

**NASW OREGON CHAPTER BOARD REPORT FEBRUARY 2010**  
***AGING NETWORK***

The Aging Network continues to flourish, thanks to an active Steering Committee, generous sponsors, and professionals in aging that continue to support the Network's goals and mission. As a Chapter Affiliated Volunteer Group, our purpose is to build community for professionals in the field of aging through education, networking, peer support, resource sharing, and to demonstrate leadership in geriatric mental health.

Our "Social Work and Aging" CE Breakfast Forums continue to be popular and well-attended. These free events are an excellent opportunity for networking and continuing education on a variety of topics. In November, CherryWood Village hosted us for *Financial Qualifications for Oregon's Long-Term Care Medicaid 2009* by Joe Mitchell of the Financial Aid Center for Long-Term Care. In January, Miramont Pointe hosted us for *Meditation and Mindfulness: Healthy Aging's Latest Trend*, with Kari Lyons-Price, LCSW. We are grateful to our speakers and generous hosts for two highly successful events. (Our next CE event is being planned for April, specifics to be determined).

On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, CherryWood Village continues to extend their generous support by co-sponsoring and hosting a "Winter Escape" open house for professionals in aging. This amazing, free, spa-like event aims to chase away the winter doldrums and help us renew our mind, body and spirit.

Steering Committee membership fluctuates, but we continue to plan future CE and social events. We are working on a FaceBook page, as well as an electronic survey to recruit additional professionals into the network and onto the Steering Committee.

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