



PADONA E-NEWS

Pennsylvania Association Directors
of Nursing Administration / Long
Term Care (PADONA/LTC)

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Dear PADONA members: The 25th annual convention is now in the annals of PADONA and we are now well on our way in the planning of 2014. The 26th convention will maintain the same schedule and format that was implemented this year based on the attendee evaluations. Thanks to Linda Chamberlain's hard work most of the speakers have been selected for 2014. The convention committee will be meeting very soon to finalize the theme selection to present to the Board of Directors on August 2nd. One change being considered is to award the door prizes next year at our gala reception on Thursday evening instead of at the closure of convention. As a matter of interest we are also very pleased to have more than 80% of the exhibit spaces taken for next April.

If any of you would like to be a member of the convention committee I would like to hear from you. All committee meetings are held via conference calls. Or perhaps, if you are unable to participate in the committee but may have some suggestions you would like to share, please contact me either via e-mail or telephone.

Regretfully, I have accepted the resignation of Jane Henty as the Co-Chair of the Vendor Advisory Committee and Board of Directors representative. Jane has given PADONA many years of valuable support for which I am grateful. I could always count on Jane to help where and when ever needed. I wish her and her husband John an enjoyable retirement. They are avid travelers and I doubt it is possible but maybe they can find an exciting and interesting place to visit they haven't already been to. On behalf of all the members, Officers and Board of Directors, thank you Jane for your untiring service and dedication to PADONA for many years.

Our recent webinar by Sophie Campbell, titled "Quality Measures: Understanding the Clinical Implications" is now available on our website. We hope this will allow any member who was unable to participate in the live event to benefit from this educational program. This webinar will be available until December 31st. I will be continually evaluating how many are participating in this pilot program. If the results are positive we will continue to make the webinars available on PADONA's website.

The DON Prep course was held at the Hershey Lodge June 12th through the 14th. PADONA is very grateful to Candace McMullen and her staff along with Sophie Campbell for sharing the relevant information. Tentative dates for the Advanced DON Course are October 15th and 16th. The location has not been finalized so watch your inbox for more information coming soon.

On August 20th we will have a webinar presented by Carl Tepper, RPh on Behavioral or Psychological Symptoms of Dementia. Carl has been a long term care consultant for many years and has an inestimable worth of material to share with all of us. Once the plans are completed, you will be receiving an email announcing the webinar.

If you have any suggestions for future programs please share those ideas with me. I will be glad to pass them on to the education committee.

Since we are in the midst of a very warm and humid summer don't forget to take all the necessary precautions to prevent heat exhaustion and heat stroke for the residents and your staff and family. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to hearing from you.

Susan

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Upcoming Program Information:

**August 20, 2013 Webinar
1:00-2:30 PM**

**Behavioral or Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD) - A
Current Concern in LTC**

**October 15 & 16, 2013
DON Advanced Course**