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RIDGES AND HOLLERS

The Tampa Conference was a time of celebration for Marla Coulter-McDonald, our newest ACPE Supervisor. It was a delightful break from her busyness leading preparations for the upcoming R.E.M. Invitational and the ten-year accreditation review at St Vincent in Indianapolis. Sergei Petroy and Mark Scheffers didn't fair as well, but both came away with encouragement to return and some revised learning goals.

It seems to be a time of hard news. While at Tampa we learned that Susan Kyser has been diagnosed with cancer and she is undergoing chemotherapy. She invites prayers and encouragement. Jerry Davis, Pacific Region Regional Director, was very ill and we learned of his death just after Thanksgiving. And as I was preparing this article, I learned that Bob McGeeny's younger brother, Mike, had died. And, of course, we continue our prayers for Joan Hemenway. Her resignation as ACPE president has accelerated the active involvement of our new president elect, Bill Scrivener.

I would also like to invite your concern for the center in Saginaw, MI. Virginia Lane, ACPE Supervisor, and Carl Demeritt, ACPE Clinical Member and Department Director, have lost their positions. The hospital is in urgent need of an interim supervisor for four residents as they try to recruit a new supervisor.

Registration materials are now available for the R.E.M. Invitational. The program looks terrific and it will be some time until we host R.E.M. In the East Central Region again. Don't miss this opportunity. Do what you can to enable your students to attend. There is a special "extra" at this year's Invitational: Wednesday evening there will be a "Town Meeting" to discuss the history and

future of R.E.M. Several invited panelists will discuss various concerns in fishbowl fashion. It is not to be a legislative process, but an attempt to gather guiding thoughts as R.E.M. lives into a new identity.

As I wrote this article, my mother was actively dying. I shared with many friends at Tampa my grief that I may have had my last sensible conversation with her. However, I was happily wrong. She rallied for Thanksgiving, her favorite holiday. In fact, until the last day of November she seemed better than she had been for some months.

As I was going out the door to drive to Indianapolis to participate in the site review at St. Vincent the phone rang. It was my brother, John reporting that mother had taken a bad turn. Donna and I along with my sister, two brothers and members of their families spent a long night keeping watch. She died just before 4:00 PM the next day, December 1st. So, this is a sad time for us as we prepare for the funeral and life without mother. Most of you know that a primary factor in our decision to return to Indiana in 1998 was my desire to be involved in my parents' care. I am very grateful for the opportunity to have been close and to have had this time with both of them. This Ridges and Hollers has been written at a difficult time for me and I will assume your forbearance if I have left out important items. I also want to thank all of you who have kept us in your prayers and offered words of support and comfort. Peace, Cal Brand

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE REGION

Welcome back from Tampa, hello holidays, and get ready for more meetings! There's so much going on around our region; in our shops, and in our personal lives that, "and it came to pass" seems to be the maxim of the month. CPE evaluations are due in the next few

weeks. Almost all of us will celebrate some holy days in December that have something to do with light, food, and community. Many of us struggle with feeling overwhelmed by financial stress, Seasonal Affective Disorder, and grief. We seem snowed under with things to do and places to go to the point that December seems to have no light and we often feel more isolated than comfortably connected. Hurry up and write! Hurry up and shop! Hurry up and cook! Hurry up and shut up and get up and gear up and don't get too fed up!

During December, I encourage all of us to step off the ever-escalating speedway of living it up and slow down, calm down, sit down, and get down to what's really important. We have issues to address in our region and we have a vision. We have task forces who are willing and able to lead us. We have a reputation to address and although this may be difficult, we have the ability to look at our practices and make changes. After all, this is CPE! We have much to celebrate even amidst all the stressors of this busy season. I am happy to serve you as Chair of the Region, I welcome your comments and concerns, and I look forward to the ups and downs of the two years ahead. Blessings and Peace, Elizabeth Price

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REM SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Regional REM Committee is once again offering scholarships to regional ACPE members who are interested in attending the REM 2007 – ACPE REM INVITATIONAL XX “Engaging Our Multicultural Voices in the Community,” February 1-3, 2007, Indianapolis, IN. The number of requests received will determine the amount of the scholarship. Anyone who has a need for a scholarship, please contact Vickie Johnson, REM Chairperson, at <vickielynn.2@juno.com> or 502-526-0216. **The deadline for applying for a regional scholarship is December 15, 2006.**

NEWS & NOTES

Congratulations to **Frank Woggon!** Frank will begin his responsibilities as CPE Supervisor at the University of Louisville Hospital on January 8, 2007.

The **regional web site address** was changed recently. The new address is www.ecracpe.org Fred

Madren has been working diligently to make sure all the links are working. Please send any questions or concerns to him at <fmadren@clarian.org>

JOB/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- The Clinic, Cleveland, OH – has an immediate opening for a **CPE Supervisor** as Coordinator of Clinical Pastoral Education in an expanding department. Responsibilities include managing a CPE Program, CPE supervision, providing pastoral care to patients, families and staff, with other administrative functions. Qualifications include, but are not limited to, a Master of Divinity degree, certification, ordination and ecclesiastical endorsement. Competitive salary and benefits. Send inquiries or résumé to: The Director of Pastoral Care, H19, Cleveland Clinic, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44195. Phone (216) 444-2518. FAX (216) 445-9678.
- The Cleveland Clinic Foundation has seven positions for the **2007-2008 CPE Residency**, and six for the **Summer 2007** program. Residency stipend is \$25,000 - \$26,000. Apply by 2/28/07 to: The Rev. Dennis E. Kenny, Pastoral Care, H19, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44195. (216) 444-2518; FAX (216)-445-9678. Visit the Web site: <http://www.clevelandclinic.org/pastoralcare> for more information.

ACPE Certification Calender

The next opportunity to meet the East Central Region Certification committee will be Thursday, March 1, 2007, at the Hueston Woods State Park Lodge, College Corner, OH. Applications to meet the committee must be postmarked to Beth Newton Watson by, Monday, January 15, 2007. Materials must be postmarked to committee members by Thursday, February 1, 2007. For more information contact:

Beth Newton Watson, Certification Co-Chair (regional)
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For questions regarding the National Certification Commission contact: Ann Letson, Certification Co-Chair (national) (502) 636-8085
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **02/1-3/07-REM** Invitational, Indianapolis, IN.
– Marla Coulter-McDonald, Program Chair.
- **03/2-3/07-ECR** ECR “Spring” Meeting,
Hueston Woods Lodge, College Corner, OH.
- Carl Buxo, Program Chair
- **09/28-29/07-ECR** Fall meeting, Sheraton
Suites Akron/Cuyahoga Fall, Akron, OH. -
Lin Barnett, Program Chair
- **09/2008-ECR** Fall meeting, Harmony, IN.
Dates to be determined – Elizabeth Price,
Program Chair

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the January Newsletter is:
Thursday, December 29, 2006. Send electronic
copy to: hjoanlyke@yahoo.com or by regular
mail: 7672 Cottonwood Lane, Dexter MI 48130.
For more information contact: 734-426-5099.

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Lin Barnett, Nominations
Victoria Johnson, REM Task Force
David Koch, Research
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SUPERVISORY EDUCATION IN THE REGION

Associate Supervisors

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STAY IN TOUCH WITH REGIONAL COLLEAGUES:

You may send and receive messages to members of the region that have also joined the group list. It is easy to join and there is no charge. You may sign up by visiting the Yahoo! Groups web site and follow the instructions. Our group list is: ECR-ACPE@yahoogroups.com; or Send a message to: ECR-ACPE-subscribe@yahoogroups.com; in the subject line use the same ECR-ACPE-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

You will receive a message to confirm your request. To unsubscribe from the group list – follow the same instructions except change the word subscribe to unsubscribe.