

It's Been a Busy 2017 Thus Far in Region A

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Take a look at some of the activities the local units have organized since January:

Marin Unit led by Michelle Dowds, MSW:

In March, the Marin Unit celebrated *Social Work Month* with a networking event.



And in May, the Marin Unit, in collaboration with Kaiser Permanente Hospital San Rafael held a CEU event *Preparing Patients with Dementia for Skilled Nursing Placement*



San Francisco Unit led by Mark Thoma, LCSW:

Though camera shy the San Francisco unit has held two CEU events and a Social Work Month celebration. The CEU event topics included *Enhancing Transgender HealthCare* and *A Discussion with Jeff Kositsky, Director of San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing*.

Watch your email in-boxes for announcements about future SF Unit CEU events.

Sonoma Unit led by Jill Davidson, MSW:

The Sonoma Unit continues to hold monthly Salons and, they, too are camera shy. The Salons are held on the second Thursday of every month and take place in centrally located Willibee's Wine Bar in downtown Santa Rosa. In March, the attendees of the Salon participated in a celebration of Social Work Month by promoting Lobby Days activities. Attendees were provided with information about the congressional bills that Lobby Days participants would be lobbying for on behalf of the profession. Salon attendees wrote postcards to their local congress people and those post cards were hand delivered to the state capitol during the Lobby Days festivities.

In April, local students attended the Salon to provide information about their experience.



And introducing a newest unit—

Petaluma Unit led by Kathleen Adams, LCSW and Marjorie Helm, LCSW

The Petaluma Unit has facilitated three CEU events since its inception.

In January, *Soup, Solace, and Support: Strategizing the Challenging Times Ahead with a Refresher of NASW Code of Ethics Core Value: Social Justice* gave attendees an opportunity to address concerns regarding the changing political climate as they relate to our clients, our practice, and our self-care all while enjoying home-made soups, fresh bread, water, tea, coffee and wine.



Since its inception, the Petaluma Unit has held two CEU events and hosted an NASW table at the Petaluma Community Engagement Fair: A One-Day Exhibition of Local Community Groups Gathering Together to Create the World We Want.

And finally, **Region A** supported social work students from *Humboldt State University, San Francisco State University and California State University Long Beach-Distance Education* with funding to participate in this years Lobby Days held in March 2017. It is always an exciting event and one that we would encourage anyone –student and/or professionals—to participate in.



We thank all of you who have attended the Region A events and look forward to seeing some new faces. Don't forget to like us on Facebook.
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