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Delaware Society for Respiratory Care Newsletter

Welcome from the DSRC President and Membership Chair:

*Welcome to the first DSRC newsletter! Look for these several times throughout the year!
Anyone wishing to submit an article, notice etc., please submit to the DSRC at
dmарckes@nemours.org.*

Fall Conference Update:

*The DSRC will host its 13th Annual Fall Conference on Oct. 21st, 2006
At the beautiful Arsh Hall in Wilmington, De.
Look for our brochure coming soon!
There will be a free gift for attending.
This year the DSRC sputum bowl finals will be held following the Conference.*

*Contact information:
Email jrendle@nemours.org or phone: 302-651-5101*

Discounted AARC Memberships available for New Members:

*Are you, or is someone you know, a Respiratory Therapist who is **not a** member of the AARC?
If so take advantage of this special DSRC promotion from now until **November 15th, 2006**.
The DSRC is selling new memberships for the AARC for the low price of \$75.00. That is a
savings of \$27.50! You may ask how is this possible. The DSRC has purchased bulk
memberships to be able to pass the savings to New Members only at this time.*

*As an AARC member you will be immediately eligible to receive
3 free CEU live-web casts a year and receive the
AARC Times and Respiratory Care Journals
not to mention the discounted registration fees at conferences!*

*To purchase a discounted membership or get more information please email the DSRC
Membership Chair at:
dmарckes@nemours.org or call 302-651-5117*

Sputum Bowl Teams Wanted:

This year is our 2nd DSRC sputum bowl event. The deadline to register your team of 4 students or therapists is by Sept. 15th, 2006. For more information or to register your teams please email: jrendle@nemours.org



Delaware RC Dept. Challenge:

*Any Respiratory Care Dept. in the State of Delaware who achieves 100% AARC membership in a calendar year will receive a **FREE PIZZA PARTY** sponsored by the DSRC! Be an AARC Ambassador and spread the word on the benefits of AARC membership! Contact Membership Chair for more information: dmарckes@nemours.org*



What's your state affiliation?

Did you know that because of Delaware's small size that many Respiratory Care Practitioners that work in our state actually live in another neighboring state?

The DSRC wants all AARC members who live out of state to email lee@AARC.org and request your state affiliation be changed to Delaware.

It's that simple!

The DSRC only receives your vote on national issues if you are affiliated with Delaware and the AARC will send a small portion of your renewal membership dues back to the DSRC so please make this email happen!

Contact Membership Chair for more information: dmарckes@nemours.org



DSRC Nominations Due:

It's that time again to elect your new DSRC officers. We are looking for motivated Respiratory professionals! If you would like to be more active in your profession and meet others in the state then nominate yourself or have someone nominate you for one of the many open positions.

If you would like to talk to someone about any of the below positions email:

jrendle@nemours.org

*Nominations can be submitted to the Nominations Committee Chair
by fax at: 302-651-5103*

Open officer positions:

President Elect

Treasurer

Secretary

Delegate

Directors at large (one from each county)

AARC / DSRC Government Affairs:

Did you know that every state in the U.S. has a Respiratory Therapist that is an AARC PACT Representative?

*Do you know what **PACT** stands for?*

***PACT stands for Political Action Contact Team!** We have a Respiratory Therapist in Delaware who has been on this Team for several years now. When issues affecting our profession at the U. S. government level in Washington, DC need help from the AARC membership at the state level they go into action. This information comes to our PACT member and all the other members in the United States from the AARC paid lobbyist in Washington D.C. Our PACT member travels to Washington DC as needed to address important issues affecting or that may have an impact on our profession / jobs. There our PACT member meets up with other PACT members from across the country to speak to our Congressman and woman to get our issues/ concerns heard.*

Your may contact our PACT member at:

jrendle@nemours.org



PACT Action Alert:

*AARC members please contact your members of the House of Representatives and Senators and ask them to co-sponsor **HR 5513 and S3814!***

You can do this by going www.AARC.org and clicking on the political advocacy icon on the right of the website. This will take you directly to a pre-typed letter stating the AARC's position. All you do is add your name and zip code and it will automatically find your legislators for you. It's pretty cool! Check it out. Then just submit the letter and its done. It takes 2 minutes from start to finish.



What are HR 5513 and S3814?

Briefly legislation in Congress has been introduced to change a bill that was passed for patients to own their oxygen equipment after 36 months of use. There are safety and financial considerations that will affect our home care patients if this is not done. This is where the AARC needs your help to put pressure on our state legislators to not let this happen. So please log on to the AARC website as explained above.

Respiratory Advisory Council Update:

Did you know that we have Respiratory Therapists that represent us in Dover on the Respiratory Therapy Advisory Council? This council is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Medical practice.

We would like to make you aware of two important issues currently being discussed.

- *Council is currently trying to place safeguards in our rules and regulations for the delivery of conscious sedation by Respiratory Therapists during Respiratory Care procedures under the direct supervision of physicians.*
- *As of July 1st, 2006 a change in our statutes relating to the re-instatement of licensure after significant lapse of license.*

For more information you can reference the following website:

www.DPR.Delaware.gov



House of Delegates Highlights:

In July of this year the DSRC sent our two House of Delegates Representatives to Phoenix, AZ for the AARC HOD National meeting.

- *Disaster preparedness. What preparations are the AARC, state societies and U.S. government making?*
- *U.S. government is forming Federal Disaster Preparedness Response team of Respiratory Therapists. You can find out more on this by visiting the following government website: www.usajobs.gov*
- *U.S. is stockpiling 2 different ventilators: IMPACT Univent and the LP10 in the event of mass numbers of people needing mechanical ventilation. These are kept at key sites across the U.S.*
- *Asthma Certification Prep. Course to be available soon on the AARC website electronically for those who can't attend a live class.*

For further information you may contact:

tblackson@christianacare.org or dmарckes@nemours.org

Guest Bartender Night is coming soon!

Sept. 20th, 2006 from 6:00-11:00pm at the Kelly's Logan House, Wilmington

For more info. Or tickets contact: jrendle@nemours.org

*Remember to Celebrate Respiratory Care Week!
October 22nd – 28th*



Have you visited the official DSRC website?

www.delawarelung.org

A special thanks to Karen Muirhead for all her time she has volunteered to develop this site for the DSRC!

We are excited about our website and have many great plans to better serve the membership of the State of Delaware.