

Oxford House Pathways

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Annual Oxford House World Convention Coming up in August

Oxford House Residents, Alumni and Friends will gather at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill in Washington DC for the 9th Annual Convention – August 30-September 2, 2007

Cost:

Rooms: \$129 + 14.5% tax = \$147.70 per night for single, double or triple occupancy. Quadruples are \$154 per night (plus 14.5% tax)

Registration Fee Oxford House residents and alumni: \$210 per person through July 10; After July 10 or payment at the door, the fee is \$240. Registration for all others: \$350 per person. Those wanting to pay in installments can pay \$35 per month for six months starting in March

In case you have never attended, ask those Oxford House residents and alumni who attended the 8th 2006 World Convention in Wichita and previous conventions to attest to the fellowship, fun and education that go on at World Conventions.

The Annual Women's Conference is always held on the Thursday before the Convention starts (this year on August 30) and there are many informative break-out sessions such as:

- Oxford House and the Law
- Oxford House and State Agencies
- Attracting Chapter Participation
- Oxford House and Fundraising
- Finding a Suitable House

In addition to the women's conference and breakout sessions, the host state Oxford Houses will hold a Friday Evening Awards Reception for all attendees and all attendees will attend a Saturday Night Banquet. The election of new World Council members is also an important part of each World Convention.

Attached to this flyer is a registration form on which you can register up to three people from your house or chapter.

HBO Special Series on Addiction to Begin Airing on March 15

Three organizations which promote addiction recovery throughout the country have formed a coalition to promote a program about addiction treatment and recovery to help Americans better understand the nature of this disease.

Join Together, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America, and Faces and Voices of Recovery are calling our attention to a 14-part documentary series called "Addiction" which begins on Thursday, March 15 – 9:00 pm Eastern Time on HBO. Oxford House residents who have HBO service may want to sponsor a get together or cookout for other members in their chapters or those in the recovery community and watch the show together.

The coalition is also encouraging those in recovery to host or attend an Addiction Action House Party on March 17 – you can find out more about the Addiction Action House parties by clicking on <http://members.jointogether.org/ct/rpeZ5tM1Jm9C/> The show airs at 6:30 Eastern and Pacific Time and 5:30 pm Central Time on the 17th. Ten minutes before the show, they will offer a national teleconference for everyone attending the house parties. All that is needed is a speakerphone.

More information on the HBO series and ways individuals can become involved in educating others about addiction may be found at AddictionAction.org

Get out the word to your friends, family and co-workers about this informative series.

Oxford Houses: Providing Pathways to Recovery Throughout the World

Katrina Victim Going Home Again

We just received this note from Kirstin Hallberg, Oxford House Outreach, Omaha Nebraska:

"The South Pointe House in Omaha accepted a Katrina victim, Lee, who had lived in an Oxford House in New Orleans prior to Katrina. Lee approached me in January and said he hadn't seen his family in 18 months, and he wanted to move back to an Oxford House in New Orleans. I contacted Marty Walker, Louisiana Oxford House Outreach who told me that the House in New Orleans was full, but Lee could move into another House about 3 hours away. Lee really wanted to go back to New Orleans, and had pretty much decided that he would just go on the waiting list and remain in Omaha until something opened up.

Marty just called this morning, and they're opening a new house in New Orleans in April. Guess who's going home???"

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Oklahoma and Texas Hold Statewide Workshops

The State of Oklahoma Oxford Houses held their first-ever workshop on February 18 in Norman. Oxford House residents from throughout the State attended to learn about house officers duties, chapter organizations and Oxford House procedures. Oklahoma Outreach Stan Timberlake and Oxford House CEO Paul Molloy were on hand to share their many years of Oxford House experience with residents.

On the day after the Oklahoma Workshop, the Texas State Association (JC Navarro of San Antonio, Chair) sponsored a House officers training workshop in the Dallas area for Oxford Houses in the state. Residents came from San Antonio, Houston, Austin and Dallas. Paul Molloy drove over from the Oklahoma Workshop to attend and share his experience with the group.

Upcoming Workshops:

- The State of Washington Chapter Officers Workshop will be held on June 8-9-10 on Whidbey Island WA. The Chapter Officers Workshop is sponsored by the WA State Association (June Anderson, Chair)
- The Annual NC State Convention will be held at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh on May 4-6. The Convention is sponsored by the State Association (Dennis Sanders, Chair)

- The DC/Maryland Workshop will be held on June 30 at the Seat Pleasant MD Municipal Center
- The Virginia Annual Workshop will be held at Old Town Hilton in Alexandria VA on May 25-27. The Workshop is being organized by the Virginia State Association, Byron Merriweather, Chair and the Outreach Staff: Shirley Robinson and Paul Stevens.

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WASHINGTON DC AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND BEGIN EXPANSION OF OXFORD HOUSE PROGRAM

The Oxford House Inc. Office recently received two expansion grants – one from the District of Columbia and one from Montgomery County Maryland (right outside the District of Columbia).

Robert Kershaw, a current Oxford House Resident from Maryland and Anna Mable Jones of the Oxford House National Office, are going to be working in the field with the existing houses and chapters to fulfill the contracts in these two areas. These grants represent the first funding ever received from DC and Maryland to expand the Oxford House program in those areas.

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A New Book on Oxford House by our Friends at DePaul

The Haworth Press will be releasing a forthcoming book entitled "Rescued Lives: The Oxford House Approach to Substance Abuse" by Leonard A. Jason, PhD, Bradley D. Olson, PhD, and Karen Foli, PhD.

According to the publisher: "In this book readers will learn about Oxford House and be introduced to these various places of community healing, meet some of the real people who live there and hear their stories. The book is written to instill understanding, provoke thought, and inspire positive action on one of our country's most serious problems--substance abuse."

The Oxford House Office will be in touch with the houses about where this newest book can be obtained.