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Message from the Dean...

Greetings. Welcome to the Social Work Month edition of Visions. This issue focuses on the achievements of our faculty. You'll find a profile of new Interim Associate Dean Beverly Black and an accompanying article on some of her recent research. We are inaugurating a new regular feature highlighting faculty accomplishments. This is in response to suggestions I've had recently and a goal of mine is to broaden knowledge of the very productive work in which the faculty is continually engaged. On a related note, we are saluting faculty authors, beginning with a summary of Durrenda Onolemhemhen's new book on childbirth injuries in Africa.

Accomplishments of a different type are extolled in Kim Adam's column as she announces well-deserved recognition by the alumni association of Barbara Simons and Shirley Mann Gray. And we're

very proud of Angela Kennedy, who was honored by the university at winter commencement as a Distinguished Alumna.

You will also note with sadness, as I have, word of the passing of three people who have made major contributions to the school: former dean Sidney Dillick, Associate Professor Emeritus Thomas Melican and Board of Visitors member Winston Lang.

I also hope you'll find valuable information in our story on the certificate programs we offer on our own and in collaboration with other departments at WSU. They offer our alumni many opportunities for post-degree learning, whether it be to prepare for additional career opportunities or simply to learn more about a particular population or discipline.

All of this and more awaits you in this issue. Enjoy!

Dean Phyllis I. Vroom

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Alumna Angela Kennedy Receives Distinguished Alumni Award at Winter Commencement

Wayne State University Alumni Association presented its Distinguished Alumni Award 2005 to Angela Kennedy, a School of Social Work graduate who has had an extensive impact on the human services field in metropolitan Detroit for more than 40 years. The award was presented during winter commencement exercises Dec 15, 2005.

Kennedy has held leadership roles with organizations such as New Center Community Mental Health Services, Neighborhood Services Organization, Matrix Human Services, the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency, Northeast Guidance Center and Detroit General Hospital (now Detroit Receiving Hospital). Her accomplishments throughout the years include implementing innovative strategies to increase revenue for programs and services; strengthening the programmatic and financial systems of several weak or ineffective agencies; and providing leadership for the development of community alternatives for at-risk populations.

Against the odds, Kennedy developed a grant for statewide counseling services and a statewide helpline for problem and pathological gamblers and their families. She also developed a curriculum for training counselors to assess and treat problem and pathological gamblers and their families – a special topic at Wayne State's School of Social Work and a part of Madonna University's Addiction Studies certificate program. She planned, implemented and sustained comprehensive mental-health services funded by federal initiatives in two large community mental-health centers in Detroit: Northeast Guidance Center and New Center Community Mental Health Services. Under her leadership as director of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Board, she established, improved and sustained dozens of community-based group homes for people with mental illness and developmental disabilities; transferred two state-run programs to Wayne County to improve services and increase local revenues and established contracts with 12 community hospitals for beds for people with mental illness.

In addition to earning a master's degree in social work in 1966, Kennedy returned to Wayne State to earn a master of arts in dispute resolution in 1997. She has shared her great wealth of experiences by teaching at Wayne State and other area universities. She has been an adjunct professor in Wayne State's School of Social Work since 1997 and is on the adjunct faculty of Madonna University's Addiction Studies certificate program. She has been a field work supervisor at numerous area colleges and universities and previously held teaching positions with the University of Detroit Mercy and the Wayne County Community College District. ■

Kidney Foundation Honors Alumna Donna Treppa

School of Social Work graduate Donna Treppa of Clinton Township has been honored for her work to improve quality of life for 90 patients at the Warren Dialysis Center. Treppa grew up in the health care industry, working as a nurse's aide as a teen and then as a dental assistant. So it was natural that Treppa, 44, of Clinton Township followed that career path to help those with medical needs.

Treppa first became introduced to the Kidney Foundation as a student while earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in 1992 and 1993 respectively, specializing in health care. She worked with kidney dialysis patients and soon after began volunteering her time to help organize kidney walks in Macomb County. She took her work even further when she began volunteering with the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, which recently recognized her for her outstanding contributions. Her role includes working on the committee for the foundation's main fundraiser, the Detroit Zoo Kidney Walk, where she collected \$7,000 in corporate sponsorships this year.

Without Treppa, the walk wouldn't be as successful, said Lisa Schutz Jelic, director of special events for the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. That's why the foundation has recognized Treppa as one of its outstanding volunteers.

"Donna is wonderful. She's very tenacious," Jelic said. "She won't take no for an answer. She brings in more sponsors than anyone else."

Treppa's devotion to the foundation extends beyond fundraising efforts, she said. Treppa also has worked with its peer mentoring program, a kids' camp and conducted a research project where patients mentored other patients on planning living wills. ■

SSW staff Member Beverly Hunter Wins Scarab Club Art Competition

Beverly Hunter, senior program records clerk in the admissions office, won second prize in The Scarab Club's 2005 Silver Medal Exhibition for her pencil drawing, "The Gift She Gave Me". Another one of her drawings, "St. Ann," also was in the exhibition, which ran through mid November at the gallery at 217 Farnsworth, behind The Detroit Institute of Arts. The Scarab Club has been serving the public and Michigan artists for nearly 100 years, offering classes, lectures, exhibitions, special events and tours. Admission to exhibitions is free. For further information about the gallery, visit <http://www.scarabclub.org>.

Hunter holds a bachelor of fine arts degree from the California Institute of the Arts. Her art, she says, is a journal about her life, incorporating influences from artists such as Frida Kahlo, Jean-Michel Basquiat and Robert Colescott. "The Gift She Gave Me", created in 1998, is a portrait of Hunter's grandmother. "St. Ann," created in 1997, shows a woman nailed to a cross; Hunter says it's a self-portrait depicting her feelings about being a woman and African American. In her work at the school, she is responsible for the process and maintenance of non-degree applications. She also handles administration for bachelor's and master's program scholarships and financial aid, and staffs the Career/Job Fair. ■



Second-prize winner Hunter, pictured with the winning work of art, "The Gift She Gave Me."

Interim Associate Dean Beverly Black Plans to Help Move the School to the Next Level



Interim Associate Dean Black

Now that she's settling into her new role as interim associate dean, Beverly Black took a short break from her exceedingly full schedule to sit down with *Visions* and talk about how she sees her new position affecting the school and the alumni.

Visions: Now that you've been in office for a few months, how do you see your role evolving?

Dean Black: I hope I can bring even more strength to an already-outstanding program. As we go through a time of transition, beginning our PhD program and putting more emphasis on research, I like to see myself helping the school maintain a healthy balance among our three key areas, research, teaching and service. Throughout my career, I've had a strong commitment to all three, so I hope I can help us stay strong in all three areas.

Visions: Tell our readers a little more about what you expect to be doing this year.

Black: Aside from helping Dr. Santiago (director of the program) get our doctoral program off to a successful start next year, I am devoting much of my time to the school's reaffirmation for accreditation. I am overseeing the writing of the self study for reaffirmation. Our whole school has been engaged in reviewing its programs for the past year as part of the reaffirmation process. It has been a good opportunity for us to take a close look at what we are and where we're going. In November the reaffirmation team will be visiting us. There's a lot of work to be done to prepare for that and I'll be helping the dean and others in that process. I also will continue working on my various research projects related to violence-prevention.

Visions: How does your job relate to our alumni readers?

Black: The alumni are very important to the school in many ways. Many are generous in their financial support. Plus, they are a great source of ideas on how we can strengthen our offerings and recruit students. I strongly recommend participation in the Alumni Association as an effective way to do that. Many alumni serve as Field Instructors, passing on their knowledge and wisdom to the next generation of social workers. The Alumni Association is an important part of our reaffirmation process so I would particularly encourage alumni to join one of the advisory committees at this time. Anyone interested can contact me at (313) 577-4401.

Visions: How did you happen to decide to come to WSU?

Black: I wanted to move to the area for personal reasons and I was looking for an urban university. I had been at Florida International University, a large, diverse campus. Before that, I served on the faculty of some smaller schools, but I learned that I was more interested in large urban universities. I have found Wayne State—and the School of Social Work—to be an exciting, supportive, collegial and intellectually stimulating place.

Dean Black's Research Activities

Dean Black's current research interests and publications focus on relationship violence and prevention programming. She is writing a book with Arlene Weisz on exemplary dating violence and sexual assault prevention programs across the country. She is also involved in several research projects. She is a co-investigator on a project to develop a campus safety interaction program for Wayne State University funded by the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. She is a co-investigator on a project funded by the Wayne State University Children's Bridge Research Enhancement Program to explore the cumulative effects of various types of violence exposure and trauma, on African American and Iraqi adolescents' mental and physical health as well as interpersonal, cognitive, behavioral, and academic functioning. Black also serves as the principal investigator on a sexual assault/dating violence prevention program for the Detroit middle school funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health since 1998. Here are some details on that program.

Dating violence and sexual assault are significant public health problems and impact youths' physical and psychological well being. Estimates suggest that up to 59% of high school students have had experiences with dating or sexual violence, and youth in middle school may be at only slightly lower risk of violence in their relationships. Moreover, a majority of adolescents report approval of violence toward a dating partner under some circumstances and continue to date the perpetrator of the violence against them.

More than 500 students from two Detroit middle schools have participated in Black's dating and sexual violence prevention program that targets the youths' attitudes, knowledge and behavior. The program seeks to increase youths' knowledge about the causes of teen dating and sexual violence, decrease their use of verbal, sexual and physical aggression with partners and increase their help-seeking behaviors. The program, 10-12 co-facilitated group sessions, offered once per week, includes role plays, experiential exercises, and discussion about the warning signs of abusive relationships, rights and responsibilities of healthy relationships, negotiation skills, seeking help; and helping friends.

An ongoing evaluation of the program has found that youth in the program report: (1) increases in knowledge about dating and sexual violence; (2) increase in knowledge of available resources; (3) decrease in acceptance of violence; and, (4) decrease in perpetration of severe physical aggressive behaviors. Youth in a comparison group report increased use physically aggressive behaviors and no changes in their knowledge and attitudes about dating and sexual violence.

Saluting Faculty Authors, Starting with Onolemhemen

The School of Social Work is pleased to recognize the recently published books of five faculty members: Jerry Brandell, David Moxley, Mel Raider, Anna Santiago and Durrenda Onolemhemen. We will be featuring all of these in future issues, but its recent publication means the focus this time is on Durrenda Nash Onolemhemen's, which was published in December. Called *A Social Worker's Investigation of Childbirth Injured Women in Northern Nigeria*, Onolemhemen's book investigates vesicovaginal fistula (VVF), a childbirth injury commonly found among younger adolescent wives in northern Nigeria. Women with fistulae continuously drip urine. The resulting offensive odor often

leads to victims being treated as social outcasts. Millions of women across Africa and the developing world suffer from this condition, but it is preventable and curable. Not intended as a medical treatise, the work examines the problem from the perspective of a social worker and deals with the condition from an ecological perspective, using a systems approach. Its focus is on VVF as it relates to the social environment of the affected women.

Onolemhemen defines and describes VVF as it manifests in Africa, along with the history and epidemiology of the condition and its treatment. She describes the life course of Hausa women who are most affected by VVF in northern Nigeria and how

their position in society predisposed them to childbirth injury. The book includes several moving testimonials of the victims about their struggles of survival and their roads to a cure are narrated. Short and long term preventive measures are given. The empowerment of northern Nigerian women for the eradication of this condition is a fundamental and underlying theme of this work.

Copies of Onolemhemen's book are available from the author for \$25, with \$4 going to provide financial support for a Nigerian woman whose condition is incurable. For details contact Onolemhemen at (313) 577-0227 or ad9270@wayne.edu ■

It's a Small World: How Hurricane Katrina Helped Detroit

By Webber School Clinical Therapist
David McNally

No, I am not talking about the amusement ride at Disney World. I am talking about the blessing that came from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Yes, there was a blessing that reached all the way from New Orleans to the City of Detroit in the person of Tulane student Carmen Krystyniak. It began with a call from Anwar Najor-Durack, director of field education, who asked if I could take on a second student intern in addition to the one I had already committed for. When I found out the student in question had been displaced by the hurricane, I eagerly agreed. I had been pondering how I, in Detroit, could help the victims of that disaster.

Carmen came to Webber School and her time with us passed so quickly. It seemed like no time before Carmen mastered the school-based services at Development Centers, Inc. She wasn't here long but she surely left her mark, seeing clients individually, running a girls group, providing crisis intervention,



Tulane student Carmen Krystyniak with her field supervisor, Clinical Therapist David McNally, author of this story.

emergency grief and loss counseling and a myriad of other services to our families. In addition, she meticulously completed her progress notes, comprehensive assessments and individual service plans. In short, Ms. Krystyniak has truly been a blessing to our families as well as the staff and teachers.

And the story has a happy ending: Carmen returned to New Orleans, found minimal damage to her apartment and graduated from Tulane. In January she began her career back here in Detroit as a clinical therapist in Development Center's Adult Orientation Program. ■

Study Shows Citizens' Disapproval of Juvenile Confinement Practices

A new Wayne State University study shows that Michigan citizens disapprove of many state policies and practices in the sentencing and confinement of juveniles - particularly those allowing youths to be sentenced to terms in adult prisons for natural life without the possibility of parole.

Since 1988, more than 300 youths have been sentenced to Life Without Parole (LWOP) in Michigan, the state with the third-highest LWOP sentencing total after Pennsylvania and Louisiana.

The Michigan total is included in a new national report on US children sentenced to LWOP; Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International released the report on Oct. 12.

Statewide poll

The Wayne State study, a statewide poll conducted by the Center for Urban Studies on behalf of assistant professors Sheryl Pimlott Kubiak and Terrence Allen and associate professor Anthony King, all of the School of Social Work, found that only 5 percent of Michigan residents supported juveniles serving life without parole in adult facilities. Moreover, Michigan citizens were strongly opposed to juveniles 16 and younger being housed in adult correctional facilities. Participants also believe that juveniles can be rehabilitated.

Allen presented the study at an Oct. 25 news conference in the Michigan Capitol. At the conference, state Sen. Liz Brater (D-Mich.) introduced a legislation package that would prohibit sentencing an individual convicted of a crime before the age of 18 to imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole.

Detailed questions

In the WSU study, each respondent was asked questions to assess their views on sentencing juveniles convicted of violent offenses. The more information each was given, the less likely the person was to support juvenile LWOP. For example, respondents were asked, "Michigan has a law that requires an adolescent to be sentenced to life without any possibility of parole for certain offenses. How strongly do you agree or disagree

with this?" 41 percent said they agreed.

However, when given clarifying information (that is, the sentence would be in an adult facility) and a range of options (for example, parole and combinations of juvenile and adult sentencing), only 5 percent believed that LWOP in an adult facility was an appropriate sentence.

Nearly 80 percent of respondents believed that adolescents 14, 15 and 16 should not be imprisoned in adult prisons. Perhaps most important, more than 72 percent believed adolescents younger than 18 who commit violent offenses are strong candidates for rehabilitation.

Views on adolescents

To further illuminate the views of Michigan citizens, WSU researchers asked them about adolescents in general. Wayne State found that only 26 percent of Michigan residents believe that adolescents between 12 and 17 years old are as responsible as adults. Furthermore, 83 percent supported considering adolescents' underdeveloped ability to control impulses and understand the consequences of their actions.

Similarly, Michigan residents thought that abuse histories should be taken into account. Only 31 percent believed that adolescents abused as children should receive the same sentence as an adult for committing a violent offense.

"The preliminary results of this study suggest that the people in the state of Michigan are unequivocally against locking children up for life," Allen says. "Moreover, the study challenges legislatures to listen to their constituents and develop policies that are socially proactive."

Kubiak added, "Because public sentiment is often used as a catalyst for legislation, it is important to have reliable and valid data when assessing public opinion." A full report of these findings will be available in November. ■



Study participants from left: King, Pimlott-Kubiak and Allen

The 19th Annual Edith Harris Endowed Memorial Lecture to be delivered by Therapist, Author and Trainer Dr. Claudia Black in October

The Edith Harris Lecture Committee, chaired by Antonio Gonzalez-Prendes and including Anthony King and Poco Kernsmith has selected Dr. Claudia Black to deliver the 19th Annual Edith Harris Endowed Memorial Lecture on Oct 19.

Black, Clinical Consultant for The Meadows, is a lecturer, author and trainer internationally recognized for her pioneering and contemporary work with family systems and addictive disorders. She is also past chairperson of the National Association for Children of Alcoholics and presently serves on its Advisory Board.

Black holds a master's degree in social work and a doctorate in social psychology. She is most recognized for her work with dysfunctional family systems. She has been featured in numerous publications and has appeared on many television shows. Black is a recipient of a number of national awards including The Marty Mann Award, The SECAD Award and has been the NCA's Educator of the Year.

Edith Harris was a graduate student in the School of Social Work from 1966 to 1968. An outstanding scholar, Harris was deeply committed to the profession and demonstrated that commitment by showing serious interest in the welfare of individuals and families. Her untimely death in 1968 cut short a very promising career. Her memory is honored annually by the presentation of the Edith Harris Memorial Endowed Lecture, featuring a prominent speaker who is an expert on the mental health of individuals and families. This year's event will be held Thursday, October 19, 2006 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Community Arts Auditorium. ■

School Mourns Passing of Sidney Dillick, Visionary Former Dean

Sidney Dillick, dean of the School of Social Work from 1964 to 1981 and generous university supporter, died in January at the age of 89. He was known for spearheading the development of innovative social work curricula and for dramatically increasing the school's number of faculty members and students. He retired from the school as a professor in 1985.

Dillick earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Toronto and his master of social work degree from the University of Pittsburgh. During World War II, he served in the Canadian Army as an infantry instructor and social work assistant. His 1953 textbook, *Community Organization for Neighborhood Development — Past and Present*, has been used in many schools of social work.

Dean Phyllis Vroom, whom Dillick hired as a faculty member, said he led the development of the school's undergraduate program, which in 1974, was one of the nation's first bachelor of social work programs to be accredited. The program is now the top-ranked BSW program in the nation. Dillick also expanded the graduate program to include a community social work curriculum. In addition, he supported the development of a curriculum to prepare students to work with individuals, families, groups and communities, a program that was the forerunner of the first year in the school's master's degree program and the core of the bachelor's-degree program.

Learning centers were another of his innovations at the school. Dillick spurred the development of this approach in which agencies, students, courses and faculty members focused study in three areas: health; mental health; and family, children and youths. This model was a forerunner of the school's concentration in the second-year curriculum for master's-degree students during the '80s and '90s

"Sid was innovative and understood social work education, trends and issues," Dean Vroom said. "He was highly disciplined and had a strong sense of social justice. Social justice was at his core."

He led during the turbulent '60s and '70s and left a strong school when he retired."



From left at a recent scholarship reception: the late Sidney Dillick, Dean Phyllis Vroom and former dean Leon Chestaing.

Dillick was a strong supporter of Wayne State in many other ways. He and Nena, his wife, who was also a social worker, established the Patricia L. Dillick Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of their daughter, who died in a car accident. Scholarships from the fund are awarded annually to full-time social work graduate students. The Dillicks are also members of the Old Main Society, Wayne State's prestigious philanthropic organization. In addition to his widow, Nena, survivors include a daughter, Susan D. Davies; a son, Steven; and two grandchildren.

Memorial donations, payable to Wayne State, can be sent to the Patricia L. Dillick Memorial Scholarship Fund, School of Social Work, Office of the Dean, 4756 Cass Ave., Detroit, MI 48202. Contact Director of Development Marguerite Carlton at (313) 577-8807 for further information. ■

SSW Certificate Programs Offer Post-masters Opportunities for Busy Alumni

If you've completed your master's degree and are looking to learn more or broaden employment opportunities you should consider the certificate programs offered by and through the school of social work. The school offers two certificate programs of its own: first social work with couples and families and second a program on developmental disabilities. The university offers certificate programs in the following areas which accept master's candidates or MSW degree holders from the school: substance abuse treatment, gerontology (offered through the WSU Institute of Gerontology) and infant mental health (offered through the Merrill Palmer Institute.)

Any of these certificates may be earned concurrently with a graduate degree or earned independently by those students who have completed an advanced degree from an accredited educational institution or those actively pursuing a graduate degree at Wayne State University. Applicants must meet the admission standards of the Graduate School as well as the requirements for the individual certificate program.

Social Work Practice with Families and Couples

Social Work with couples and families is a certificate program that prepares graduates to earn the State of Michigan license in marital and family therapy. It provides M.S.W. graduates and advanced-year M.S.W. students with advanced clinical training for work with families and couples from a family systems perspective. That means thoroughly examining the problems families encounter today such as poverty, racism, substance abuse and domestic violence. These are problems deeply embedded in

the family system over many generations. This program helps social workers develop the skills needed to work effectively with such complex problems. Secondly, this program helps social workers obtain the highest credentials in the field of marriage and family therapy. Social workers who are properly credentialed in the marriage and family field are well positioned for leadership roles in family service agencies and various clinical settings.

Developmental Disabilities.

The Graduate Certificate Program in Developmental Disabilities is an interdisciplinary curriculum aimed at preparing individuals to assume leadership positions as service providers, policy makers, administrators, or educators, who are committed to the full community inclusion of people with disabilities. The program is a collaborative effort of the Developmental Disabilities Institute and several academic units, including the School of Social Work.

Students in the program leading to the Master of Social Work degree may also participate in several other graduate certificate programs: 1) alcohol and drug abuse studies, offered in cooperation with the Addiction Research Institute; 2) infant mental health, offered in cooperation with the Merrill-Palmer Institute; 3) gerontology, available through the Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies

The Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies (CADAS) is designed to provide advanced students with an integrated learning experience including biological, psychological, socio-cultural, and public health perspectives. The breadth and scope of this program allows students to gain insight and accom-

plish their objectives within a multidisciplinary context

Infant Mental Health

The University offers a twenty-two credit Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Infant Mental Health that is administered by the Merrill-Palmer Institute. The certificate may be obtained concurrently with a graduate degree in one of the following areas: education, nursing, psychology, or social work; or it may be obtained independently by students already having a master's or doctoral degree in one of these areas.

Gerontology

Gerontology education is defined as the study of the processes of aging, including the biological, behavioral and social aspects of later life, and thus it is multi-disciplinary, drawing on the best science from a number of fields. Gerontology education has two orientations: first, a discipline devoted to the study of the processes of aging; and second, a field of practice to plan, provide and administer services to older people.

The Graduate Certificate Program is intended to prepare professionals to work in the field of aging in a variety of settings, depending on the student's professional discipline and career goals. It integrates gerontology into the student's primary discipline by providing a substantive foundation in gerontology coursework. It also emphasizes an individualized approach to students' progress through the gerontology curriculum. ■

Future issues of Visions will cover these programs in greater detail.

Memorial Service for Associate Professor Emeritus Thomas Melican to be Held this Spring

Thomas Melican, associate professor emeritus of the School of Social work died early in January at his winter home in Long Boat Key, Florida. A memorial service is expected to be held in spring, 2006 in Grosse Pointe.

Melican joined the faculty in 1964 as a lecturer and was appointed associate professor in 1969. Upon his retirement he was awarded emeritus status. A

member of the National Association of Social Workers and the American Association of University Professors, Melican was also a member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and the Sarasota Coast Guard Auxiliary. He is survived by his wife MaryAnn, three sons, and several grandchildren as well as a brother, Mort and sister, Francis. ■

Kim Adams...the President Reports

Alumni Association to Honor Barbara Simons, Shirley Mann Gray

At our annual luncheon, "Social Work Month: Celebrating Our Profession" on March 31, the School of Social Work Alumni Association will honor Barbara Simons as its "Citizen of the Year" and Shirley Mann Gray as "Alumna of the Year." I hope you will make plans to attend as we honor these two worthy members. Our keynote speaker will be Maxine Thome, executive director of the Michigan Chapter, National Association of Social Workers. All in all, a not-to-be-missed, exciting program. As usual, the luncheon will be held at Alumni House from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. It's not too late to make reservations. Just fill out the form below and fax to Loren Hoffman at (313) 577-8770 or contact him at (313) 577-4464. Speaking of upcoming events, here's another to add to your calendar: the alumni association's annual reception with Dean Vroom is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2006 at the Detroit Yacht Club, from 5:30--10:00 PM

And now, let me take the rest of my space to give you a little more information on this year's honorees. Shirley Mann Gray received her MSW from Wayne State University in 1976. Currently she is director, Clinical Support Services at Children's Hospital of Michigan, a unit of the Detroit Medical Center. She has served Children's in several capacities since 1976 except for a four-year stint with Family Service of Detroit and Wayne County in the late 1980s. Starting as a pediatric social worker, Gray soon co-founded the Child Protection Team at the hospital, a 16-member, multi-disciplinary group managing child abuse and neglect cases. Although she has been a manager for many years, she continues to maintain regular direct client contact. In addition to her work at Children's, Gray is a member of the Michigan and Wayne County Child Death Review teams as well as

the Michigan Citizen Review and the Wayne County Medical Society Task Force on Violence Reduction. She was nominated by Arezell Brown, director, School Social Work Service – Detroit Public Schools.

Barbara Simons was nominated for Citizen of the Year by Helen Mary Neale, who says of Simons, "Of all the people I know, she best exemplifies the qualities of a good citizen," adding, "(She) has a zest for living, is committed to improving the quality of life for others and has dynamic leadership skills."

Simons is currently working with Health Link, a program for high-risk, urban patients in the Department of Family Practice of Henry Ford Health Systems. Throughout her career, Simons has exhibited exceptional creativity in identifying gaps in services and then initiating programs to fill those gaps. Examples include the Teen Mothers Program in Highland Park, the Child Day Treatment Center at the Northeast Guidance Center, the HIV/AIDS Housing Program for the Detroit Health Department and the Fairweather Lodge program providing group homes for the mentally ill.



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**"Social Work Month:
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Social Worker of the Year
Shirley Mann Gray
 WSUSSW Class of 1976
 Children's Hospital of Michigan

Citizen of the Year
Barbara Simons
 Henry Ford Health Systems
 Department of Family Practice

Keynote Speaker
Maxine Thome, PhD
 Executive Director
 National Association of Social Workers—Michigan Chapter

Friday March 31st, 2006
 Alumni House, 441 Ferry Mall, Detroit, MI 48202,
 on the Wayne State University Campus
 11:00am-1:30pm, \$30/person
 RSVP by March 27th, 2006

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 between Anthony Wayne Drive and Cass Avenue.
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Announced last May, WSU's first ever comprehensive capital campaign is closing in on its first year. As you will probably recall, the School of Social Work is seeking 7.7 million in financial support for its new Doctoral Program in Social Work Practice Research, building on the current faculty foci on research and establishing an endowed chair; developing a Technical Assistance Evaluation Research and Professional Development Center to link our applied research and training capabilities with community organizations, helping them to improve their efficiency and the effectiveness of the services they deliver to their clients; expanding our endowment to provide additional financial support for undergraduate and graduate students in the form of awards, scholarships, grants and fellowships; and to underwrite educational activities to inform human service agencies and community groups of proven best practices.



Director of Development Marguerite Carlton reports that alumni and friends have helped the School of Social Work surpass 20% of its goal. She reminds potential donors that, "gifts of all sizes are important and count toward achievement of the overall goal."

According to Carlton, campaign highlights include the newly-established Vernon E. Keye Endowed Scholarship which will benefit students committed to working with individuals or groups in psychiatric or mental health settings. The fund is a tribute to Mr. Keye's extensive work and leadership accomplishments in the field of mental health. Also, the Virginia Baumgartner King Endowed Scholarship Fund has reached the full endowment level, thanks to the generosity and commitment of MSW alum Virginia Baumgartner King, member of the School's Board of Visitors, along with her family and friends.

The scholarship will be awarded to MSW students with a demonstrated commitment to the community and high academic standards.

Financial support for the School of Social Work is an investment in the future. It recognizes the school's seven decades of excellence in preparing outstanding and ethical professional social workers and the impact those graduates have made in improving the lives of people around the world. Financial support moves the school forward and acknowledges its potential for new discoveries and new ways to improve the future of our society.

On May 10, a planned giving and wealth management will be held for alumni and friends of the School of Social Work. If you wish to attend call Bill Winkler, associate director of planned gifts at (313) 577-6508 or contact Marguerite Carlton, development director at (313) 577-8807. To support the capital campaign, or for more information on the various ways you can contribute, fill out and mail the form on this page or contact Marguerite Carlton. ■

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4-44475	School of Social Work Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship
0-52234	School of Social Work Alumni Association Emergency Student Aid Fund
0-67786	Social Work Futures Endowment Fund
4-47778	Raymond Snowden, PhD Memorial Scholarship
4-47881	Mavis M. Spencer Endowed Fund for Scholars
0-60282	Maldo Ellen Talick Memorial Scholarship
0-60001	Mary Turner Scholarship
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4-47118	Ella Zwerding Memorial Scholarship

Honoring the Memory of Winston E. Lang, Valued Board of Visitors Member



Winston E. Lang, School of Social Work alumnus and founding Board of Visitors member, passed away on Dec. 21, 2005, just one day after his 76th birthday. His life was celebrated at a Homecoming Service on Dec. 28, held at Lang's beloved Second Baptist Church in Detroit. Lang was a committed alumnus of Wayne State University's School of Social Work, who quietly made significant contributions, both financially and through service as a field education supervisor at both the NAACP and the Detroit Urban League. He left a shining legacy as a teacher and role model for countless social workers in this community and around the nation and the world.

Lang was a founding member, with Dean Leon W. Chestang, of the first Advisory Board of the Wayne State School of Social Work, and was also a founding member of its Board of Visitors. In the latter role he advised Dean Phyllis I. Vroom, brought resources to the school and strove to extend the school's work and reputation.

He also served Wayne County, the city of Detroit and the community in many ways. Lang was member of the armed services and a strong advocate for civil rights, holding several key positions,

including deputy director of the Detroit Urban League, executive secretary of the Detroit NAACP, director of the city of Detroit Department of Human Rights. In addition, Lang served on the boards of many community organizations including Evergreen Children's Services, The Judson Center and Friends of the Detroit Public Library. He was also an active member of The Historic Second Baptist Church of Detroit, serving as a deacon, a member of the Progressive Choir, a member of the Board of Christian Social Concerns among many other capacities.

As Vroom, speaking at the service put it, "Winston has left a legacy through his many students, his good works, his special brand of leadership, his modesty and steadfastness as well as his non-judgmental approach to others and his kindness and patience. We will miss him for all of his many activist community and church roles, where he exemplified the best of social work: his dedication to social justice, alleviation of oppressive conditions of the poor, the disenfranchised, the vulnerable, and his dedication in living out a commitment to making this world a better place for humankind." ■

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