



Delaware Society for Respiratory Care Newsletter



Welcome from the DSRC President:

Happy New Year to all. I hope that this newsletter finds you well on your way to keeping your new years resolutions! It is also my hope one of the resolutions you have made is to become more active in the DSRC. Attendance at quarterly membership meetings has never been easier now that you can do so from the comfort of your own home! We have been using a conference call service for our board meetings and decided to use this technology for our membership meetings as well. Those who have "attended" in this way, have said that the clarity of the call was great and they found it to be a good way to stay connected. You can also have the benefit of the CEU educational offering when on conference call. Please consider attending our next meeting on **April 23rd from 6 to 8 pm at Kent Hospital in Dover** either in person, or via conference call. **The number to access the call is toll free at 1-888-296-6500 and the code for all of our calls is 180976.** We look forward to hearing from you. Stay tuned to our web site and list serve for more information. If you have any ideas, suggestions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at mgant@christianacare.org. This is your organization!



Ballot results:

The winners of the DSRC elections are as follows:

*President Elect : John Emberger CCHC
Treasurer : Gina Tarburton AIDHC
Secretary: Donna Tearl AIDHC
House of Delegate Jr: Helen Oldham AIDHC
Director at Large for New Castle County: Roz Ogrodnick
Director at Large for Sussex County: Brad Ritzler*


Terms begin 1/1/07.

*The DSRC would like to thank everyone who participated in the election process and
Congratulations to our newest Board Members!*



Sputum Bowl Update:

Congratulations to the 2006 Professional team winners from CCHS (Christiana Care Health System)!



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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: dmarckes@nemours.org

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Save the Date



2nd Annual Golf Outing

Benefiting the DSRC & Delaware Asthma Camps

***Friday May 18th, 2007
Chisel Creek Golf Club
Landenberg, PA***

*Check – in begins at 7:30am
Shotgun start at 9:00am*

Download registration information from the DSRC website at www.delawarelung.org

For more information contact:

Bob Donnelly at 302-454-1894 or via email at RDonnelly@christianacare.org

Last years first Outing was very successful and lots of fun! We anticipate increased participation for 2007. Sign-up early to secure your spot!

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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. 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: dmarckes@nemours.org



Membership :

Discounted AARC Memberships available in 2007 for New Members:

Due to the overwhelming response we have purchased additional discounted AARC memberships!

*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 !

*The DSRC is selling AARC memberships for the low price of **\$75.00**. That is a savings of \$27.50 off a new membership! You may ask how is this possible? The DSRC has purchased bulk memberships to be able to pass the savings to New Members.*

A few advantages of AARC membership:

*As an AARC member you will be immediately eligible to receive:
3 free CRCE live - web casts a year
CRCE Booklets mailed to your home
AARC Times and Respiratory Care Journals
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

or

*send a completed AARC membership application from the AARC website with a \$75.00
check made out to the DSRC and mail to:*

*Debbie Marckese
142 West Savannah Dr.
Bear, De 19701*





Respiratory Advisory Council (RCPAC) Update:

The Delaware Healthcare Association requested feedback from the acute care hospitals in DE regarding the proposed changes to the Respiratory Care Rules and Regulations concerning the Moderate Sedation issue. The questions for consideration were:

- Does your organization support the current legal interpretation of the Respiratory Care Statute issued by the Deputy Attorney General (advised that the broad language of the Statute allowed for the delivery of medications via the IV route) and;
- Does your organization support the "PROPOSED CHANGES TO RULES AND REGULATIONS" as outlined in sections 12.0 and 13.0 of the Respiratory Care Practice Act?

5 of the 6 hospitals responded in support of the above. With this information, the Respiratory Care Advisory Council has agreed to go forward to a public hearing regarding the Moderate Sedation issue. The hearing may be held in May. Once the date is set we will ask that the date/time be published on the DSRC website. All are invited to attend to support this issue.

At the February RCPAC meeting there was discussion around our current CEU requirements. The discussion was how many of the 20 CEUs required should be allowed to be obtained on-line. Currently all 20 can be obtained by participating in computer based learning. We are proposing that only ½ (10 CEUs) may be obtained by completing on-line education. We will keep you posted on the outcome of these discussions.

Council Members and Terms:

Amy Thomas, RRT- Chairperson (2nd Term 8/09)
Dawn Selhorst, RRT- Vice-Chairperson (2nd Term 10/09)
Patty Resnik, RRT-Council Member (2nd Term 3/09)
Billie Speakman, RRT-Council Member (2nd Term 6/09)
Bob Moser, RRT- Council Member (1st Term 7/08)
Kelley Stokley, RRT- Council Member (1st Term 4/09)
Nasreen Khan, D.O.- Council Member (1st Term 12/08)

For more information you can reference the following website:

<http://dpr.delaware.gov/>

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AARC / DSRC Government Affairs

PACT (Political Advocacy Contact Team) Update:

What is the 435 Plan?

The United States is divided into 435 Congressional Districts , each District is represented in Congress by a Member of the House of Representatives elected every two years.

The goal of the 435 Plan is for each state respiratory care society to identify 2 respiratory therapists and a non-hospitalized pulmonary patient in each of the Congressional District in their state.

When Federal issues break, the “Plan” can be activated, and these designated individuals can contact their members of Congress to support, oppose and weigh in on an issue important to our profession.

If you would like additional information on our PACT (Political Advocacy Contact Team) representatives , please contact John Rendle RRT or Cathy Mundorf RRT:

jrendle@nemours.org

cathy_mundorf@bayhealth.org

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When was the last time you visited the AARC Capital Connection link?

If you don't remember or maybe you never have, then it is time!

The AARC needs your support with two very important issues.

1. HR 621 - The Home Oxygen Patient Protection Act of 2007

If passed it will restore the previous payment method for home oxygen equipment and relieve the Medicare beneficiary from having to assume responsibility for determining if their equipment is functioning properly or is in need of servicing.

2. Medicare Respiratory Therapy Initiative: *We are asking Congress to recognize qualified Respiratory Therapists and the services they furnish by amending the statute to include a separate benefit under the Medicare Part B “medical and other health services” provision.*

How can you help?

Use the link below or go to the AARC website. It is very easy to use. Just type in your zipcode and it automatically finds your Senator's and Representatives for you. All you need to do is complete the email information and the hit send.

Write Now!





House of Delegates Highlights:

In December , 2006 the DSRC sent our two House of Delegates Representatives to Las Vegas for the AARC HOD National meeting.

- *The Membership chair committee was happy to announce an all time high for AARC membership nationally of 42,462!*
- *Delaware AARC membership grew significantly in 2006!*
- *New CEU opportunity on AARC website available free to AARC members titled: Reimbursement college. Non-members \$150.*
- *RRT Preparation course now available on the AARC website.*
- *AARC looking into new exams to be offered: Polysomnographers and Adult Critical Care.*
- *NPPV learning packet has been developed.*

If you have any issues that you feel affects the AARC/DSRC membership as a whole please email them to your state HOD representatives.

For further information you may contact:

dmarckes@nemours.org

or

holdham@nemours.org

Next HOD meeting July 16th & 17th 2007



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.