

ISDVS NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Connie Hill

Greetings ISDVS!!

Mary Kay graciously passed the gavel to me to kick off the first ISDVS Board Meeting of our fiscal year. What an awesome group of leaders we have, on the board but more importantly in our membership! The board enjoys our time to together and catching up on family (grandbabies!!) and lives in general. We truly enjoy the time together working on the plans for our professional organization and our continued commitment to our professional development and education.

With this thought in mind, Pam and Stephanie are diligently working on our Spring Conference – Indianapolis is the most central location for our conference so Marten House has been booked for this exciting event. You really do not want to miss it so mark the date now: March 5 & 6, 2009 – more information later! If you can't attend both days, try to make it to one day – Thursday the 5th is full of educational opportunities and it offers a great opportunity to put names with faces!

Hope many of our membership are in a position to be able to attend the AHVRP (formerly ASDVS) conference being held in Anaheim September 4 - 7, 2008. This is a great opportunity to meet others in our profession, hear other's ideas and share your own. Attending the national conference

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Magnet Status

Deaconess Hospital's Chief Nursing Officer Cherona Hajewski MSN, RN, CNAA recently shared the news with nursing staff that Deaconess has been notified that the documents submitted seeking Magnet designation, which recognizes excellence in nursing services, has met the criteria for advancement to the next and final step which is a site visit. A team of Magnet appraisers will visit Deaconess at the end of July to speak with staff nurses. This is a very important step in accomplishing Magnet recognition status.

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Sheila Stewart, Fund Development chairperson, is charged with finding vendors to support & attend the ISDVS annual conference. If you have a vendor contact that you use and think is very good, please send the contact information to Sheila as follows:

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is another way to promote our professions with your own administration and rejuvenate your own enthusiasm for your profession. With costs and budget cuts, it has become much more difficult to set aside the time and certainly the money but if you get the opportunity, the conference is well worth your time and the money to attend. Those of us fortunate enough to get to attend will share with this group information and tips we learn at the conference.

"A kind heart is a fountain of gladness, making everything in its vicinity freshen into smiles." Washington Irving

Smiles! Connie Hill

Zone 4 news

Zone 4 representative, JoElla Coats, reports that their next meeting will be held September 26, 2008 in Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, IN.

Topics for discussion are: paid staff in gift shop, summer students, time management/multi-tasking. Members from other zones are welcome to attend. If you plan to go, please call JoElla to let her know at 812) 885-3121.



Save the Date!

ISDVS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 5th & 6th, 2008

Marten House, Indianapolis, IN


Of Interest

Former ISDVS board member, Cindy Hawkins, has a new career as a pastry chef.

As owner of **Circle City Sweets**, Cindy produces high quality, fresh baked pastries, breads, tarts and more. If you are hosting an event that calls for wonderful pastries, contact information is as follows:

Phone - 317) 258-8646

E-mail – circlecitysweets@yahoo.com

(A taste test was performed at the July board meeting and these sweet treats have been pronounced "to die for"!) 

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please watch for a letter from Membership Chairperson, Lea Ann Herron, letting you know it is time to pay your ISDVS dues. I'm sure (having done the job) that she will appreciate you getting your check to her in a timely manner –before a reminder letter has to go out! ☺

Please send any information you would like included in this newsletter to Janice Adkins at vsjma@uhhg.org or call 812) 238-7674.