It is with sadness that we notify our members of the passing of GRACE WHEELAN, wife of DAN WHEELAN, of Rhode Island. DAN served for many years as an item development consultant for ASWB’s examination program and is serving this year on the Finance Committee.

ASWB President DORINDA NOBLE, director of Texas State University’s School of Social Work, shared that a number of Texas State social work students are part of the social work service at the Ft. Hood military base. During and after the tragedy earlier this month at Ft. Hood, this team has been front and center providing aid to service members and their families. One of DORINDA’s faculty members wrote of the Ft. Hood social work service the day after the tragedy: “They are an INCREDIBLE team (one of the strongest I have ever seen in our profession!), and I know they hard at work this morning.”

What else do you eat when you’re minutes from the National Harbor in Baltimore? Exam Committee members GREG WINKLER (with wife KATHLEEN), MARY STEBBINS, TRISH SMITH, MIRIAM BALIN, and STACEY OWENS gathered for a crab feast in March during their first meeting of the year.

BRIAN PHILSON, vice-chair of the Michigan Board of Social Work, and PAMELA MANELA, another member of the Michigan board, stopped by ASWB’s exhibit booth at the NASW-Michigan conference in Lansing to say hello.

We heard that ALISON MACDONALD, executive director/registrar of the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers, recently was a presenter at a seminar “Ethics R Us: Pursuing Ethical Practice in Social Work” hosted by the Manitoba Institute of Registered Social Workers.

Your name could be featured here! Send all news and pictures to Jayne Wood, newsletter editor, at jwood@aswb.org or call Jayne at 800.225.6880, ext. 3075. We need your input!
ASWB was well represented at the NABSW conference, held in Indianapolis this year. Gathering for a photo op at ASWB’s exhibit booth are: LATONYA BANNISTER, ASWB staff; M. JENISE COMER (MO), ASWB secretary; FRAN FRANKLIN (DE), ASWB director at large; KAREN FRANCISCO, ASWB staff; PATRICIA HEARD (NC), ASWB past president; and SAUNDRA STARKS (KY), a former ASWB secretary and Exam Committee member.

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PHIL MATUSIEWICZ, registrar of the Prince Edward Island Social Work Registration Board, was honored by the Canadian Association of Social Workers during National Social Work Month. PHIL was one of two social workers to receive CASW’s Distinguished Service Award in March for having provided “exceptional service to the populations they serve as well as upholding and exemplifying the best of the profession.” Congratulations, PHIL!

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DONNA DeANGELIS, former ASWB executive director, and husband DENNIS recently returned from a three-week tour of India that included a visit to the Taj Mahal. “It was a very interesting experience,” DONNA wrote of the trip. “More of an expedition. The schedule was very demanding and it was a very long trip back. India is probably the most exotic place we’ve been, and the most undeveloped.”

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After seven years working at the Mental Health Clinic for the Canadian Forces, VICKI COY, of New Brunswick, has opened a private practice. She writes: “I am enjoying making my own hours and I am getting close to my caseload goal.” VICKI is a former member of the ASWB Exam Committee and a former Form Reviewer.

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Tops, a popular, four-level shoe store in Asheville, NC, proved too much of a temptation for ASWB President DORINDA NOBLE, ASWB CEO MARY JO MONAHAN, and AMANDA DUFFY RANDALL, a past president of ASWB. DORINDA and MARY JO were presenting to the National Association of Deans and Directors. AMANDA, director of the School of Social Work at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, was a participant.