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Brain Injury Association of Georgia

News You Can Use!

JUNE QUARTERLY 2008

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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New Support Group in Augusta!
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SAUL RAISIN **BICYCLE HOPE RIDE** **October 4th & 5th, 2008** **Dalton, GA**



Saturday October 4th

"There will be a 15 mile, 35, or 50 mile (including Fort Mountain). In the evening there will be a silent auction dinner (the auction will start online one week before and end at the dinner).

Sunday October 5, 2008- Run race/fun walk and the downtown Pro 1/2 Crit.

I need all of your help to make this year bigger and better!!

*I encourage everyone to come out and have fun while Raisin Hope for many people that have lost it. **If anyone has any auction items they would like to donate to the event and foundation please let Saul know: saul@tourdelife.us***

'Biag is a beneficiary from funds raised from this event'

Check Saul's website for updates for additional updates, details and times

From:
www.saulraisin.com – Home Page

CAMP HARDGROVE

Oct 30 – Nov 2
"Survivors and Caregivers"

(Arrive 8:00 PM Thursday
 Depart 11:00 AM Sunday)



Application for Camp is now available on

our web site

www.braininjurygeorgia.org
 Calendar of Events

Deadline is August 30th.

Questions? Contact: Samantha Renfro
SWELLBR@emory.edu

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT **October 30th**

Support Group leaders plan on attending or sending a representative in your place. Stuart Hanzman, LCSW, will be organizing and leading this very important summit. Stuart will be sending out an updated email in the near future to the group leaders.



Contact:
stuarthanzman@aol.com for any questions



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*Please check our website to ensure your support group information is correct!
Email or call BIAG for changes*

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS!

DAVID GOUDELOCK



David Goudelock has been a rehabilitation case manager in the private sector for 29 years and specializes in brain injury and spinal cord injury. He is a Certified Life Care Planner and actively participated in meetings that established standards of practice for this field. He was President of Private Rehabilitation Suppliers in 1987-1988.

David served on the BIAG Board from 1993-1995 and again in 2005 to present and was Board Chair from September 2006 to February 2008. He was Legislative Chair for BIAG from 1995 to 1998. He was Chair of The Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Coalition from 1995 until its passage as Amendment 3 on the statewide ballot in 1998.

David received his Bachelors degree in Psychology from Clemson University and a Masters degree in Rehabilitation Psychology from Appalachian State University. He lives with his wife in Alpharetta and has two sons currently attending Kennesaw State University.

David can be reached at 678-393-8061 or davidgoudelock@hotmail.com

BRAIN TRIVIA: The soft mass of the adult brain is motionless. Though it consumes up to 25% of the blood's oxygen supply, it does not grow, divide or contract.

www.arcamax.com/trivia/s-377622-175845

DAVID TATUM



David Tatum is the Vice President of Government Affairs and Chief Public Policy Officer for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, one of the largest pediatric health care systems in the United States. He is responsible for all legislative and many regulatory activities for this nationally recognized children's hospital system. Mr. Tatum represents the Children's system before the Georgia General Assembly and state agencies, including the Dept of Community Health and the Dept of Human Resources, among others. He further represents the Children's system in Washington, D.C. Mr. Tatum works directly with members of Congress and the administration, as well as with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Mr. Tatum also acts as the system's legislative affairs representative to the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions.

David currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Brain Injury Association of Georgia and Voices for Georgia's Children.

An avid motorcyclist for 38 years, Mr. Tatum does mix business with pleasure. He has successfully blunted efforts for over a decade to repeal Georgia's all-rider motorcycle helmet law. He has also promoted legislation that has raised the mandatory age for child car safety seat use through the age of five in Georgia, as well as increased penalties for not having a child in that age range in a car seat.

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NEW SUPPORT GROUP starting up:

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Incorporated Groups:

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"Jimmy Simpson Foundation Group"
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Stone Mountain-DeKalb County
"Side By Side Clubhouse"
Fostering growth, employment, job search skills, etc.
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Advocacy skills for Family Caregivers



Do you provide a moderate or high level of care for an adult family member with brain injury?

The Oregon Center for Applied Sciences (ORCAS) is developing a new program to teach family members providing moderate or high levels of care for an adult family member with brain injury how to advocate for their loved one with a brain injury.

You can receive up to \$100 to help develop and evaluate the program. This project takes place through June of 2009 and is funded by the National Institutes of Health and is in collaboration with the Brain Injury Association of America. There are no sales or mailing lists involved. All information is confidential. To see if you qualify:

Sign-up online:
<http://study.braininjurypartners.com>
or
Sign-up by calling toll-free:
1-866-730-3211

For questions about the study you can also email ORCAS at:
braininjurypartners@orcasin.com

From: www.biausa.org website

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Conference presenting:

"STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH COLLABORATION"

Registration is now open!

2008 Regional Training
FREE training is offered to long-term-care professionals, advocates, family members or anyone who provides support to a loved one with aging or a disability.

Registration for Georgia's Aging & Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Atlanta Metropolitan Summer Training is being held now.

You will learn among other topics:
.Ins and outs of Georgia's Medicaid Waiver services
.Personal experiences of families' navigating the long-term care system

August 13 – Chattahoochee Tech-Marietta, GA servicing those who live in the NW Georgia area: Rome/Cartersville

August 20 – Clayton State University, Atlanta, GA

For more information go to:
<http://mhddad.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHR-MHDDAD>
select training
select *Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Conference*

A pamphlet will open which will outline additional details, including registration by mail

Register online, go to:
<http://www.cviog.uga.edu/adrc>

For additional questions you can email ADRCtraining@yahoo.com

From: <http://mhddad.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHR-MHDDAD> website

For information to be included in a future newsletter contact Jane Jackson – info@braininjurygeorgia.org. Material must be prewritten and is subject to review, approval and changes in order to fit the format in this newsletter. **Spotlight your group – email me photos and a write up!**



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VSA Arts of Georgia

provided free tickets to two Brain Injury Association of Georgia (BIAG) families for the **Atlanta Braves versus the Dodgers baseball game, April 2008.**

It was a beautiful sunny day and the Braves won!

Laurie and Howard Smith, of the North Fulton Regional Hospital Family Brain Injury and Stroke Support Group, and **Bobbie and Scott Robinson** of the Conyers Support Group had a great time.

Howard and Laurie Smith



Go to www.vsaartsga.org or call the VSA Hotline System at 404-221-1270 then press 2, to get updates on which Ongoing and Special Events are being offered. The event must be listed on the Calendar of Events (see Community Events and Special Events) --- if not, do not request it. Go to the Venue's website to see what is currently being offered.

NOTE: A 2 weeks notice is required by each Venue of ONGOING EVENTS.

Contact your Support Group Leader with your requests. (You must be an active member of BIAG and/or an active member of a BIAG Support Group.) Your leader can advise you of the rules and guidelines associated with receiving free tickets.

Your leader will then contact Ann Boriskie, BIAG State VSA arts of Georgia Coordinator, with your request.

VSA and Peer Visitor By: Ann Boriskie

New Brain Injury Peer Visitor's Trained



On June 7, 2008, nineteen new participants began their training to become Peer Visitors with the Brain Injury Peer Visitor Program. They will continue their training by completing two "shadow" Peer Visits in their assigned hospital/facility. Then they will go through their hospital/facility's Volunteer Orientation.

Ann Boriskie, Program Coordinator, conducted a 6 hour classroom training session held in one of the newly built 6th floor classrooms at the Shepherd Center. A wide range of topics was covered which relate to Peer Visiting such as: history of the program; hospital volunteer programs; volunteer guidelines; the mechanics of Peer Visiting (schedules, forms, job responsibilities); Peer Visiting guidelines; the interdisciplinary team; making a Peer Visit; do's and don'ts; listening skills; and other subjects.

Representatives from 5 of the 8 hospital/facilities where the program conducts Peer Visits spoke on a variety of subjects:

.Mark Johnson, Advocacy Director, Shepherd Center and on BIAG Board of Directors

.Sarah Zullo, Volunteer Manager, Shepherd Center and Shepherd Pathways

.Stuart Hanzman, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, North Fulton Regional Hospital and private practice

.Laura Demo Anderson-Stephens, Program Manager Rehab Services, Kennestone

.Kelly Imes, Physical Therapist, Emory

Testimonials about their experiences, and why they Peer Visit, were given by **Howard Smith** (North Fulton, Kennestone), **Diane Quimby** (Shepherd Center), **Dee Houchins** (Emory, Shepherd Center), and **Tom Houchins** (VA Hospital, Emory, Shepherd Pathways, Emory Eastside).

Our training program ended with a touching yet inspiring talk given by a veteran recently injured in the Iraq War. **Antwain Vaughn**, written about in such newspapers as the "New York Times" and the "Atlanta Journal Constitution", shared his own story of brain injury, recovery, and his positive attitude regarding life and family.

If you are interested in becoming a new Peer Visitor, contact Ann Boriskie at 770-330-8416 or peervisitor@braininjurygeorgia.org.

Photos of the Training Event
 (Add'l Photos will be available shortly on our website!)

Howard Smith



Diane Quimby, Shepherd Center



Kelly Imes, Emory



Veterans-Tom Houchins, Mike Ambercrombie, Billy Hartness, Antwain Vaughn



Ann Boriskie, Program Coordinator, Mark Johnson, BIAG Board of Directors

