

EASTERN ACPE REGIONAL MINI-NEWSLETTER, September 22, 2004

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1. EARLY BIRD AWARD TO READING HOSPITAL

Just nine days after the annual regional billing arrived on supervisors' desks, Reading Hospital and Medical Center postmarked its completed billing form and check. Congratulations to Greg Stoddard and the Reading Hospital accounting department for this prompt response, the first in the Region. The annual regional center accreditation fee of \$250 plus \$50 per student unit conducted from Sept. 1, 2003 and Aug. 31, 2004 is due October 1, to be paid no later than October 31. Caution: the national annual center accreditation fee is now also \$250, creating some confusion. Questions about your bill? E-mail or call Jack Gleason at easternacpe@aol.com 610-454-0775.

2. PORTLAND ACPE CONFERENCE DEADLINE LOOMS

The registration fee for the Portland Maine ACPE Conference including the Presidential Dinner is \$260 if postmarked by Oct. 7. Registrations received at the ACPE office after that date will be \$310. Please get your rooms reserved and your fees mailed now for this outstanding event in a delightful city. Remember, we're cohosts.

3. PEOPLE NOTES

Continuing prayers for David Pillsbury, now on active duty; for Peter Poulos, whose mother Rebecca has died; and for Bob Cholke at the sudden death of his son Philip. Prayers also for Region alumna Connie Bonner in the loss of her 101-year-old grandmother Theresa. Mary Carole Nelson has taken up temporary residence at 3400 Devon Road, Coconut Grove, FL 33132.

4. ACPE CERTIFICATION PILOT PROJECT

Twelve Supervisory Candidates will admitted to a Certification Commission Pilot Project to test the results of maintaining the same certification review team from the time position papers are submitted to the attaining of Associate Supervisor status. Apply by January 15, 2005. For additional information contact Steven Ivy sivy@clarian.org 317-962-3591.

5. AMERICAN RED CROSS CALL FOR HELP

Earl Johnson, an ACPE Clinical Member, former member of the Region, and now the American Red Cross Spiritual Care Response Team Coordinator, has issued a call to volunteer for two weeks as a mass care tech or individual assistance worker in hurricane relief. Contact him at JohnsonEa@usa.redcross.org 202-303-8642.

6. ARE YOU ON THE REGIONAL E-MAIL SERVER?

Notice of both the ACPE Certification Pilot Project and the American Red Cross call for help went out last week via the Eastern ACPE Region e-mail server, acpeer@healthcarechaplaincy.org. If you did not receive the original notices, you are not on the regional server. Please send a message to Meigs Ross at mross@healthcarechaplaincy.org stating your name, your current e-mail address, and your wish to be added to the acpeer server to avoid missing important and timely information.

7. BACKGROUND CHECK SURVEY RESULTS

A background check survey done by Keith Espenshade at Lancaster General Hospital found that among 21 centers: 11 do background checks on all CPE applicants; 5 do checks on residents but not interns; 4 do not check beyond references given; and 1 does background checks as required by placement centers.