

UNITED BY HOPE...

The more Knowledge we have
The more Hope we have.

NAMI members find hope in
Conferences, Conventions,
Classes, and Support Groups.

This Is NAMI SWLA

The National Alliance on Mental
Illness is dedicated to the eradication
of mental illness and to the
improvement of the quality of life for
all whose lives are affected by these
diseases.

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Mental Illness Awareness Week

Monday, October 6th
MIAW Candlelight Vigil
Sponsored by: OMH Region V Advisory Board
Lake Charles Civic Center Sea Wall
Call 433-0219 for time

Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 6PM
The Tenth Annual Membership Dinner
Reeves Uptown Catering
1639 Ryan Street Lake Charles, LA

Dinner
Election & Presentation of 2008-2009 Board of Directors

Dinner: \$20.00 NAMI Members - \$25.00 Non – NAMI Members - Table of 8 for \$150.00

Annual Membership Dues \$25.00 through October 7th - \$35.00 beginning on October 8th
Consumer Dues \$3.00

RSVP with check by Friday, October 3rd to:
NAMI SWLA 715 Ryan Street, Suite 203, Lake Charles, LA 70601
For more information call (337) 433-021

Keynote Speaker: Pete Earley author of the book "Crazy"
A Father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness



Mr. Earley, the author of nine nonfiction books, three novels and former reporter for the Washington Post will share his two part story about finding healing for his college age son, Michael after he is diagnosed with bipolar disorder and suffers a manic attack that results in him being arrested. The book then shifts to the dreaded ninth floor of Miami Dade Jail where Mr. Earley follows several psychotic inmates through the justice system and into the streets to document how they are treated. "Our jails and prisons have replaced our state hospitals and have become our new asylums", said Earley. Mr. Earley is a lifetime member of NAMI and received its Outstanding Media Award for Advocacy in 2007 at its national conference.

Mr. Earley's book "Crazy" will be available for purchase at the dinner and there will be a time for a book signing.

Special Thanks!

NAMI SWLA would like to send a Special Thanks to the Calcasieu Parish School Board for their support of NAMI's educational programs.

Coming Up!

Visions for Tomorrow

NAMI SWLA will sponsor a 6 week course for caretakers, parents, professionals and friends of children with a mental illness diagnosis. The class will begin on Monday, September 29th from 5-6PM at NAMI SWLA 715 Ryan, Suite 203 in the United Way building. Seating is limited. Please call 433-0219 to register.

NAMI SWLA NOMINEES FOR 2008- 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Returning

Susy Courville—President
Sherrie Raymond—Vice President
Stephanie Boyd— Treasurer
John Bleich—Secretary
Lt. David Anders
Dr. James Anderson
Mary Campbell
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New Nominees

Eric Crawford
Nola Ducote
Mary Hebert
David Medus

Retiring Board Members

Tina Barbery
Rhonda Fontenot
Carl Olson
Patty Victory

Voting by paid members will take place at the annual membership dinner October 9, 2007

NAMI SWLA offers our sincere condolences to the family of Officer Eric Bellard and his CPSO family at his recent death during Hurricane Gustav.

Officer Bellard received the 1st Annual CIT Officer of the Year Award for Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office at NAMI SWLA Awards Banquet on July 10th.



BELLARD

He will be greatly missed!



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Yes, I want to help NAMI, the Nation's Voice on Mental Illness, to fight for the rights of people affected by mental illness.

Enclosed is my annual membership dues [] \$35 after October 8, 2008 also

Enclosed is my generous contribution in support of your programs:

[] \$45 [] \$65 [] \$100 [] \$250 [] \$500 [] Other \$ _____

Thank You for Your donation!

Rescheduled Special Presentation!!!

November 18, 2008

Who: ALLSUP: SSDI Application Process

What: *What is SSDI and who qualifies?
*What do I receive if I qualify?
*What do I need to do to get SSDI?
*How does ALLSUP represent me?

When: November 18, 2008

Where: NAMI SWLA 715 Ryan St., Suite 203

Why: ALLSUP the nations largest SSDI representation company whose goal is to make life easier for those with disabilities through education.

A light meal will be provided. Please call 433-0219 to RSVP. Seating is limited.

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