



April-May 2009 Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Hello to all! I hope that this newsletter finds you healthy and well. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Wisconsin State APIC conference April 30 and May 1 at the Country Springs Hotel-Water Park & Conference Center in Pewaukee, WI.

This is a very exciting time for our chapter. If you haven't heard yet, plans are in full swing for Rose Ngugi, of our Sister Chapter in Kenya, to attend the State Conference. Rose will spend about two weeks here and she will have the opportunity to meet with our chapter members and others at the State Conference. Also, plans are in progress for Rose to tour member's facilities and observe our infection prevention practices. An itinerary for Rose's visit is listed later in the newsletter under International Committee News.

Kudos goes out to the Awards and Nominating Committee for their efforts in submitting our Chapter's applications to the National APIC Nominating and Awards Committee. Our chapter is again fortunate to be a recognized twice this year at the National Conference. DeAnn Richards will be receiving a Leadership Excellence award. We will also receive a Chapter Excellence Award for our efforts in Worldwide Activities. I take great pride in being part of such a great group of individuals that strive to do their best, a membership that has taken on the project work to make our chapter goals a reality, the workmanship in submitting the applications that puts a spotlight on those efforts and in turn all of these efforts resulting in much deserved recognition at the National level. So take a moment to bask in the spotlight and recognition of a job well done!

In June, Diane Dohm and I will be traveling as chapter representatives to the National APIC Conference in Fort Lauderdale. I will be attending the Chapter Presidents meeting, Diane will be attending the Treasurers meeting, and we will be participating in other meetings on behalf of Badger APIC. Yes, I hope to have a little time to walk the beach and dip my toes in the Atlantic Ocean too! In the meantime, I have been reviewing the conference brochure to plan which educational sessions to attend. If you have an educational topic you hope someone might attend, please let me know. I am certainly open to considering it. Also, I want to take a moment to thank the chapter for continuing to support this opportunity for us, as chapter officers, to attend the meetings and educational conference. If you are also attending the National conference please send me a note so we can connect at the meeting, it's become a bit of a tradition to get the Wisconsin contingency together for photo ops and sharing. I look forward to sharing my new found knowledge and the happenings from the conference at the July meeting.

Please continue to read the newsletter for updates from National, info on Rose's visit, the Excellence awards and upcoming meeting plans and other tidbits for Infection Preventionists. I will post the next Newsletter by the end of June as a rally reminder for July's meeting. Stay health-wash those hands!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR-NEXT APIC BADGER CHAPTER MEETING

Date	Location	Host/Hostess	Topic
July 14th	Baraboo Wisconsin Sauk County West Square Building		To be announced

Agenda's and additional information for the July meeting will be sent out in the next newsletter.

NEWS FROM NATIONAL APIC HEADQUARTERS

A few items from the last leadership call-

Targeting Zero 2009 continues as focus for APIC

APIC continues to develop **Elimination Guides** to assist Infection Preventionists in reaching Target Zero. The following guidelines are on the agenda for delivery in 2009.

- UTI – available on line and should be out in print format soon.
- MRSA in LTC-ready for print, working out final details with sponsorship for the document.
- Catheter Related-Bloodstream Infection (CR-BSI) print delivery late April-distribution sponsored by BD
- Ventilator Associated Pneumonia(VAP)-working out details for print details later this summer
- Tuberculosis-working on details for sponsorship and print delivery with goal for completion the second half of 2009
- Acinetobacter baumannii- working on details for sponsorship and print delivery with goal for completion the second half of 2009

Watch your e-mail and snail mail for delivery on these guides this year.

Webinars

Also, check <http://webinars.apic.org/> and e-mail notification for great webinars provided at no cost to members. Over 25 webinars are scheduled for this year and previously provided webinars are archived for listening to at a later time if you cannot catch the live presentation.

The New APIC Text-From static book to a living, changing, comprehensive online service.

The new APIC Text will be offered as a subscription package that will include both print version and online service. More information on this after the roll out at the APIC convention in Fort Lauderdale.

Longterm Care, Ambulatory Care and Behavioral Health

New products in development to focus on these specialty area Infection Control issues.

- MRSA in Longterm Care guide, updated edition of the Long Term Care toolkit, plans for Longterm Care Solutions Webinar series.

-Reducing Infection Control Risk in Ambulatory Care Webinar-April 29, 2009

-Newsletters

International Activity

Will be distributing sponsored elimination guides at IFIC Congress, revitalizing APIC's International Affiliates program, working on Virtual International Chapter to provide networking and resources to APIC members abroad.

On-Line Education:

Partnering with Healthstream to provide the existing APIC content in on-line education format-such as education related to Elimination Guides. This education can then be used as to train healthcare workers on Infection Prevention topics.

A lot is happening----stay tuned as more details will be coming out as projects progress.

FOCUS ON: International Committee

Goal of International Committee becoming reality. It started out as an initial invitation to our sister chapter for someone to attend our state conference. The Visa is ready, the plane tickets purchased and soon we will meet **Rose Ngugi** of our sister chapter in Nairobi, Kenya!!!! International Committee members and others have been hard at work planning for Rose's visit-the e-mails have been fast and furious since our last meeting. Rose should be arriving in Wisconsin on Monday the 27th and Mel Reppen has graciously offered to provide accommodation at her home for Rose.

At this time the tentative itinerary (*subject to change*) for Rose's visit is as follows:

Tuesday, 4/28- Site visits to VA Hospital with Linda McKinley and the UW with Barb Gordon-UW focus will be the HIV Clinic
That evening Mel will be hosting a small welcome reception for International Committee Members and Hosts to attend. See details from Mel.

Wednesday, 4/29- Site visit to St. Mary's Hospital with Mel Reppen in the morning.

Wednesday afternoon-Sally Rosemeyer will provide transportation for Rose to the State Conference. Members that will be present at the conference on Wednesday night are invited to have dinner with Sally, Rose and conference committee members.

Thursday 4/30- Attend State Conference

At the reception in the evening Linda will introduce Rose and present her with a gift basket. Rose has offered to speak to the group at this time as well.

Friday 5/1-Attend State Conference and return back to stay again at Mel's house.

Saturday 5/2- That evening plan to attend concert at the Overture Center compliments of Jeannie Druckenmiller-Jeannie and her husband will host.

Sunday 5/3- I think a day of rest!!

Monday 5/4- Site visits to Stoughton Hospital with Nancy Moskal and Fort Atkinson Hospital with Anna Hutchings.

Tuesday 5/5- UW Hospitals and Clinics with Barb Gordon-outpatient clinics and other areas of interest for Rose

Wednesday 5/6- Site visits to Grant Regional Hospital, Lancaster with Kandi Auel, Homeward Bound Home Care with Melody Bahr and Good Samaritan Longterm Care in Fennimore.

Thursday 5/7- HospiceCare Inc. with Karen Allen. Karen shared with the International Committee members that this is a very exciting opportunity for Hospice Care as they have a sister Hospice in Meru, Kenya. Meru is close to Nairobi and there is a good chance that Rose is familiar with the Meru Hospice. Also, HospiceCare has a group going to Meru early in June, so their Meru Committee is excited about the opportunity to meet with Rose and are hosting a luncheon for her. Life is just serendipitous sometimes!

Friday-We say goodbye to Rose as she plans for return home.

The members hosting Rose on the site visits are also working in some time to check out some local attractions etc. so that she will have some tourist opportunity as well.

Thanks to everyone assisting Rose with accommodations, transportation and just good old fashioned Wisconsin hospitality!

APPLAUSE-APPLAUSE-Chapter Leadership Award Winner- DeAnn Richards

Congratulations to DeAnn Richards her leadership and talents as an active Badger APIC member noted. She will receive recognition at the Awards Luncheon at the APIC Annual Educational Conference. Badger APIC peers nominated DeAnn Richards for this award based on her service to our chapter, her enthusiasm for infection prevention, outreach to other members, and advancing the quality of chapter services. The National Nominating and Awards committee has selected her as a recipient of a 2009 Chapter Leader Award. Thank you, DeAnn, for your service and leadership to our chapter!

Don't sit down yet-More excellence to celebrate.

BADGER APIC Receives Chapter Excellence Award for Worldwide Activities

Linda McKinley has received notification that our chapter has been selected to receive this award. This award is given to the chapter that best demonstrates excellence in identifying, developing activities worldwide to improve the practice of infection prevention and control and to promote application of healthcare epidemiology.

Criterion 1- Collaborates with global organizations, other infection control organizations and government

Criterion 2- Promotes worldwide information exchange regarding infection prevention and control materials

Criterion 3- Develops and maintains a Chapter partnership with a foreign infection control group

This award is also presented at the APIC Annual Educational Conference.

The really great thing about this is that we are seeing what Linda suggested as an opportunity to spread our knowledge and support beyond our facilities and take on an International opportunity to share, is life and blood real. Our members and chapter officers embraced the idea with the formation of the International Committee with a chapter focus on International collaboration. It has yielded great results. The goals we had set for this year to continue our collaboration and partnership with our colleagues in Kenya are happening as I type this newsletter. We have realized an opportunity to impact the quality of care half way across the world and we are making a difference through the sharing of time, talents and networking and resources. Awesome job!

So, what will be our next International goal and what other great things can we accomplish? I challenge everyone to think big, whether in the context of our commitment to International activities or other challenges we feel need our time and talents.

So, congrats Chapter members on a job well done, keep up the good work. I hope you all have an opportunity to meet with Rose either at the State Conference or as she is out rounding with other members.

I hope to see many of you as well in Pewaukee. I'll jot another note off after the Annual APIC Conference in Fort Lauderdale with more information for the July 14th meeting. Stay healthy!