

Rogue District Report: February 2, 2009

By Gretchen Thiel, Chair

1. Accomplishments/activities:

- a. We have continued to hold a monthly Social Night for NASW members at a local restaurant. This has turned out to be a very fun and informative gathering for all who attend.
- b. In November 2008 the planning committee held an annual planning meeting for the district at Gretchen's house. We had good food and set goals in the areas of membership development and involvement, provision of more continuing educational opportunities, and to increase our focus on social action and advocacy in our communities.
- c. Victoria Bones has organized two separate CEU opportunities utilizing the Fred Reamer DVD training on Ethics, one in December 2008 and one in January/February 2009.

2. Current projects/goals:

- a. Continuing Education: The District CE Committee, chaired by Dennis McNamara, is working on innovative ways to offer continuing education opportunities for our community.
- b. We plan to continue to host the monthly Social Night for District members (the 2nd Friday of the month at Avalon in Talent, OR, at 5:30 p.m.)
- c. We are planning a Social Work Month event for the social workers in the community for March 18th. The program will feature Don Schweitzer of the Social Work Reinvestment Initiative to talk with community social workers about the SWRI. We also plan to invite Representative Peter Buckley and Senator Alan Bates to this event. Our own Stacey Skala Orr will also attend!! MSW students will be encouraged to attend.

3. Issues needing current board action: None identified.

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