

From the Editor

In late 2003, a dear friend and Editorial Board member of *WORK*, a member since its inception in 1990, was in a tragic automobile accident. I would like to dedicate this issue of *WORK* to Diane Aja, MS, OTR/L and share with you some of Diane's many contributions.

What do bagels and Universal Studio in Orlando, Florida have in common? The answer is that these were just two of the inventive backdrops of Diane Aja's career; a career that has left an indelible mark on the profession of occupational therapy.

Diane deserves to be recognized for her outstanding contributions to occupational therapy. Her professional accomplishments are many. Her extensive knowledge base in work and ergonomics, her apparently limitless energy, and her motivation to get things done, have motivated colleagues to do the same.

Diane was a true educator, as exemplified by her stellar efforts in her multiple presentations at American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) conferences, and her state and national workshops. She modeled lifelong learning, research efforts, and publication successes. Diane has been performing Func-

tional Capacity Evaluations for the last 17 years. Her current research efforts were focused on standardizing a Functional Capacity Evaluation (FCE) instrument in which sincerity of effort served as a hallmark of performance. The majority of her most current caseload was forensic in origin, requiring her to present expert witness testimony both in depositions and courtroom appearances. During the last 6 years, she had been pivotal in helping to expand the scope of practice in occupational therapy to include the development of life care plans for those clients with catastrophic injuries who will need services for the remainder of their lives.

In all her professional endeavors, whether it was reviewing a manuscript for potential publication in the journal *WORK*, running a Work Programs Special Interest Section meeting or being a moderator for a panel discussion, Diane was of the highest caliber professional. Diane, you will be greatly missed, but not forgotten.

Karen
kjacobs@bu.edu