



PADONA E-NEWS

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Message from the Chairman of the Board

The 2012 PADONA Convention was the 24th annual conference. According to the evaluations this was an excellent conference. After each convention via the evaluations we ask attendees for suggestions and comments both positive and negative. Based upon those suggestions and comments we attempt to incorporate the recommendations in future conferences. By incorporating those suggestions we strive to make each succeeding year better. Even if you did not have the opportunity to attend the 2012 Convention I would still like to hear your recommendations and thoughts as to what you would like presented to fulfill your needs.

The 2013 convention planning committee is focusing their attention to make the 25th annual convention a very special occasion. It is difficult to imagine PADONA has been conducting annual conferences for a quarter of a century. The success of PADONA is consequently the result of each and every one of you through your support and dedication. Without you PADONA would not be in existence.

I would also like to thank our sponsors and exhibitors for their support. By attending and exhibiting they serve in two ways. One is by helping to defray costs and secondly providing attendees the opportunity to meet with the representatives to learn of new products and services also providing the opportunity for you to share your needs as well. Upon reviewing the evaluations it was noted attendees would like more time to spend with the exhibitors. This request will be honored next year.

Donna Grube was elected to the office of Secretary. Donna has been a member of PADONA since 2002. She is the DON at Peter Becker Community. The Board of Directors and I welcome her and look forward to working with Donna. As with Donna I encourage each of you to become involved in PADONA. Being on the front lines everyday you have an appreciable amount of experience and knowledge to offer. If anyone would like to become more involved in PADONA please contact me and I will more than please to talk with you.

Linda Chamberlain, Patt Vitale and the Education Committee are to be commended for the formulation and planning of upcoming educational programs. There are several webinars planned. The annual DON Prep course will be presented in June. Please be sure to check your email for the upcoming programs and scheduled dates. The programs are based on information members requested. We assess and evaluate the needs assessment surveys and membership surveys to determine which programs are requested to accommodate your needs and preferences.

I always welcome your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me.

Susan

DON Prep/Advanced Courses

We are again presenting our 3 day prep course for DONs to strengthen your management expertise. The program is being offered on 6/12-14/12 at HACC - Wildwood Conference Center Harrisburg due to its central location. Program topics will include: legal aspects in long term care, human resources management, achieving/sustaining compliance, current federal/state long term care regulations, survey process, MDS 3.0 and Quality Measures.

The DON Advanced program will be offered on 11/6-7/12. Completion of both programs is required for eligibility to take the "CNDLTC" certification examination. Our faculty are experienced, nationally known leaders in LTC: Sophie Campbell MSN RN CCRN RAC-CT (Parente Beard LLC Senior Living Services Group) and Candace McMullen RN NHA MHA LNC (Affinity Health Services).

Please refer to the PADONA website and future emails for further details.

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Thank you!

Candace Jones
Executive Assistant

**2012 Convention Review**

I want to thank each of you for making our 24th annual PADONA convention a huge success. "A Better Tomorrow" starts with caring individuals like each of you who desire to make a difference. As I think back over the events of those days there are several memories and ideas that I have taken back to my facility, I remember "Nancy Nurse" and "attitudeosis". What a terrible disease - but sad to say, we all have it at times.

Then there is the "SIT DOWN!" by Diane Waugh who made all of us laugh but made us recognize just what we do each and every day when we use pressure alarms on our residents. I was thrilled with the upbeat message by Department of Health in partnering with each of us to make our facilities more home-like. See... we are making a difference... one day at a time. In addition to the great sessions I cannot forget the importance of meeting old friends and networking with new ones. That in itself is worth a million!

Next year PADONA will be celebrating the 25th annual convention. We have already started working on some excellent speakers and presentations. Please be sure to mark your calendar for April 2,3,4 & 5 at the Hotel Hershey. Keep striving for that "Better Tomorrow". The plans have already started.

Bev Doorly
Convention Committee Chair

The speakers for this year's convention have given permission for the information to the right to be published in this E-Newsletter so that you can contact them with any questions, etc.

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PADONA EDUCATIONAL CALENDAR

May 21 - Pain Management Webinar

June 12-14 - DON Prep Course - HACC

**June 26 - Advanced Beneficiary Notice of
Noncoverage Process Webinar**

November 6-7 - DON Advanced Course - HACC

ALERT!**Webinar Registrations**

The registration process is two-fold because PADONA handles the contact hours, but the webinar is handled by GoToWebinar. So each time you register for a webinar you will send in your registration and payment to PADONA. After your information is in our files you will receive an e-mail with a link to register with GoToWebinar. Then you will receive the link from GoToWebinar for the actual webinar. It seems that some of our registrants assume the link in our confirmation e-mail is the link to the webinar. Hopefully this clarifies the procedure, and will prevent scrambling at the last minute on the day of the webinar.