

## Publisher's Thoughts & Table of Contents Summer 2008

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Dear Reader,

It is now officially summer, and I always think of this as a time when things tend to slow down. Not this summer! Things are as busy as ever here at The New Social Worker.

In the last issue, we announced the new SocialWorkChat.org site that we are co-sponsoring with the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). The site is really taking off in a big way. Susan Mankita, the site manager, has written an article (page 28) to tell you a little about the benefits of chatting with other social workers online. But don't take her word for it! Go to the site, register, and participate in a Sunday or Tuesday chat, and experience it for yourself.

Lyndal Greenslade and Amanda Vos continue their "Creating YOUR Social Work Career" series with installment #2--Understanding the Purpose of Social Work! And to bring this series to life, we will be holding a live chat at SocialWorkChat.org on July 27 to discuss the first two installments. Lyndal, Amanda, and I will be on hand during the chat to answer your questions and discuss your career development.

Also in this issue, you will find a poem by Stephanie Lynch, following up on her poem in the Winter issue. And as a follow-up to our article on social worker safety in that same issue, Kathrin Theis offers some thoughts in her article on page 31.

Other topics in this issue include electronic privacy and confidentiality (page 4), peer supervision (page 7), field placement in a child welfare agency (page 8), domestic violence (page 14), working with the developmentally disabled population (page 16), school social work (page 17), international learning (page 18), and leadership (page 20).

So, as you can see, this issue is jam-packed with a little of something for everyone.

Don't forget--you can get continuing education credit for reading The New Social Worker! Just go to <http://www.ceu4u.com/tnew> and you will automatically receive a 15% discount on ALL courses you take there.

Until next time--happy reading!

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by Terri Moore-Brown

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### Electronic Connection: Chat With Colleagues for Fun and Networking

Mila, Jerry, Larry, Kryss, Roger, Judith, and Susan are the closest of colleagues and friends. They would all get together for dinner, but that would prove difficult on short notice, as they are spread across the U.S. Their friendships blossomed and are nurtured online in a chat room created by social workers for social workers.

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