



association asides

From the 2016 Education Conference

United they stand!

Most of the members and staff of the Louisiana board attended the Welcome reception and dinner at the 2016 Education Conference in matching T-shirts.



Seeing stars

HAROLD DEAN of Arkansas enjoyed a night on the town in New York City while in Jersey City for the 2016 Education Conference. After attending the one-man comedy Fully Committed! starring Jesse Tyler Ferguson, HAROLD reported seeing actor Hank Azaria.



A special visit

RENÉE CARDONE of Pennsylvania brought her mom, age 92, to the 2016 Education Conference. They had hoped to visit Ellis Island, because her mother's parents, who were Sicilian, went through immigration there in the early 20th century. Unfortunately, the weather was not cooperative but, RENÉE reports, "our room looked out on the Island and the Statue of Liberty, so she was able to see it from there. We took the opportunity, also, to do some research, and were able to locate the date of her mother's immigration and are close to identifying her father's too." RENÉE also said the trip was a great opportunity for her mom to travel a little, noting "she worked full-time until she was 89, then cared for my father until he passed away in 2014, so now she can 'see the world.'"



I'll have one of everything!

ANN-MARIE BUCHANAN of Tennessee couldn't decide what badge she liked best, so she added them all to her name tag.

Best wishes for a rapid recovery!

We heard that NICK SMIAR of Wisconsin is recovering from emergency bypass surgery that landed him in the hospital shortly after returning home from the 2016 Education Conference. NICK served on the 2015-2016 Regulatory Education and Leadership (REAL) Committee that planned the conference.



Pride and joy

Following a long day of committee work in a windowless conference room, members of the Continuing Competence Committee headed out from their Georgetown hotel to watch the Washington, D.C., Pride Parade.

Congratulations are due!

DEANA MORROW of North Carolina has been appointed to serve on the Commission on Accreditation at the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). She writes that serving on the commission has been a career goal of hers for many years. As a social work educator, former social work regulator, and a practitioner, DEANA has been a leader in all three “pillars of the profession.”



Musically inclined

Upon learning that attorney JOHN TYLER of North Dakota is also a musician, DALE ATKINSON decided he and JOHN would need a good band name and took suggestions from New Board Member Training participants. The winning suggestion was “Delicious Negligence,” a riff on the common (for attorneys and regulators) phrase “gross negligence.” Unfortunately, there’s already a band named The Regulators.

Family affairs

MONICA ROTH DAY of Minnesota and NANCY SIDELL of Pennsylvania, item development consultants for the Masters exam committee, both got word during the Exam Committee meeting that their families welcomed additions on Friday, June 3. NANCY’s great-nephew Evan James Beier was born at 9:03 a.m. in Jacksonville Florida. He weighed 7 lb. 7 oz., and was 20 inches long. MONICA’s great-great nephew was also born that morning.

Interiors

MEENAKSHI BUDHRAJA of Arkansas is going to be in pictures! Well, her home will be at any rate. According to writer-director SUSAN YOUSSEF, two very important scenes of her indie narrative feature film about a young Muslim girl’s coming of age were filmed at MEENAKSHI’s Little Rock apartment. SUSAN writes: “We hope to premiere in Little Rock in the month of the 60th anniversary of the Little Rock Nine: Sept. 2017.” For more information about Marjoun and the Flying Headscarf, visit the film’s [Facebook page](#).