



In Memoriam
Jane Roiter: 1946 – 2007

“It’s been a privilege and pleasure to be your President these past seven months. Many of you took the invitation to renew [membership] and have responded to invitations to participate, communicating to us that you feel you are a part of the community of clinical social workers.”

These words of Jane’s in the Winter 2007 ISCSW *Newsletter* tell us all how seriously she took her work in our Society and how deeply she felt about establishing and energizing a cohesive professional community.

Jane came to Chicago from Rhode Island and received her M.S.W. from the University of Chicago. With her natural energy and perseverance, she continued her education and received her Ph.D. from the Institute for Clinical Social Work. She also began her private practice in 1983. Even with all of this on her plate, she still found time to join ISCSW, fully realizing the import of an organization that could reduce the

isolation of individual practitioners and continue the education of fellow members of the clinical social work community.

Her greatest contribution to our professional Society was the outstanding leadership she provided for our Board. She also helped establish our Sunday Morning Seminar Series. After twenty years, it continues to provide sophisticated, cutting-edge presentations by expert clinicians four times each year.

Jane began her term as ISCSW President with a vigor that infused a new energy into our Board. She worked tirelessly to oversee all committee activities and major conferences. We are indebted to her for her phenomenal efforts on the planning committee for the highly successful Allan Schore conference in April 2006, attended by over three hundred people.

She continued all aspects of this work with focused intensity until she went to the hospital for a stem cell transplant which we all hoped would reverse the advance of her non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. It was always her intention to return to her work after her recovery. Nonetheless, Jane was courageous in facing the possibility that others would need to take over for her if things didn't work out. The way in which she planned for all eventualities, both for her clients and for her work, provides an inspiring model for all of us to emulate.

It is with great sadness that we bid Jane *adieu*. Her belief in people and in the power of the relationship to change and heal human lives will live on in all who were touched by her. Good bye, Jane. We'll miss you.