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## **Newsletter - July 2014:**

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### **NAMI Northside Atlanta Education Meeting:**

**Monday, July 28, 2014, 7:00 PM, Social, 7:30 PM, Program  
Dunwoody United Methodist Church, Room #258**

► **PRESENTATIONS:** Gina Little from Dream Power Therapeutic Equestrian Center will speak about the unique benefits of therapeutic horsemanship for individuals with disabilities. Please view their website at [www.dreampowertherapy.org](http://www.dreampowertherapy.org) for more detailed information. Also, first, Jeff Fink will be briefly talking about the use of psychiatric service dogs as well as therapy dogs in helping those struggling with mental illness. Jeff indicates his website, [www.gofetchwellness.com](http://www.gofetchwellness.com) should be up and running by the end of the weekend. Jeff will be bringing his dog Earl, not sure if Gina will bring a horse :-).

As an important reminder: The June 30 NAMI E-News titled "Urge Congress to Improve Mental Health Care In America" details the Murphy and Barber legislative bills. Some knowledgeable people have called these bills the most important Mental Health legislation in 50 years. Please review closely and take legislative action with your representatives.

Thanks to NNA Member Carol Olden for forwarding the following very interesting July 22, 2014, NBC News article "Schizophrenia Study, plus a little cash – jump start psychiatric research" <http://tinyurl.com/paq2n5f>

You did it - made the MH Fair \$10,000 fund match from our dedicated anonymous donor. See our NNA website for our great second annual MH Fair coordinated by Neitcha Thomsen – printed program by Dot Keith. Thanks to Karla Coop for introducing us to EventBrite and Beth Sanders, volunteer coordinator. There is important progress on two Silver Lining Projects: The Directory of Services and Education. See updates on the NNA website – contact Bill McClung.

At the July 19, 2014 NAMI Georgia Meeting – The following officers were elected: Faye Taylor – President, Nora Haynes – VP, Bonnie Moore – Treasurer, Alison Dawson – Secretary, Liz de Goursac and Ashley Smith – at large Executive Committee Directors. And, of course, our own Susie Kyle was elected to the Board.

More technology is happening at NNA – QuickBooks online. Her name is Vicki Masi.

Welcome to two new NNA Board Members: Jean Millkey and Nancy Pendergast  
After 7 years of valuable service, Jerry Bishop is leaving the board – but, very fortunately will stay on as an advisor to the board.

### **NAMI Northside Atlanta Board of Directors:**

Dave Lushbaugh - President, Powell Cotter - Vice President, Joel Cope – Treasurer, Dot Keith - Secretary - Laura Johnson, Recording Secretary, Jerry Bishop, Larry Goodman, Susan Kyle, Vicki Masi, Jean Millkey, Bill McClung, Nancy Pendergast, Neitcha Thomsen