



## Connecticut Connections

### National Association of Professional Organizers Connecticut Chapter

March 2015 Newsletter

#### From Our President



Our March 20th Chapter meeting was educational, collaborative and rewarding. We were treated to a team approach to selling a home. Jean Marie Herron of POSSEE Partners, Maria Rinin of RE/MAX and Bernadette Flaim of The Faim Group came up from NJ and shared their successful ReadyStageMove dynamic. They presented for an hour and even stayed throughout our networking break to answer additional questions from our chapter members and guests.

Elaine announced the newly elected board members for the **2015-2016 NAPO-CT Board:**

- President - Seana Turner
- Vice President - Sandra Wheeler
- Treasurer - Peter Gilsenan
- Secretary - Jennifer Burke
- Past President - Rick Woods
- Dir. of Communications - Beth Schlater
- Dir. of Marketing - Regina Sanchez
- Dir. of Programming - Susan O'Connell
- Dir. of Administration - Judith Ann Kirk
- Dir. of Associate Membership - Tom Larson

Congratulations to our new and veteran



### NAPO-CT Vendor Fair!

**Vendors, displays, networking and more!**

Friday, April 10  
9-12

Eli's on Whitney

#### Current Vendors:

- FUNctional ADvertising
- Juice Plus
- ShelfGenie
- Norwex
- CT Closet and Shelf
- Just Dump It
- Organizing Resources
- Assisted Living Technologies, Inc.
- Thirty One
- Smead Manufacturing Company
- Daffodilly Desktop

officers and directors who have accepted the opportunity to serve on the NAPO-CT board.

Our next meeting will be the [Vendor Fair](#) and it is scheduled for April 10th. This will be a great opportunity to build your strategic alliances and make your job as a Professional Organizer a lot easier.

See you there!

**Quick note:** Those of you interested in attending the NAPO Annual Conference & Organizing Expo in Los Angeles, CA., it's not too late. You have until March 31st, before the late registration fee kicks in. This year's all-star event features a workshop with Julie Morgenstern, "Building Your Business from the Inside Out" and a keynote speech by Laura Stack, "The Productivity Pro: How to Really Make it Big in the Organizing Business." <http://2015.napo.net>

## RSVP

Interested in becoming a vendor and displaying information on your company?

Click [HERE](#) for more information!

### **Connecticut Conference on Hoarding "When a House is not a Home" Monday, May 4, 2015, 9am-4pm CCSU, Alumni Hall, New Britain**

Learn about the underlying mental illness associated with hoarding  
Therapeutic interventions and strategies; what works, what doesn't  
A review of the existing laws, statutes and policies that must be followed  
In-depth instruction will be provided, throughout the conference, for building, fire, health and other code enforcement officials on the proper responses and possible risks associated with hoarding cases.

An update on the proposal to form a Legislative Task Force on Hoarding

Keynote Speaker, Dr. Randy Frost - Randy O. Frost received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in 1977 and is the Harold and Elsa Siipola Israel Professor of

Psychology at Smith College. He has published more than 160 scientific articles and book chapters on hoarding and related topics. His work has been funded by the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation and the National Institute of Mental Health. Frost serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of the International OCD Foundation. He has co-authored several best-selling books on hoarding, and his research has been featured on a variety of television and radio news shows, including 20/20 Downtown, Good Morning America, The Today Show, Dateline, National Public Radio (general news as well as the award-winning program The Infinite Mind), CBS Sunday Morning, BBC News, and the Canadian Broadcasting Company's The Nature of Things. He has also consulted with various hoarding task forces around the world and has given hundreds of lectures and workshops on the topic in the U.S. and internationally.

Attendees will receive a Hoarding Resource Binder  
Hear about further education and training opportunities  
CEUs may be offered for social workers, fire, police, building officials and animal control officers. Consult with your respective association.  
Hoarding books and DVDs, written by Dr. Randy Frost and Dr. David Tolin, will be available for purchase at the conference.

**Schedule (subject to change)**

8:00 - 9:00 Registration w/ Continental Breakfast  
9:00 - 9:15 Welcome Speakers  
9:15 - 10:00 A Personal Experience - Victim of Hoarding  
10:00 - 10:15 Break - Coffee and.....  
10:15 - 11:30 Key Note Speaker: Dr. Frost  
11:30 - 11:45 Update from DMHAS - Dr. Kimberly Karanda  
11:45 - 12:45 LUNCH - Delicious Buffet  
12:45 - 1:45 Legal Options - Judith R. Dicine, J.D.  
1:45 - 2:45 Dr. Blaise Worden  
2:45 - 3:00 Break - Beverages and Snacks  
3:00 - 3:45 Panel - Discussion with Questions  
3:45 - 4:00 Closing Statements

Register on line at: <https://ceha.wildapricot.org/events/>

To confirm your registration, payment must be received no later than 3/13/2015. After this date, the conference registration will be open to others.

Location: CCSU, 1615 Stanley St., New Britain, CT 06053 (directions attached or on reverse side) Parking: Free Cost: \$30 / person, includes breakfast, lunch, snacks,

and a Hoarding Resource binder You can pay online during the registration process or via mail. Issue check or money order to: CEHA Mail payments to: PSHD, Attention: Scott Cook, 196 North Main St., Southington, CT 06489

*Directions:*

*From the North (Massachusetts) Take 91 South to 84 West to Exit 39A, to Rte. 9 South. Get off Exit 29 and take a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard. At the third traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in the event of inclement weather.*

*From the Southwest (Stamford/New Haven) Take 95 North to 91 North to Exit 22 North, to Rte. 9 North. Follow Rte. 9 North and take Exit 29, Rte. 175. At the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp, go straight and follow Fenn Road to the second traffic light, and take a left turn onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard. At the fourth traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in the event of inclement weather.*

*From the Southeast (Groton/New London) Take 95 South to Rte. 9 North to Exit 29, Rte. 175. At the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp, go straight and follow Fenn Road to the second traffic light, and take a left turn onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard. At the fourth traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in the event of inclement weather.*

*From the East (Hartford) Take 84 West to Exit 39A, to Rte. 9 South. Get off Exit 29 and take a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard. At the third traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in cases of inclement weather.*

*From the West (Danbury/Waterbury) Take 84 East to Exit 39A, to Rte. 9 South. Get off Exit 29 and take a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard. At the third traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in the event of inclement weather.*

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