tuten

Secretary

Myndi Hoffman

Board Member at Large

Regina Watts

Gwen Raines

Raj Pagadala

Sharon Brown



Candidate Profile: Paige Tidwell

Running for President-Elect 2014



Hello GRA members! I am **Paige Tidwell** and I am running for the **2014 GRA President-Elect position**. First I would like to tell you a little about myself and my experiences that have brought me to want this position. I have been in the counseling field for close to 25 years; the last 9 with the Vocational Rehabilitation Program. During these 9 years, I have worked as a counselor, evaluator, unit manager and now a state coordinator. When I was looking into graduate school back in the early 1990's, I was struck by the description of the Rehabilitation Counseling program; it spoke of quality of life, self-sufficiency and assisting individuals

be the best they can be. Upon seeing that description, I knew I had found the direction for me. Boy, I have been blessed ! Not only have I found my "niche," I get to start and end my day knowing I had some sort of positive impact on someone's life. That is such an awesome feeling. I love what I do !!!!

The passion I have had for the rehabilitation field has led to incredible leadership opportunities on both the National and State level. For the past 10 years I have held numerous board positions on the National Vocational Evaluation Work Adjustment Association Board, which I currently still serve on. Through VEWA, I have met outstanding leaders in the field, been a part of many collaborations, have presented at national conferences, served as a Commissioner for CCWAVES, and now serve as Chair for the National Registry of Professional Vocational Evaluators. In addition to VEWA, I also currently serve on the board of NADBS (National Association of Disability Benefit Specialists). Over the years, I have also been an active member of GRA to include holding several board positions of Vice President, Secretary and Member at Large, which I am now.



I have long been a believer that not only is our association here to advocate for individuals with disabilities, but more significantly is an association to promote what we do, improve how we do it and advocate for how important our field is. Our association represents credibility, professionalism, quality and empowerment through training, service, education and advocacy. As President in 2015, I intend to continue with the momentum of the leaders before me in building an even stronger GRA by increasing our advocacy efforts with legislators, addressing state and national legislation impacting the rehabilitation profession, continued premier professional development, promoting specialty divisions, and on-going membership outreach. We are in exciting times; the rehabilitation field in Georgia is looking GREAt and I very much look forward to being a part of it.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely, Paige Tidwell, CRC, CVE, LPC, PVE

Candidate Profile: Lauri Tuten

Running for Vice-President Elect 2015



My name is **Lauri Tuten** and I am presently employed by the VR Program as a Rehabilitation Unit Manager in the Augusta area. I am running for **Vice President for 2015**. I am a current Board Member at Large, Past President of the Georgia Association for Rehabilitation Leadership and the Treasurer for the East Georgia Chapter. I have held the position of Secretary for GRA, Secretary for the East Georgia Chapter, GRA Special Projects and Administrative Policy Committees, Scholarship Chair and the Awards Chair. I am running for Vice President because I am excited about the opportunities for professionals in the field of rehabilitation in Georgia with the recent move of the agency. The time is right to strengthen ties with private rehabilitation providers and vendors, create new partnerships and grow GRA.



I appreciate your support and your vote.

Lauri Tuten

Candidate Profile: Myndi Hoffman

Running for GRA Secretary 2014



Greetings GRA Members,

My name is **Myndi Hoffman** and I am running for the **2014 GRA Secretary** position. Since joining GRA in 2008, I have had the opportunity to serve GRA in multiple capacities including: President of the East Chapter in 2011, Co-Chair of the Program Committee for the 2010 and 2012 Training Conferences, and currently as Board Member-At- Large.

To briefly introduce myself, I would like to share that I have a Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi and have been in the counseling field for about a decade now. Shortly after moving to



Georgia, I discovered the Vocational Rehabilitation field, which ignited a passion for me and changed both my life and career paths. I began working for the state of Georgia's Vocational Rehabilitation Program in 2007, as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and then as a Rehabilitation Unit Manager. Currently I am the East Regional Manager of Intensive Services for Goodwill of North Georgia, where I continue to have the opportunity help serve people with disabilities and help them go to work. The vocational rehabilitation field has allowed me to do work that fulfills my personal values of helping others by empowering and advocating for them to have opportunities to obtain successful employment by maximizing their personal strengths and abilities. For this, I am truly grateful. I would appreciate your support in allowing me to continue on in this regard by serving GRA as Secretary in 2013. Thank you!

Myndi Hoffman

Candidate Profile: Regina Watts

Running for Board Member at Large

Greetings GRA Family,

My name is **Regina Watts** and I am asking for your vote of confidence. Vote for me as **GRA Board Member at Large**.

I have been a member of NRA since becoming employed with VR in 1997.

I have been active since day one and have held numerous offices to include:

- Newsletter editor for about 5 years
- President of GARL
- Secretary of GARL
- SWGRA local chapter President
- Awards Chairperson
- Board member
- Currently co-chairperson of Membership committee

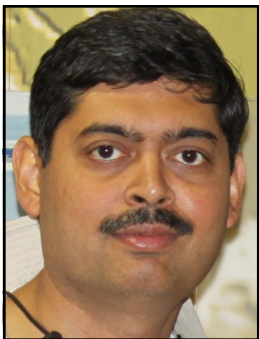


Even though I am no longer employed with VR, my passion is to still advocate on behalf of people with disabilities. As Special Needs Coordinator at Albany Technical College for approximately 5 ½ years now, I hit the ground running to assure that our students receive the services that they are entitled to. I will bring this same vigor and attention to detail to the position of Board Member a Large for GRA. I humbly ask for your vote. Thank you for your confidence.

Regina Watts

Candidate Profile: Raj Pagadala

Running for Board Member at Large



Dear GRA members,

My name is **Raj Pagadala** and I am seeking your vote for the position of **Board Member at Large**. I have been a GRA member since 2002 and am the director of the Assistive Work Technology Unit with the Georgia Voc Rehab Program.

I am currently on the board of NMEDA (National Mobility Equipment Dealers Association) and also serve my professional organization, RESNA (Rehab Engineering and Assistive Technology Association of North America) as the Chair of all the Special Interest Groups, a role that gives me a non-voting position

on the RESNA board.

I have decided to run for this position on the GRA board because I would like to bring my leadership skills to GRA and contribute in a more active manner.

Thank you for your support.

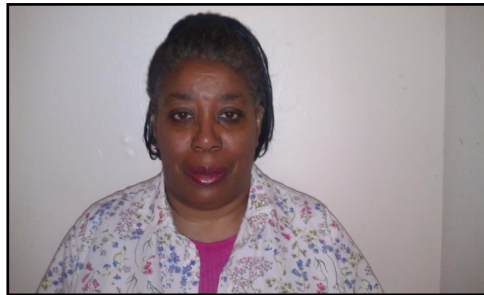
Raj Pagadala



Candidate Profile: Sharon Brown
Running for Board Member at Large

"I FEEL GOOD!!"

AND YOU CAN TOO!



VOTE
SHARON BROWN
FOR BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE

Hello everyone. My name is **Sharon Brown** and I am very excited in announcing my candidacy for **GRA Board Member at Large**. I am a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor with the Vocational Rehabilitation Program in Augusta, Georgia. I have worked for the VR program for 14 years with the first 7 being as a Program Assistant and the last seven as a Counselor. Having the opportunities to help people with disabilities realize their abilities and what they can accomplish in life have been very rewarding. I have been an active member of GRA since 2005, serving as Secretary and currently as East Georgia Local Chapter President for this year (2013). I am running for Board Member at Large in hopes of becoming more involved in the sharing of ideas that will provide numerous opportunities to promote GRA's mission of improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities through education and advocacy. It would be a great honor to serve in this new role. I certainly would appreciate your vote and I look forward to seeing you at the conference!!

Candidate Profile: Gwen Raines

Running for Board Member at Large



My name is **Gwen Raines** and I would appreciate your vote for **Board Member-At-Large**.

I have been an active member of GRA/NRA since 2010. I was the Highlands Chapter Secretary from 2011-2012. I have been an employee of GVRA since 2010 and before that I was employed with GDOL for 4 years. To me there is nothing more rewarding in the world, than feeling that I have made a difference in someone's life.

In 2011, I assisted with the Highlands Chapter blood drive, and I also decorated plastic containers and



placed them around town to collect monetary donations for the Wounded Warrior Campaign. I have collected and donated aluminum can tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in our area to aid families of hospitalized children. I am active with the Walker, Chattooga and Catoosa County Chambers of Commerce.

I am a member of the La Fayette Civitan Club and the La Fayette Optimist Club whose main missions are to raise funds and help the less fortunate, with a focus on youth and the Special Olympics. I have been married for 29 years to a wonderful man named Greg Raines. I have two sons and four precious granddaughters who are my world. I love spending time with family and friends. My husband and I are members of Calvary Baptist Church in La Fayette, GA. God has blessed me in many ways and I just want to be a blessing to others.

As a current Rehabilitation Job Readiness Specialist in Region 1, I witness the lives of people with disabilities being positively changed on a regular basis; I could not have a better job. If elected, I promise and pledge to serve, act, and advocate for all persons with disabilities.

Gwen Raines



**Georgia
Rehabilitation
Association
Annual Conference
August 21st—Aug 23rd 2013**

**Sea Palms Resort
St. Simons GA**

The Georgia Rehabilitation Association
Invites you to participate in the
2013 Annual Training Conference & Exhibitor Showcase
Location: Sea Palms Golf & Tennis Resort
August 21-23, 2013
Theme- “On the Threshold of a Dream”

“The Georgia Rehabilitation Association is a Member organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities through education and advocacy.”

Our Members include rehabilitation counselors, physical, speech and occupational therapists, job trainers, consultants, independent living instructors and other professionals involved in the advocacy of programs and services for people with disabilities.

Each year GRA hosts a well attended training conference where knowledge is shared and concerns are addressed. Rehabilitation professionals are able to stay current on subjects relevant to their career and earn many of the continuing education credits necessary for maintaining a variety of certifications.

Within this environment, the GRA Conference exposition provides an extraordinary marketplace for increasing sales while reducing sales costs. With its targeted audience, this conference can be a potent, cost-effective market-

Sea Palms Golf & Tennis Resort 5445 Frederica Road, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522 USA

Hotel Accommodations:

Island Inn 301 Main Street, Saint Simons Island, GA 31522 **Phone:** (912) 638-7805 **Toll Free:** (800) 673-6323

Hampton Inn 2204 Demere Road, Saint Simons Island, Georgia, 31522 **Phone:** 1-912-634-2204

Exhibitors Can:

- Demonstrate state-of-the-art products to a receptive audience.
- Meet individuals interested in new products and services.
- Interact with attendees during session breaks
- Reach people not usually accessible to sales representatives.
- Create immediate impact with high-energy displays.
- Showcase unique, innovative technologies.
- Communicate effectively with one-on-one contact.
- Discover new buying interests.

Exhibitors Fee

Price per booth: \$400

Booths are reserved upon receipt of a completed, signed contract and payment of \$400 per booth. Contracts will NOT be accepted without payment. Confirmation of the reservation will be sent as soon as the Signed contract and payment are received.

Special Addition

Exhibitors can apply to professional accrediting commissions for credits. If approved, conference attendees can earn credits toward maintaining certification for visiting your booth. This provides time to individually showcase your products and services to attendees. Further information will be provided if indicated on exhibitor registration form.

Exhibitor Fee Includes:

- One 8' x 8' exhibit booth space
- One 6' skirted table and two chairs
- One identification sign
- 8' high drape; 3' high side drapes
- Organization's name in Exhibitor Guide
- Free admission to the President's Reception
- One 120-volt electrical outlet, upon request
- Two Awards Breakfast Tickets, upon request

Directory, Sponsorship, Door Prizes & Conference Bags

The Conference Program & Exhibitor Guide is distributed to all conference participants inside a specialty designed tote bag. The Guide provides a complete listing of vendors, with the name and location of each booth. Advertising space is available and an excellent way to keep your company's information in the minds of our Members long after the conference is over. Sponsorship opportunities are also available at levels to fit every budget. By helping to sponsor the conference, you not only provide added exposure for your company, but also receive enhanced benefits before and during the conference. For information on sponsorship please contact Cheryl Williamson at (229)333-5251. Exhibitor-donated door prizes will be drawn throughout the conference. This is another great way to spotlight your company! Please indicate this on the exhibitor contract.

*******Exhibitor Registration deadline is July 15, 2013*******

**2013 Annual Training Conference &
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Please print or type.

Company Name: _____
(Name as it is to appear in the Exhibitor Guide and on Exhibitor Booth Sign)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

URL Address: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Contact Person E-mail: _____

I hereby authorize the Georgia Rehabilitation Association to reserve exhibit space for use by the above company or organization during the 2013 GRA Annual Training Conference & Exhibitor Showcase. I also acknowledge receipt of and agree to abide by the Exhibit Rules and Regulations provided with this contract, and to all conditions under which exhibit space is leased to GRA. Exhibitor assumes the entire responsibility and liability for losses, and claims arising out of exhibitor's activities on the hotel premises and will indemnify and hold harmless GRA and the Savannah Marriott Riverfront from any and all such losses, damages and claims.

Signature: _____

Position: _____ Date: _____

Space will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Payment Terms: Booth rental fee is \$400 per 8' X 8' booth space.

Payment in full **MUST** accompany this contract or no booth space will be assigned.

We are interested in applying to accrediting commissions for potential certification credits. ..

(check)

COMBO PACKAGES

\$ _____ Exhibit booth (8' x 8') and Full Page Ad Combo (\$550.00)

\$ _____ Exhibit booth and Break Sponsorship Combo (\$550.00)

\$ _____ Exhibit booth, Break Sponsorship and Full Page Ad Combo (\$700.00)

We request space for a modified vehicle. .. (check)

(check)

We require a 120-volt electrical outlet ..

\$ _____ Additional Awards Breakfast Tickets (08/23/2013) @ \$ 20 each

Two Awards Breakfast tickets are included. Please indicate if your company will be utilizing these two tickets. ..

(check)

\$ _____ President's Reception & Dance Sponsorship Donation

\$ _____ **Total** (Enclose a check made payable to the Georgia Rehabilitation Association.)

Please mail completed or fax signed exhibitor contract with payment to:

GRA/ Joya LeNoir 2756 Atlanta Highway, Gainesville, GA., 30504

Phone: 770-535-5993 ; Fax: 770-535-5994

*****Exhibitor Registration deadline is July 15, 2013 *****

We are interested in donating door prizes. ☐ (check)

We are interested in donating items to be placed in the conference tote bags. ☐ (check)

EXHIBIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

CONTRACT FOR SPACE – The signed official application for exhibit space constitutes a contract for the right to use space only when an acceptance is confirmed by the Exhibits Manager. All contracts are expressly subject to the terms of the Conference lease relating to the Exhibition Premises.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATIONS – The charge is **\$400 per 8' x 8' exhibit booth and is due upon contract submission**. Exhibitors who cancel after June 15, 2013 will be obligated for 50% of the total booth rental fee (\$200) as liquidated damages. Exhibitors who cancel after July 2, 2013 will be obligated for full payment as liquidated damages. Failure to occupy booth space does not release the Exhibitor from obligation to pay the full cost of rental. If booth space is not occupied by 6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, the Exhibits Manager reserves the right to use the space as he/she sees fit to eliminate empty space in the Exhibit Hall.

SPACE ASSIGNMENT – The Exhibits Manager will assign space on a first-come, first-served basis, according to the date received. In the absence of a legible postmark, the Conference will assign space according to the date the application and payment are received. GRA reserves the right to shift space assignment after the contract is completed if it is found necessary to do so. No changes in assigned spaces will be made without prior notice. Exhibitors may not sublease, reassign, or apportion all or any part of the space assigned without prior written permission from the Exhibits Manager. The Exhibits Manager reserves the right to reject, eject, or prohibit any exhibit in whole or in part or any Exhibitor with cause if exhibit is unsuitable or not consistent with the character of the Exhibition.

SHIPPING- Exhibitors who need to ship items to the Conference are to ship items to 515 North Windward Drive, St. Simons Island, GA., 31522 Attn: Darin Grossen, Conference Service Manager. Only packages over 20 lbs. will incur an additional shipping charge.

EXHIBIT HOURS – The Exhibition will be open from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Wednesday, August 21, 2013; from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Thursday, August 22, 2013; and from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Friday, August 23, 2013. These hours are subject to change.

INSTALLATION – Booth spaces and exhibit tables will be available for installation from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. The installation of exhibits and removal of all boxes and crating must be completed by 6:00 PM. Absolutely no exceptions will be made.

DISMANTLING – Exhibitors agree to have all material removed by 11:00 AM Friday, August 23, 2013. Any material left on the floor after this time will be discarded with cartage rates applied if applicable.

BOOTH FURNISHINGS AND DECORATIONS – Each booth includes a) a standard 8' high by 8' wide back wall drape; b) side rail drapes 3' high and 10' long; c) a standard 12" x 24" booth sign; d) aisle cleaning service; e) one 6' draped table f) two chairs; g) two Exhibitor badges; and h) one single 120-volt electrical outlet, if requested on reverse.

ADVERTISING MATTER – The Exhibits Manager reserves the right to refuse the distribution of souvenirs, advertising, printing material, or any other items considered objectionable. Distribution of allowed materials from any location other than the Exhibitor's space is prohibited.

SECURITY – Peripheral security guard service is provided by Exhibit Management. However, it is the responsibility of each Exhibitor to protect material from loss or damage. Any Exhibitor wishing additional security must contract individually with the security vendor selected by the Conference; all charges will be billed to the Exhibitor directly by the vendor.

ADMISSION – Admission to the 2013 GRA Conference will be by official exhibitor badge only, which entitles the owner to unlimited attendance. Each booth is entitled to two free badges. Exhibitor personnel shall be limited to four people per booth at any one time. Exhibitors and their representatives must wear their official badges at all times while on the display floor. Badges are not transferable and must not be loaned to any other person; violators will be barred from the Exhibit premises. The Exhibits Manager shall have sole control of admission policy at all times. An Exhibitor is permitted to enter the Exhibit Premises one hour before the scheduled opening time.

EXHIBITOR CONDUCT – The Exhibitor shall refrain from any action that distracts participants from attendance at the Conference during open hours. If an Exhibitor is rejected for violation of these rules or for any stated reason, no return of rental shall be made.

SOLICITATION OF BUSINESS – Only Exhibitors may solicit business in or near the Exhibit Premises. Sales and order taking are permitted on Exhibit Premises. The Exhibitor shall be responsible for any state or local taxes that may be applicable. Sales receipts must accompany all merchandise sold and delivered on the Exhibition Premises.

FILM, SOUND DEVICES, AND LIGHTING – Moving pictures, loud speakers, or sound devices will only be permitted if tuned to a conversational level and are not objectionable to neighboring Exhibitors. The Exhibits Manager reserves the right to restrict the use of glaring lights or objectionable lighting effects.

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LIABILITY – Neither GRA, the Exhibits Manager, Sea Palms Golf & Tennis Resort, the Decorator, nor others associated with the management of the Conference will assume responsibility for the safety of the property of the Exhibitor, its officials, agents, or employees, from theft or damage by fire, accident, or other causes, but will use reasonable care to protect against such loss. It is agreed that the Exhibitor shall indemnify and hold harmless GRA, the Decorator, the Center, and others associated with the Conference and Exhibits Management from all liability that might result from any cause whatsoever. GRA, the Decorator, and others associated with the management of the Conference and the Center shall not be liable for non-fulfillment or commitment for delivery of space by reason of the Center premise being damaged, destroyed, or rendered unusable by fire, accident, acts of nature or public enemy, strike, authority of law, or any other cause. In the event that the Conference cannot be held or space delivered to that purpose, GRA's sole liability shall be to reimburse the Exhibitor pro-rata on monies actually paid in by such Exhibitor less any and all costs or charges paid or incurred for advertising, administration, and similar purposes.

These rules and regulations are subject to revision by the Conference and all points not covered herein are subject to the decision of the Conference. These rules have been formulated for the best interests of the Exhibitors, the Conference, the Decorator, and the Resort. Exhibitors are respectfully requested to observe all rules.

The Exhibits manager shall be the final authority on any question regarding the interpretation of these rules and regulations.

2013 Annual Training Conference
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August 21-23, 2013
Theme- "On the Threshold of a Dream"

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*****Exhibitor Registration deadline is July 15, 2013*****

**All ads must be submitted in high quality PDF or camera-ready format,
with payment in full by July 15, 2012
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Calling ALL COOKS!!



Send your best desserts, main entrees, appetizers, side dishes,
and drinks recipes for PUBLICATION!

Plus enter to win a Cooking basket valued at \$50

Submission of recipes serves as consent for GAMRC to publish all
recipes and pictures without compensating submitter.

*****Deadline to submit: July 15, 2013*****

Submission should include:

1. Complete recipe and # of servings

Optional: The story behind the recipe & Picture of cooked dish

2. Send recipe along with name and telephone number to gamrc4u@gmail.com

Come prepared to purchase a Cookbook

at the 2013 GRA Conference

GARL

Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leaders
NEEDS YOU!

***GARL ANNUAL AUCTION
2013 GRA Conference
Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 8:30 p.m.***

***WE NEED YOUR DONATION OF ITEMS
FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT!***

Tax Receipts available for donated items

Consider the following items:

Plants Woodwork Collectables

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Pictures Homemade Arts & Crafts ETC.

Questions? Contact Ed Leysath or Angie Rhudy

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NANCY CROWDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The purpose of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association's scholarship program is to provide recognition by offering scholarship assistance to an individual with a disability who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement, community involvement, and school participation.

Nominations for the NANCY CROWDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD are submitted by Chapter members to the Scholarship Committee who select a prospective winner and submit their recommendation to the Board for approval.

The scholarship is awarded annually in the amount of \$1000 to be presented at the Annual Conference Awards Ceremony. The winner's travel costs to attend the Awards Ceremony are funded in coordination with the Awards and Recognitions Committee as outlined in the Manual of Operations (Section IV, Awards and Recognitions, g, NOTE).

The name of the **NANCY CROWDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** winner will be submitted to the Southeast Region NRA Scholarship Committee Chairperson as the Georgia Chapter's nominee for the SERNRA Scholarship.

NOTE: Purpose, criteria, application process, and entry forms for the SERNRA Scholarship can be found on pages 10 - 13 of Appendix B.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA:

1. Nominations for the NANCY CROWDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD will be called for by the Scholarship Committee and will be submitted by Chapter members to the Chairperson.
2. Each nominee must be a person with a disability.
3. Each nominee must be a resident of the state of Georgia.
4. Each nominee must be accepted into a post secondary educational program.
5. Nominations should be submitted on the Entry Form for the Nancy Crowder Memorial Scholarship. Applications must be postmarked no later than **August 2, 2013** and mailed to:

Lauri Tuten
c/o GVRA/VR Program
PO Box 824
Thomson, GA 30824



ENTRY FORM
For the NANCY CROWDER MEMORIAL Scholarship

Please print or type all responses to the following questions.

Nominee's name: _____ SSN: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

High School name and Address: _____

Name

Street

City

State

Zip

Definition of DISABILITY: A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual

Describe nominee's disability (Include specific limitations; how and when the impairment was acquired. Etc.):

Discuss how the nominee has overcome societal barriers related to his/her disability:

Discuss difficulties nominee has encountered in working to surmount his/her disability:

Education (please list all institutions attended and dates attended):

Explain how nominee has overcome barriers in the educational environment, if any:

List nominee's accomplishments in school:

List nominee's extracurricular activities:

List nominee's community activities:

List nominee's other accomplishments not already covered in previous questions:

THE ISAAC MAX HELLER EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award was established to honor employers who have provided excellent services to citizens with disabilities by providing them with employment. Considerations, criteria, and procedures for nominations:

1. How long has this employer been cooperating with rehabilitation service providers and employing persons with disabilities?
2. How many persons with disabilities has this employer hired?
3. What is the total number of all employees in this establishment?
4. Is the employer using as many persons with disabilities as is feasible for his/her operation?
5. Has this employer provided reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities?
6. Is this employer's business and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities?
7. Has this employer been instrumental in advocating for the employment of persons with disabilities?

Does this employer inform rehabilitation service providers about employment possibilities that might be filled by persons with disabilities?

Letters of nomination should be one typed page or less.

THE SERVICE AWARD

This award is specially oriented toward honoring an individual for outstanding contribution(s) to the field of rehabilitation. The recipient does not have to be a member of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association and cannot be an employee of the Division of Rehabilitation Services. Consideration, criteria, and procedures for nominations:

1. What has the individual contributed towards advancement of the field of rehabilitation?
2. What special recognition or awards has the Nominee received?

Itemize articles or writings in professional publications.

One supporting letter should accompany the letter of nomination.

THE PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award was established to honor a chapter member who has been outstanding in professional achievement during the past year. The recipient must be a member of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association. Nomination procedures and criteria:

1. List outstanding achievements of the Nominee with particular emphasis on services to clients.
2. Describe the nominee's cooperation with related agencies and use of community resources.
3. List special recognition by peer groups, community organizations, etc.

Itemize articles or other items published in professional publications.

Two supporting letters (one from a supervisor and one from a peer) should accompany letter of nomination.

GRA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR/GRA DIVISION OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of this award is to honor a Local Chapter and Division for their unique and diverse achievements, innovative ideas, and dedicated service on behalf of persons with disabilities and local chapter members.

Nominations for the Local Chapter of the Year Award and Division of the Year Award shall consist of the Local Chapter year-end reports, for the prior calendar year, required to be submitted to the GRA Board of Directors through the Finance Committee Chairperson. Local Chapters may also submit to the Awards and Recognitions Committee additional letters of support, newspaper articles, pictures or other supporting information, to be included and considered along with the year-end report nominations packet.

The Awards and Recognition Committee shall obtain copies of such year-end reports to serve as nomination packets for the award.

Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership Education Grant

The purpose of the Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership (GARL) Education Grant is to provide assistance to an individual already employed in the field of public or private vocational rehabilitation for the continuation of that individual's professional development.

The education grant is awarded annually in the amount of **\$500** to be presented at the Annual Conference Awards Ceremony.

Nomination Procedures and Criteria:

Nominations for the GARL Education Grant will be submitted by GARL members to the Scholarship Committee

The GARL member making the nomination should submit a letter of recommendation.

Each nominee must be **employed in the field of vocational rehabilitation** (public or private) in the state of Georgia.

Each nominee's course of study must be directly associated with direct service delivery or management in vocational rehabilitation.

Each nominee must complete the Application for Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership Grant and provide one letter of professional reference from a colleague or supervisor.

Application will be available in the May newsletter or by contacting Shanti Aaron at

shanti.aaron@gvra.ga.gov

2013 GRCEA AWARDS

Please review the following information on the GRA's Personal Achievement Award and Counseling Achievement Award as well as the Georgia Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association's (GRCEA) Counselor of the Year Award. Then, take the time to nominate your fellow co-workers and/or colleagues so they may be honored for their exceptional work.

***GRA Personal Achievement Award**

Established to recognize and honor a client of rehabilitation services who has demonstrated exceptional determination and motivation to overcome substantial impediments to employment resulting from a severe disability, and who has successfully completed a rehabilitation program and become gainfully employed during the 2012 calendar year.

***GRA Counseling Achievement Award**

Established to recognize the dedication and hard work of the GRA member who served as the vocational rehabilitation counselor responsible for developing and implementing the work plan of the recipient of the Personal Achievement Award, and whose counseling, guidance, and other services empowered this client to become successfully employed. Recipients of the GRA Personal Achievement and Counseling Achievement Awards will be the Georgia Chapter's nominees for the Southeast Region NRA Personal Achievement and Counseling Achievement Awards.

To Submit Nominations:

- Obtain approval from the client.

- Complete a narrative of not more than 3000 words, to describe the problem identification of services provided, solution of the problem(s) and job placement information.

- Remove identifying information which would allow the GRCEA Awards Committee members to recognize either the client or the counselor.

- Obtain written permission from the client for members of the GRCEA Awards Committee to visit and/or contact him/her and discuss the services provided.

- Attach a fact sheet (to be removed by the GRCEA Awards Chairperson), containing the client's name, address, and phone number along with the counselor's name and phone number.

*Recipients of these two GRA awards will be selected by the GRCEA Division and will be judged on the basis of the NRA guidelines.

GRCEA Counselor of the Year

The honoree will be a counselor working with a caseload of individuals with disabilities. All nominees must be a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) and a member of the National Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association (NRCEA). These criteria must be met in order for Georgia's winner to compete at the regional and/or national level.

To Submit Nominations:

Attach a fact sheet (to be removed by the GRCEA Awards Chairperson), containing the counselor's name and phone number along with a nomination letter stating why the nominee is entitled to receive this award. The letter should not mention the nominee's name or geographic location.

Submit Nominations by July 26, 2013 to:

Inger Neal, CRC

Attention: GRCEA Award Nominations

243 South Main Street, Suite B, Cleveland, GA 30528

Phone: 706-348-4895

Fax: 706-865-9602

Inger.Neal@gvra.ga.gov

“J. Ellies Moran Outstanding Leadership Award”

Opportunity time!

GARL is seeking your nominations for our

We have had many dynamic individuals win in the past, i.e., Tom Gaines, Yvonne Johnson, Peggy Rosser, David Bennett, Sandy Payne, Don Williams, Elizabeth Kinne, Ava Scarce, Ann Heeth, Melanie Poole, Dr. John Williams, Trish Cooper, Cynthia Woodruff, Charlotte Tolbert, Susan Sherman, Carl McRae, Catherine Andrews, Annette McCauley, Ken Hise, Karen Royston and last year’s winner Twyla Crump!.

The nominee does not have to be a GARL member. We are looking for individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities during the past year. Think about folks who have proven to be leaders in planning and/or implementation; in ethical decision-making; and in conflict resolution.

Leadership is exemplified by a clear sense of purpose, persistence, ability to attract and energize others, being results-oriented, and displaying resourcefulness & resilience. Think about what it takes to be a successful leader in the team environment of today: building up others, leading by example, a team player as well as the leader, possessing empathy, is accessible & accountable, has humility, & cultivates the potential in each team member.

look forward to reading about the nominees!

Please send nominations and three letters of support to:

Ed Leysath,

P.O. Box 7839,

Macon, Ga., 31209-7839

Fax 478-757-4391

by **Thursday, July 31, 2013.**

Don’t wait until the last minute—send nominations now!

Call me at 478-757-4083 with any questions.

ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TECHNICIANS AND SPECIALISTS OF GEORGIA

BOSS OF THE YEAR AWARD CRITERIA

2013

ARTS Boss of the Year nomination

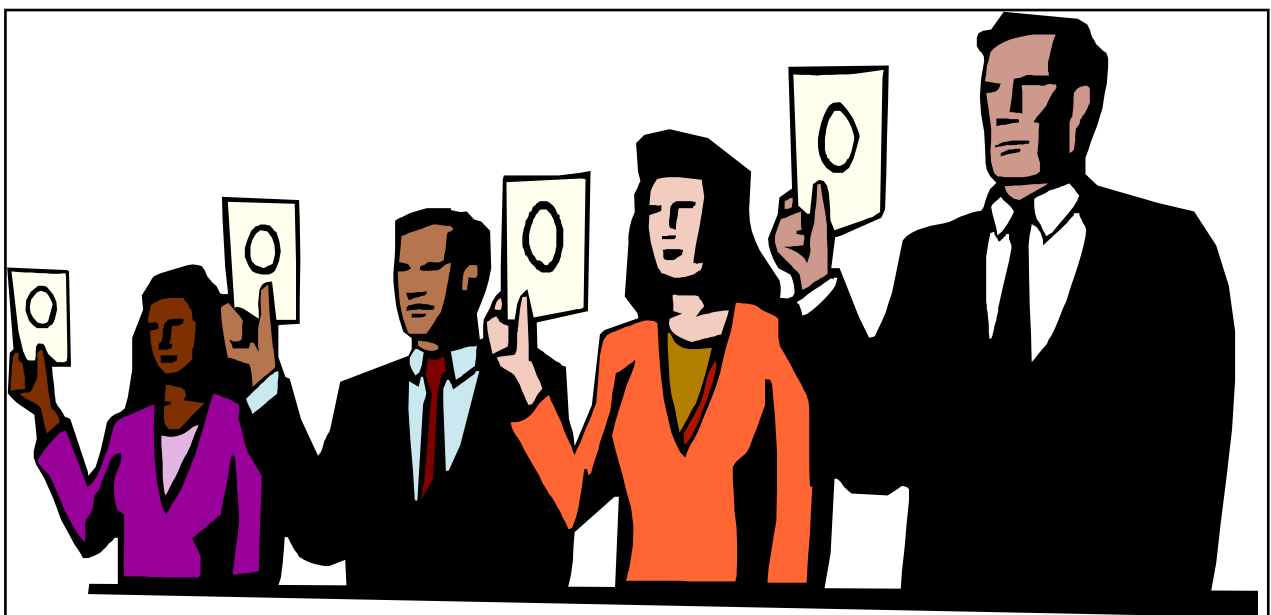
must be submitted by ARTS members only

This “Boss” should be totally involved in the rehabilitation process

and

show support and genuine interest in ARTS.

He/She should be a member of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association.



**NOMINATION FORM
FOR
ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TECHNICIANS AND SPECIALISTS OF GEORGIA
BOSS OF THE YEAR AWARD 2013**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone # : _____

Place of Employment: _____

Position: _____

Professional & Non-Professional Organizations: _____

Community Activities: _____

Hobbies: _____

Education/Training: _____

What support has nominee shown of ARTS and why do you feel he/she should be Boss of the Year?

Submitted by: _____

Telephone #: _____

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY July 15, 2013

Please submit nominations to:

Donna Wright
GDOL-Vocational Rehabilitation Program
150 Evelyn C. Neely Drive
Athens, GA 30601
TELEPHONE 706-354-3900 FAX 706-354-3943
Donna.Wright@dol.state.ga.us

**ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TECHNICIANS
AND SPECIALISTS OF GEORGIA
SERVICE AWARD CRITERIA**

Employed in rehabilitation setting in a technical, support, clerical or secretarial position for at least three (3) years at the time of nomination.

Individuals recommended must be members of ARTS.

Nominations are to be submitted only by GRA members.

The choice of the award recipient is based on outstanding contributions to the field of rehabilitation. Nominee justification should include, but should not necessarily be limited to the following:

- ☐ Has promoted public interest, confidence and trust in the cause of rehabilitation
- ☐ Has performed duties conscientiously, taken pride in work, shown initiative and assumed added responsibilities when called upon.
- ☐ Has demonstrated a good working relationship with supervisors, coworkers, and the public.
- ☐ Any other reason that you may have to justify your nomination.

Material should be submitted in a concise form. Include biographical sketch of nominee, educational background, reason why the nominee is entitled to the award (limited to 100 words). Letters from people who know nominee may also be included and attached to your nomination form.

In the careful judgment of the awards committee, too few or non-acceptable nominations are received, no award should be made.

NOMINATION FORM

ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TECHNICIANS AND SPECIALISTS OF GEORGIA

SERVICE AWARD 2013

NAME: -----

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE #:

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT:

Briefly state why you believe this person would be a good candidate for the ARTS Service Award:

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Submitted by: _____

Telephone # : _____

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Please submit nominations to:

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GRA

GRA MEMBERSHIP CONTEST!!!!

DATES OF CONTEST:

January, 2013 to December, 2013

AWARDS:

CHAPTER RECEIVES:

BRAGGING RIGHTS TROPHY

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER & NEW MEMBER RECEIVE:

CASH PRIZE

CRITERIA:

- The Chapter, Division, or Facility that recruits the most members will be awarded the “Race Horse Award” trophy along with bragging rights.
- The GRA member that recruits the most members will be awarded a cash prize during the annual training conference being held August 21-23, 2013 in St. Simons.
- All recruited & confirmed new members will be entered into a drawing for a cash prize during the annual training conference also.

BRAGGING RIGHTS

The membership contest continues for 2013 until August. The Chapter, Division, Facility (public or private), or Office (public and private) that recruit the most members will be awarded the “Race Horse Award” trophy along with bragging rights. Also, the member who recruits the most members will be awarded a **cash incentive** during the annual training conference in St. Simons. Keep in mind that the membership chairperson has to be informed by email at rwatts@albanytech.edu in order for you to get credit for recruiting the new member. The NRA application is on the GRA website for you to copy and send in. However, potential members can also apply online on the website if paying via credit card. Membership is payable monthly or in total to NRA. RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT to win Bragging Rights!!!!

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Hope To See You All In St. Simons GA

Annual Georgia Rehabilitation Association Conference

August 21st to August 23rd 2013

- The GRA Board

GRA CALENDAR—2013

JUL	<p>Thursday, July 11 - Financial Review-10:00am/Executive Board-1:00/Conference 3:00</p> <p>Friday, July 12 - GRA Board-9:30-12:00 Noon</p> <p>Monday, July 22 - Required QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION due to Administrative Assistant from all Chapters and Divisions</p>
AUG	<p>Thursday, August 15 – If extension requested and granted by IRS for 990 in May, this becomes the deadline to have the document completed by the CPA, signed by GRA officials, postmarked, and in the mail to the IRS (or, for the CPA to request a second extension until November 15, 2013). NOTE: IRS does not have to grant request for second extension.</p> <p>NRA 2013 Annual Training Conference: August 18-20 @ Brooklyn Bridge Marriott, NY, NY</p> <p>GRA 2013 Annual Training Conference: August 21-23 @ Sea Palms, St. Simons</p>
SEP	<p>Sunday, September 15 (actually due Monday, September 16) – Deadline for renewal of Charitable Contribution Registration/Renewal with the Georgia Secretary of State's Office. NOTE: Renewal required every two years (even-numbered years) by Sept 15.</p>
OCT	<p>Thursday, October 3 - Financial Review-10:00am/Executive Board-1:00/Conference 3:00</p> <p>Friday, October 4 - GRA Board - 9:30-12:00</p> <p>Monday, October 21 - Required QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION due to Administrative Assistant from all Chapters and Divisions</p>
NOV	<p>Friday, November 15 – If second request for extension of 990 to IRS was needed, requested and granted, this is the deadline to have 990 completed by CPA, signed by GRA officials, postmarked, and in the mail unless further extensions are requested by GRA through CPA. NOTE: IRS does not have to grant these extension requests.</p>
DEC	<p>Thursday December 5 - Financial Review-10:00 AM /Executive Board-10:30 AM</p> <p>Leadership training 1:00 AM -5:00 AM</p> <p>Friday, December 6 - GRA Board Meeting 9:30-11:30/Conference 12:00-1:00</p>

Georgia Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association (GRCEA)

Annual (Pre-Conference) Training

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

Sea Palms, St. Simons Island, GA

“Ethics and Social Media: Drawing the Line as Professionals”

Presented By:

Lee Brinkley Bryan, Ed, D, CRC, CVE (Vocational Rehabilitation Director, RWSIR)

Buffy Mitchell, B.S. (Staff Education Director, RWSIR)

Meg Sturdevant, B.S.W. (Staff Education Specialist, RWSIR)

1:00 pm-1:30 pm - Registration

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm – Review of CRC Code of Ethics; “Communication vs. Counseling”

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm – Break

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm – Benefits of Social Media; Boundaries and Strategies; Group Discussion

3.0 CRC Ethics credits will be requested

Please bring a copy of CRCC Code of Ethics to this session

Please be thinking about situations or questions that you have encountered regarding clients and social media, so that you can share them during group discussion.

Registration fee of \$50.00 is **not** included in the main GRA Conference Registration Fee

Name: _____

Address: _____

GVRA Region Number _____ Email _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Accommodations: (Indicate Alternate Format, Interpreter, etc Deadline for Request is **08/2/13**):

*****Registration Fee: \$50.00 PAYABLE TO “GRA for GRCEA”**

IMPORTANT: If GVRA is paying your registration fee via direct bill, they should select payment to official GRA agent address, ie, 697 Stratford Green; Avondale Estates, Ga 30002

PERSONAL PAYMENT: if you are paying via check or money order , send your payment to address below
ALL REGISTRATION FORMS (regardless of payment method) SHOULD BE SENT OR EMAILED TO :

Kim Bennett for GRCEA

2604 Mesa Road

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Ph. 912 283 6253 (no FAX available)

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 8/2/13



GRA BALLOT 2013 ELECTION



PRESIDENT-ELECT

(Check one)

_____ *Paige Tidwell*

_____ *Name of Candidate*

(Write-in)

VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT

(Check one)

_____ *Lauri Tuten*

_____ *Name of Candidate*

(Write-in)

SECRETARY

_____ *Myndi Hoffman*

_____ *Name of Candidate*

(Write-in)

BOARD MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

The Board Members section of the ballot will be invalid unless four (4) names are marked for vote as stated in the Manual of Operations.

_____ *Sharon Brown*

_____ *Gwen Raines*

_____ *Raj Pagadala*

_____ *Regina Watts*

(Write-in)

PLEASE MAIL TO: *Cheryl Braswell, 924 Whiddon Mill Road, Sumner, GA 31789*

VOTER'S NAME: _____

NRA Membership Number: _____

ADDRESS: _____