WALK TALL!-The Message

THE MEEKS INSTITUTE

presents **A Special Home-Coming Seminar** in **Alexandria Bay, NY** on the St. Lawrence River in the

Heart of the 1000 Islands



Sara is going home againback to where her journey began where she saw her first patient with known osteoporosis and an acute compression fracture.

Her success with that patient, who returned to her former active lifestyle set Sara on a path that she is still on today-nearly 30 years later.

Join us in Alexandria Bay, NY in the beautiful 1000 Islands on the magnificent St. Lawrence River for this special commemorative seminar. Meet the physician who made the referral. Meet friends and colleagues of Sara's as she returns to "give back" to her hometown community with a special public presentation followed by the Level 1 seminar on the weekend of Oct 20-21.

United States and Canada, this area is truly a little piece of Paradise on Earth. Come-view the place where millionaires from the early 20th century built palatial homes and estates.

Visit historic Boldt's Castle on Heart Island — a replica of a castle on the Rhine River partially built by George Boldt, owner of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in NYC.



#### Seminar Venue is The Edgewood Resort The above picture is of Boldt's Castle taken from The Edgewood.

Take a short trip across the 1000 Islands Bridge and visit picturesque towns along the Canadian side of the river. You'll sense the cultural differences of the Canadian towns right away as you browse through shops that carry goods Situated on the border between the from England and other European countries.

> Walk on the docks of Alexandria Bay, see the power and majesty of this river, view the beautiful sunsets that occur on a daily basis as you visit Sara's hometown,

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THE LOST CHANNEL **ON THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER** HEART OF THE 1000 ISLANDS

a place that is very similar to when Sara lived there. Sara will be your personal guide and can answer any questions you might have about the area.

#### **!!BREAKING NEWS!!**

I am so very proud and honored to announce that the keynote speaker for the 3rd Annual Conference on The Meeks Method Minneapolis MN May 20-22, 2013 will be

#### Kathy Shipp, PT, MHS, PhD

Assistant Professor Division of Physical Therapy Dept Community & Family Medicine Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development **Duke University** 

**Presenting from her extensive** background in research on the management of patients with osteoporosis.

How Do We Know We're Making A Difference?

SPECIAL SEMINAR REFRESHER COUPON Took Level 1 too long ago to remember? Just want a refresher? Here's your chance. \$100.00 off on seminar in Alexandria Bay NY Available only to those who took Level 1 previously Telephone Registration Only Call toll-free 888-330-7272 to register

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\*Pfeifer et al. Effects of a new spinal orthosis on posture, trunk strength and quality of life in women with postmenopausal osteoporosis. A randomized trial. Am J Phys Med & Rehabil Vol 83 #3 March 2004 "THE SINGLE MOST SIGNIFICANT ADVANCEMENT FOR THE CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT OF OSTEOPOROSIS AND VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURES

EVER"

#### SARA MEEKS, PT, MS, GCS

DID YOU KNOW THAT

UP TO 30% OF SPINAL COMPRESSION FRACTURES

OCCUR IN MEN

AND UP TO 80% OF ALL SPINAL COMPRESSION FRACTURES ARE SILENT?

For more information contact Ed Wilbourne at edw@mediusa.com

See and try the Spinomed at the Homecoming Seminar Edgewood Resort Alexandria Bay NY October 20-21, 2012

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### COMING SOON!

## SARA SPEAKS

### **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY!**

I have a firm belief that any exercise form can be made safer and more therapeutic for people with bone health issues and I want people to be able to do what they LIKE to do. Joyce Vazquez, PT in Ohio is interested in working on a project regarding making Curves safer for people with osteoporosis. If you'd be interested in networking with Joyce on this project, contact her at jvazquez@ccf.org.

#### AND NOW, CONSIDER THIS!

According to statistics from NIH, 70-80% of vertebral compression fractures are silent—that is, people do not feel them and they are frequently picked up only incidentally when someone has an X-ray for another reason. Nevertheless, due to changes in alignment and body height, these silent fractures can interfere with heart, lung and other internal organ function. How then, can therapists continue to say that it is ok to ask someone to bend over and pick up an object from the floor so they can see how people move? All a therapist has to do is observe how they move, not ask them to do a risky movement during assessment or treatment. Consider a pre-assessment questionnaire to determine risk before asking a patient to do something that may cause a silent, yet devastating injury that may cause more problems in the future. Silent fractures can lead to the Vertebral Fracture Cascade, an event that can occur when, as a person stands up out of bed, he/ she sustains several compression fractures and loses height in the process. This event was probably preceded by silent fractures that had occurred over previous months and even years without the person knowing it.

# THE BALTIMORE CONFERENCE ON THE MEEKS METHOD Brought Excitement and High Energy Carol Davis' Presentation

### was especially riveting regarding the neuromyofascial web



"The <u>variety</u> of content.....amazing I have gained <u>much confidence</u>" Participant, Baltimore Conference NOT TO BE MISSED PLAN AHEAD

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# ATTENTION

#### LEVEL 2 SEMINAR PRESCOTT AZ March 23-24, 2012

Register "Sooner Not Later" The Naples Course In November Filled to Capacity



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KRIPALU CENTER FOR YOGA & HEALTH A Workshop For The Publc Yoga Teachers/Health Professionals Welcome May 12-17, 2013

# SEMINAR SCHEDULE

#### 2012 LEVEL 1

Alexandria Bay NY October 20-21 Boston (Mattapan) MA December 1-2

### 2013

LEVEL 1

San Diego CA New York City, NY Columbus OH Minneapolis MN Chicago IL Secaucus NJ New London CT January 26-27 February 23-24 March 2-3 April 5-6 April 13-14 June 15-16 June 21-22

#### LEVEL 2

Prescott AZ

March 23-24

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