Celebrating 25 years with ASWB

Congratulations to CHRISTINE BREEDEN, who celebrated her 25th work anniversary at ASWB on May 1. She was ASWB’s third employee, hired in 1990, shortly after the association moved to Culpeper. CHRISTINE is ASWB’s longest tenured staff member. As timing would have it, a third of ASWB’s staff was in Seattle on her anniversary, so festivities were delayed until May 7, when everyone could wish CHRISTINE their best. Also at the party: DIANNE WILDDRUBE, events planner for ASWB through the 1990s, and CHRISTINE’s family. She received an engraved mantle clock as a thank you for her service.

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Public speaker and public radio host

We know RICK REAMER is a prolific and popular speaker on professional ethics, but we had no idea that he has also been active in public radio for 15 years or so. DAN WHEELAN of Rhode Island mentioned listening to RICK on Rhode Island Public Radio. Turns out that RICK has been producer and host since 2007 of the weekly broadcast “This I believe—Rhode Island,” which is modeled after the national “This I Believe” project. To hear more, visit http://ripr.org/programs/i-believe-rhode-island

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Making a connection

VICKI WILLIAMS of Tennessee and WINIFRED ANTHONY-TODMAN of the Virgin Islands paused for a photo together at the 2015 Spring Education Meeting in Seattle as they were sharing stories from “home.” WINIFRED works in the VI Department of Education, and VICKI grew up in the Virgin Islands, where her mother, Juanita Gardine, was a well-respected educator and principal as well as a social worker. An elementary school in St. Croix bears Gardine’s name.

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Welcome to Washington (State)!

Thank you to FREDDA JAFFE for her warm words of welcome to the 2015 Spring Education Meeting in Seattle. FREDDA, a marriage and family therapist, is a member of the Washington State Mental Health Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers Advisory Committee.

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Regulatory education not just for regulators

For the first time, attendance at ASWB’s Spring Education Meeting was open to social work practitioners and educators. NASW Texas Chapter staff member WILL FRANCIS took the opportunity to participate. WILL is shown here with, from left, ASWB President DORINDA NOBLE of Texas and Texas board chair TIMOTHY MARTEL BROWN.

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Seen around town

JAMES MARKS of Oklahoma was reported to be seen walking around Seattle wearing his “ASWB thinking cap,” the hat given to World Café participants. We want pictures!
Happy Birthday/Joyeux Anniversaire

RICHARD GREGORY of Alberta was surprised to be serenaded in Seattle on his birthday. Colleague LYNN KING made the announcement and led the singing of Happy Birthday/Joyeux Anniversaire.

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Congratulations!

ELLEN BURKEMPER of Missouri won the Spring Education Meeting Evaluation prize: a fully funded registration to the 2016 Spring Education Meeting in Jersey City, New Jersey.

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Thank you, 2014 REAL Committee

Thanked for a job well done: The 2014 Regulatory Education and Leadership (REAL) Committee members (from left) DEANA MORROW (NC), chair FRAN FRANKLIN (DE), NICK SMIAR (WI), and ANNA LYN WHITT (MS). The late GLENDA MCDONALD was also a member of the REAL committee.

Welcome back!

Nice to see former ASWB members at the Spring Education Meeting: JIM ROUGH, formerly of Ohio and now retired and living in California, made the trip up the coast to attend. ROGER KRYZANEK (pictured), a past ASWB president, also was in attendance from Oregon.

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ASWB CEO also known as... Kentucky Colonel Monahan

On Derby Day, FLORENCE HUFFMAN of Kentucky surprised CEO MARY JO MONAHAN with a commission from Kentucky Governor Steven L. Beshear conferring on her the honorary title of Kentucky Colonel, the highest honorary title given by the commonwealth. The honor recognizes accomplishments in leadership and service to the community, state, or nation.

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More congratulations!

SAUNDRA STARKS of Tennessee was elected in May to a three-year term as vice chair on the Council of Social Work Educators (CSWE) Board of Directors. SAUNDRA, formerly a member of ASWB’s Board of Directors, also served on the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Board of Directors. Is this achievement considered a hat trick or a triple play?

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Bold venture

LESLEY McCARL, form reviewer for the Exam Committee, is very excited to report that she recently opened a private practice in Pennsylvania. Congratulations, LESLEY!

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Ph.D. bound

BRENT MEYER, Exam Committee masters exam chair, has finished his comps in his Ph.D. program. Congratulations, BRENT!

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