We are reaching the end of a decade - a momentous occasion for many, including us. The last year of this decade has been exciting as we spent the year *Elevating Social Work*. While we will always *Elevate Social Work*, our 2020 vision is ready to focus on celebrating *Social Workers: Generations Strong!* Stay tuned ...

2019 Memories - Elevate Social Work Annual Conference

On September 23 and 24, more than 400 people gathered to “Elevate Social Work!” Our 2019 annual conference offered something for everyone. The two-day event kicked off with an invigorating keynote address by Dr. Kathryn Wehrmann, National NASW Board President, as she discussed “The Future of Social Work: What Are Our Roles?” During Monday's luncheon, the
annual Chapter awards were presented to: Jean Capler, Social Worker of the Year; Sheriff Joey Laughlin, Community Partner of the Year; BriAnn Hill, MSW Student of the Year; and Alison Taylor, BSW Student of the Year. During the awards ceremony, we also recognized our longtime member, Dr. Katharine “Kathy” Byers who was selected as an NASW Social Work Pioneer.

Monday evening, after a full day of workshops, many conference attendees mingled at the Elevate Social Work reception, held in the adjacent hotel in the Trevi Fountain Ballroom. Check out the Membership Corner below for more information about the reception. Then on Tuesday morning, a panel of social workers, representing various points on their career paths, discussed “Social Work Through the Years.” Our Silent Auction was very energetic and there was a rush to bid before 1:30 pm on Tuesday afternoon. And there were more than 60 sponsors and exhibitors tabling at the event, giving attendees new resources to explore and information on services available in our state. Yes, our 2019 conference did have something for everybody!

It’s time to nominate the stars in our state!

Every year, the National Association of Social Workers observes Social Work Month in March as a time to pay tribute to our colleagues and others who make outstanding contributions to social work practice and educate the public about vital contributions of the profession. During our many Social Work Month events throughout the state, we recognize each region’s Social Worker of the Year and Community Partner of the Year.
Nominations are now open for our 2020 Awards. Please consider nominating a colleague, co-worker or friend who works above and beyond the call of duty. **Click here for more information.**

**Deadline to submit is January 17, 2020.**

Nominations are also open for our BSW and MSW Students of the Year Awards and, new this year, the Emerging Social Work Leader Award. **Click here for more information on these awards.**

**Deadline to submit is February 28, 2020.**

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### Membership Corner

As we rush towards the end of the year, our to-do lists get longer and daylight gets shorter, so it’s time for some inspiration. Watch our social media feeds for the benefits that NASW membership offers you, as well as upcoming events.

### Inspiration Station

The 2019 NASW-IN Annual Conference “Elevate Social Work” is in the history books and we’re already gearing up for 2020. In 2019, our national board president, Kathryn Conley Wehrmann, PhD, MSW, LCSW, served as our keynote speaker and stayed to mingle with social workers from around Indiana at our evening reception on the first night of the conference. It was a great evening of networking. The second morning of the conference, we got to hear from other social workers about the kind of work they do every day. Our “Inspiration Station” at the conference gave us all the chance to answer the question, “How do you Elevate Social Work?” These answers should make all of us proud of the work we do to create change every day.
Resources

- **New NASW Practice Alert** summarizes final rule on arbitration agreements in long-term care facilities. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently published a final rule that affects beneficiaries who seek or receive care in long-term care (LTC) facilities. Knowledge of this rule is essential not only for social workers employed by LTC facilities, but also for social workers who serve LTC facility residents, potential residents, and family caregivers in other capacities. [Click here to view the practice alert.](#)

- **For NASW Members only:** Check out the latest Behavioral Health Practice Perspective, *America’s Drug Crisis: Challenges and Successes in the Opioid Epidemic and Beyond*. [Click here to view the Practice Perspective.](#)

- **ACTION ALERT:** Urge Your Congressional Lawmakers to Cosponsor the Protecting Social Workers and Health Professionals from Workplace Violence Act (S. 2880/H.R. 5138). [Click here to take action now!](#)
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Events/News

LEAD Day 2020:
February 20, 2020
Indiana State House

Celebrating our 21st year!

3rd Annual
SOGI Conference
February 27 & 28

Online registration will open mid-December

Central Indiana
LGBTQ Horizons of Aging Summit

July 14-15, 2020
CEHs available

Happy Holidays from the NASW Indiana Chapter!

Note: Our office will be closed December 23, 2019—January 1, 2020

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