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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! APRIL 3-6, 2008

DON'T MISS THE SAMRM 12TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

The 2008 SAMRM biennial conference, *Pathways to Holistic Person-Centered Practice*, promises to be an outstanding conference. There will be speakers of renown, diverse educational sessions, good food, and opportunities for networking with colleagues.

The conference will be held at the Hilton Indian Lakes Resort, Bloomingdale, IL. The hotel recently joined the Hilton family and provides a beautiful, relaxing setting for the conference. The lobby and adjacent areas are adorned with greenery, fountains and fireplaces and provide numerous seating areas for networking with colleagues. Bloomingdale is about a 30 minute drive from Chicago's O'Hare airport. A discounted limousine service will be available to provide ground transportation to and from the airport. You might also want to schedule an appointment in advance and visit the spa for a massage or other treat to pamper yourself. Please visit the website to learn more about this resort: <http://www.indianlakesresort.com>

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2008 SAMRM Conference Highlights

- The short course on MRM theory will serve as a pre-conference and be held on Thursday, April 3, from 4 – 6 pm. President Susan Bowman will facilitate learning.
- On Friday, April 4, the conference will officially open with a keynote address by Daniel Pesut, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for Graduate Programs at Indiana University School of Nursing and Past President of Sigma Theta Tau International. Dan is well known for his creativity and presentations that lead the audience to think “outside of the box.”
- The Friday evening banquet will give attendees an opportunity to get to know one another a bit better. The keynote speaker will be Helen Erickson, first author of MRM theory. Helen will relate stories about the beginnings of MRM theory, where we are at now, and future directions for theory development in an intimate session.
- Concurrent sessions on practice, education and research topics will provide updates on application of MRM theory.
- A poster session with an opportunity to informally learn about current applications of MRM theory during a wine and cheese reception.
- The Saturday evening banquet will give attendees an additional opportunity to relax and enjoy each other’s company. The highlight of the evening will be the inaugural fundraising event for the Society.....a live auction of nursing memorabilia with surprise auctioneers!
- The morning session on Sunday will close the program with Grand Rounds and a look toward the future.
- CEUs will be awarded for attendance at the conference educational sessions.
- Time will be allocated to enjoy the hotel and its grounds.
- Conference fees will include breakfast on all three days as well as lunch and dinner banquets on Friday and Saturday.

So, save the dates and plan to attend this biennial event! The brochure will be mailed in early January 2008.

Reflections on Unconditional Acceptance

The following is an excerpt of an assignment on spirituality from Felix Neba, an RN-BSN nursing student at Metropolitan State University. The primary focus of the assignment for the students was to describe their view of spirituality and the view of the client and then develop a plan to support spiritual development. In reading the paper, what seemed so striking is the importance of unconditional acceptance in all situations, but especially regarding issues as personal as spirituality and in interactions in our culturally diverse environment. The paper reflects the acceptance that Felix demonstrated when working with a client whose model of the world was very different than his own. Felix is from Cameroon in West Africa. His mother is a nurse and so is partly responsible for his interest in nursing. (Italics are from Ellen Schultz, Professor at Metropolitan State University)

My Spirituality

Spirituality to me means the ability to maintain harmony and live in peace with Lowa (God). This also means making omens and sacrifices to my ancestors via effassa moto (the god of the mountain). Spirituality also means praying to Lowa so that the village will be blessed with more visits from mbam'a Lowa (the moon), the grandmother of the God. Her present brings more birth, good harvest, health and prosperity to me and my village people. Spirituality also means being in good terms with Lowa so that during death Lowa should give me enough strength to fight and defeat Makase, (the king of malevolent), who is the main obstacle to reuniting with Lowa and the rest my ancestors. Finally spirituality to me means praying to Lowa so that all my family is blessed with the strength to defeat Makase during death, so that we may all one day reunite by the side of Lowa. This also means none of my family member should die with their mouth open because this is an abomination and signifies defeat from Makase and everlasting condemnation and suffering in fire.

Client Spirituality

My client, who is a Jehovah witness, describes his spirituality as showing faith in God and Jesus as lord and savior. He also described his spirituality as adherences to the faith, its practices and rules and to share

the good news to others without fear of being persecuted. He also emphasizes the importance of love as an incarnation of his spiritual well being. Loving your neighbor as yourself to imply being able to share with neighbors, and avoid worldly affairs such as war and politics because this creates descent and hatred.

He also emphasizes the need to be in fruitage with the spirit and follow the qualities that brings you closer and closer to Jehovah. This implies the avoidance of Christendom and their false worship of earthly and material things, paying no allegiances to any authority but Jehovah only. He also believes that no soul remains after death but Jesus Christ will return to resurrects the death and those who are judge righteous will enjoy an everlasting life in paradise on earth and those who are not righteous will not be tormented but will die and cease to exist.”

Felix developed the following interventions based on Modeling and Role-Modeling.

These interventions are developed in consultation with my client. Generally the interventions are geared toward fostering my client's connectedness and tending to the spirit.

1 Give client opportunity to discuss and reflect on his spirituality. Listen attentively and validate questions and concerns. (continued on page 4)

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Acceptance
(continued from page 3)**

This intervention reflects on the client's model of the world because it enables him to be more aware of his spirituality and the personal spiritual journey he has taken. The aim of the above intervention is to build trust. By interacting with the client and acknowledging and validating his belief, a truthful and trustworthy relationship is established.

2 Provide client with community resources and contacts with other Jehovah witnesses' members and elders in the community. This intervention relates to my client's model of the world because it foster connectedness. Relationship is an important aspect of my client's spirituality. The aim of this intervention is to promote a positive

orientation into the future by meeting new members and planning future meetings.

3 Provide client adequate and uninterrupted times to pray and communicate with Jehovah. This intervention helps my client to tend to an expression of the spirit because prayer creates an awareness of connectedness and a communion with Jehovah.

This intervention aim is to build trust and meet spiritual needs.

The indication that Felix was able to demonstrate unconditional acceptance was revealed at the end of an interview session when Felix asked, "How can I help?" The client replied, "The best way you can help me is spread the words of Jehovah to your friends and family. As a matter of fact, I am inviting you and your family to come to our meeting this Sunday...."

Nominations needed for SAMRM Officers for 2008-2010

It's time to begin thinking about nominations for officers and nominating committee members to serve the organization for the 2008-2010 biennium. Elections will be held early in 2008 to elect President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and three members of the nominating committee. Self-nominations and nominations of others are welcomed by the nominating committee. If you would like to put your own or someone else's name in nomination, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee:

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Paper, Poster, or Symposium

Pathways to Holistic Person-Centered Practice

The 12th Biennial Conference of the Society for the Advancement of
Modeling and Role-Modeling

April 4 – 6, 2008,

Indian Lakes Resort (<http://www.indianlakesresort.com/>), Bloomingdale, IL
(30 minutes from O'Hare Airport, Chicago)

Celebrating 22 years of Modeling and Role-Modeling: A Holistic Nursing Theory

Conference goals:

- Disseminate knowledge acquired through research, practice and teaching of Modeling and Role-Modeling (MRM);
- Promote holistic theory-based, person-centered practice in nursing;
- Contribute to improvement of healthcare through the promotion of holistic health;
- Encourage networking among professionals interested in MRM theory; and
- Provide a forum for dialogue about future applications of MRM theory.

Guidelines for abstracts:

Paper, Poster, and Symposium presentations will be accepted. Case studies and clinical applications of MRM theory are encouraged as well as research and educational topics. Clinicians, educators, researchers, theorists, undergraduate students and graduate students are invited to submit abstracts.

Include a Cover Sheet with the following information:

- Title of presentation
- Indicate preferred method of presentation: Paper, poster, or symposium
- Name of presenter(s): Indicate contact person if more than one presenter
- Presenter's address, phone number, E-mail address

One page Abstract (single-spaced, 12-point font, 250 word maximum) with the following information:

- Title of presentation (no identifying information regarding presenters)
- Summary of proposed presentation: Purpose, focus and summary of contents, implications for MRM theory

Deadline for submission:
November 16, 2007

Submit entries by E-mail to:
jhertz@niu.edu

Notification of acceptance by December 15, 2007. Presenters are expected to register for the conference on the day of their presentation.

For Inquiries and Questions contact Judi Hertz, 2008 Conference Program Chair, 815.753.0662 or jhertz@niu.edu

2008 SAMRM Research Award Call for Proposals

SAMRM will award a \$1000 grant annually, for research contributing to the testing and development of MRM theory or concepts. Applications are available on the SAMRM web page (www.mrmnursingtheory.org) and are due to the committee by February 1, 2008. Gayle Acton (gayle.acton@mail.utexas.edu) will accept the applications electronically.

SAMRM TO HOLD FIRST FUNDRAISING AUCTION!

Would you like to help add to the Modeling and Role-Modeling body of knowledge? A principle purpose of SAMRM is advancement of the theory through investigation and application of the theory's propositions and philosophical foundations. The awards committee, chaired by Dr. Gayle Acton has developed criteria for the first research grant to be awarded by the society. Criteria and application are on the website. We currently have \$1000 allocated for this first grant in 2008 and we have begun accepting contributions for future grants. Please send donations for the SAMRM Grant Fund* to the treasurer, Bobbi Hopkins, at 11723 E FM 580, Kempner, TX 76539. If you have any questions, please contact one of the society board members.

SAMRM will also hold its first fundraising event for the purpose of raising funds for grants and awards. ***A live auction of mostly nursing memorabilia*** will be held on Saturday evening, April 5th at the 2008 biennial conference. It promises to be a great deal of fun!! Bring donations with you for the auction or contact Judi Hertz (jhertz@niu.edu), Susan Bowman (susanbowman@otcwb.com), or Linda Baas (linda.baas@uc.edu) to arrange for donating items.

*The Society for Modeling and Role-Modeling is a tax exempt organization, ID# 74-1160132, and meets the requirements of regulation 1.170A-4A(b) (1)(ii) and (b)(2)(i). All contributions will be used in accordance with the provisions of 170(e)(3) of the US Tax Code.

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be mailed in January, 2008 with the conference program and registration information. Please submit any articles or announcements that you wish to have included in that newsletter to Susan Bowman by January 3: Phone: 541-421-3930 or fax: 541-421-3000 or email: susanbowman@otcwb.com

2008 SAMRM Awards Call for Nominations

SAMRM will be presenting two awards at the 2008 Conference.

The awards categories are:

- Contribution to the Society, and
- Utilization/dissemination of theory.

Criteria:

Contribution to Society

Contribution to the Society may be any work that has enhanced the society, including (but not limited to) work on committees, service as an officer, or contributions to web page. The Awards Committee will review evidence on the nominees' contributions, and will make recommendation based on the quality and quantity of the contributions to the society.

Utilization/dissemination of theory

This includes research and publication, education, and practice. Evidence may include publications and presentations, but should not be limited to those.

To Nominate:

Nominators for both awards need to provide a narrative description of the contributions of the nominee. Letters of support will be welcome and may be used by the committee in making a decision.

Submit the form on the reverse side of this page

Society for the Advancement of Modeling and Role Modeling

Nomination for Award

I nominate _____ for the following award (circle one):

- Contribution to the Society
- Utilization/Dissemination of Theory

Nominee's Address _____

Nominee's Phone _____

Nominee's Email _____

Attach a narrative description of the contributions made by the nominee.
Letters of support are welcome and may be used by the committee in making a decision.

Your name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Send to (U.S. mail or email):

Dr. Gayle Acton, Awards Committee Chair (gayle.acton@mail.utexas.edu)
1700 Red River
Austin, TX 78701

STAY IN TOUCH!!

Have you checked the MRM website lately?? <http://www.mrmnursingtheory.org>

Do you subscribe to the MRM listserv?

(Do you receive listserv messages at two addresses?)

To subscribe or unsubscribe:

Send an email to <listserv@lists.ufl.edu>.

Leave the subject line BLANK.

In the body of the message, write: "subscribe (or "unsubscribe") mrm-L"

Type your name.

Have you changed work sites? Been promoted? Received an award? Recently published? Recently Retired? Please share news about yourself or other SAMRM members.

Contact Susan Bowman: <susanbowman@otcwb.com>

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT?

Look at the address label on this newsletter. If there is a date written above your name on the address label, that date indicates the year through which your dues are paid. If there is no date written, this is a complementary copy of the newsletter. If you need to pay your dues, please use the membership renewal below. You can print a New Member Application from the website.

SAMRM Membership Renewal

Name: _____
(Last, First, Middle/Maiden)

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

Phone: Home _____ Business _____

Fax: _____ Email Address: _____

Profession _____ Highest Degree: _____

Employing Agency/Affiliation _____

Field of Employment/Position _____ Area(s) of Specialization _____

Dues: (Check dues enclosed)

General membership: _____ \$50.00/2 years

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