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CHICO'S Wardrobe Parties Swing Into Spring

The AOTF/CHICO'S partnership is in full swing with another round of CHICO'S wardrobe parties! CHICO'S will generously donate ten percent of the total sales at these parties back to AOTF. Former AOTA President, Karen Jacobs is chairing this popular fundraising opportunity for AOTF. Our aim is to host at least 100 wardrobe parties this spring and summer at CHICO'S stores across the nation.

We have about 40 parties already in the pipeline for March and April. Pi Theta Epsilon, the student honor society for occupational therapy, has pledged to host wardrobe parties through their chapters as well.

Our hostesses report a wonderful response to their invitations. They are reaching beyond the occupational therapy community to engage friends and colleagues in supporting our profession. "This is a subtle and effective way to promote awareness of occupational therapy," says AOTF

President, Ruth Ann Watkins. The store managers are friendly, helpful and easy to work with. "It's an enjoyable and fun way to raise money for the Foundation and all the guests really have a great time," says Karen Jacobs.

These parties are ongoing! If you would like to join the crowd, please contact Debra Goldstein, AOTF Development Associate, by email at dgoldstein@aotf.org. She'll be delighted to introduce you to the store manager in your area and set you up with a party kit that includes pre-printed invitations and all the information you need to host a wardrobe party. As a special bonus, hostesses receive a \$25 gift certificate from CHICO'S. This AOTF/CHICO'S partnership is a great way to "swing into Spring 2004".

The AOTF Contributions to Annual Conference

AOTF is looking forward to the AOTA Annual Conference in Minneapolis. Each year, we take pride in contributing to Conference in a number of ways. The Foundation's educational programs present emerging science to support practice and education. And through our special events, we generate funds to support the ongoing work of the Foundation. We hope to see many of you in Minneapolis. Thank you again for supporting AOTF.

You may register on line to attend the AOTF events using the registration process available on the AOTA website at: <http://www.aota.org>.

AOTF Special Events

An Evening with AOTF at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts
Generously Sponsored By CHICO'S
Saturday, May 22, 2004
8:00–9:30 PM

The much anticipated AOTF Reception will be held in the Sculpture Court at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. The Institute houses one of the top three collections of Prairie School objects in the country; works by Frank Lloyd Wright, William Gray Purcell, and George Grant Elmslie are included in the collection. Don't miss this opportunity to relax and socialize with your colleagues and savor a sumptuous array of hors d'oeuvres and regional delicacies.

\$100 per person. Includes hors

d'oeuvres and open bar.

AOTF's 10th Annual Breakfast With a Scholar
Generously sponsored by AOTF Corporate Partner, Marsh Affinity Group Services.
Sunday, May 23, 2004
7:30–9:00 AM

Justice For All?

Don't oversleep Sunday morning because you won't want to miss Dr. Uffe Juul Jensen, an international scholar in the field of philosophy and medical ethics from the University of Aarhus in Denmark. He will discuss the prospects for social justice in health in the age of evidence-based medicine and explore how these issues confront us daily, from choices we make through evidence-based practice to ethical dilemmas imposed by managed care. Dr. Jensen's research includes studies of the concepts of illness, disease and health, the welfare state versus the market, the individual person, the community, and the state. He does some of his research in collaboration with his wife, Dr. Tove Borg, an occupational therapist with expertise in clinical reasoning.

\$45 per person. Breakfast is included.





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Minneapolis

Educational Programs Sponsored by AOTF

Research Colloquium, Tea and Poster Session

Saturday, May 22, 2004

1:30–5:00 PM

The AOTF Research Colloquium will spotlight four distinguished speakers, Mary Ann McColl, Elizabeth Townsend, Joy Hammel, and Christine Helfrich who will address *OT and the Environment: Beyond Client-Centered Practice*. Join us early for a preview of the student posters; always an enriching experience, and stay for the discussion and a refreshing tea.

\$25. Includes refreshments.

Doctoral Network Reception and Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

8:00–10:30 PM

Life After the Dissertation: Developing a Program of Research

If you intend to become a researcher, publications and grants will play a major role in your work life. Hear from Dr. Catana (Tana) Brown, associate professor, Department of Occupational Therapy Education, University of Kansas Medical Center, how to move from thinking in terms of individual studies to a “program of research” as a means of increasing your success in obtaining grants and

getting your work published.

\$25 per person. Includes refreshments

OT SEARCH: Introduction to Enhancements and Updated Searching Techniques

Thursday, May 20, 2004

3:30-5:00 PM

The Foundation's Director of Information Resources, Mary Binderman, and her colleague, Rashid Faraby, will teach how to identify use the enhancements to OT Search, the Wilma West Library's management system. They will show how to successfully retrieve sources of information and how to be more proficient at doing searches.

Qualitative Research Exchange 2004: Reflections and Emerging Issues.

Thursday, May 20, 2004

12:00-3:00 PM

Betty Hasselkus, Ellen Cohn, Diana Bailey, Virginia Dickie, Jeanne Jackson, Mary Lawlor, Ann Neville-Jan, Loree Primeau, and Elizabeth Townsend will discuss the need for education and reflection related to the science, rigor, ethics, and methods inherent in the adoption of qualitative research in occupational therapy. The panelists will discuss a special cluster of articles on qualitative research published in the Jan. Feb 2003 issue of *AJOT*. The authors

will respond to questions provided by the moderator and fellow panelists as well as audience members. They will offer reflections on their published articles and subsequent research experiences and evolving perspectives.



AOTF Vision

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation promotes a society in which individuals, regardless of age or ability, may participate in occupations of their choice that give meaning to their lives and foster health and well being.

Through its dedication to scientific inquiry, education and leadership development, the Foundation pays tribute to the significance of everyday activities in enabling those who face personal challenges to realize their full potential in society.

Taking Action to Promote Participation in the Community. Friday, May 21, 2004 2:00-5:00 PM

Julie Bass Jaugen, Linda Buxell, John Fleming, Jyothi Gupta, Kristine Haerti, Amy Heinz, Kathleen Matuska, Loree Primeau, and Joy Hammel will present programs that have used action learning and action research to engage groups of clients in the process of creating environments that allow them successful participation in their communities.

AOTF Mission

The American Occupational Therapy Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable, nonprofit organization dedicated to refining and expanding the body of knowledge of occupational therapy, advancing practice of the highest quality, and promoting understanding of the value of occupation in the interest of the public.