



Eastern Region, ACPE

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From the CORDS

Greetings from the cold snowy state of CT! We have enjoyed the fact that last year we purchased a used snowblower. Of course we wonder on a regular basis *why did we leave the south and the sun?*

We hope you enjoy the new format for the newsletter and our apologies for taking a while to be up and running. Our lives have been eventful with a visit to families in the south over the holidays, a family member living with us for a month, the death of one of our cars and the computer crashing. But we have survived and even have a new "previously owned" car.

The region has been relatively quiet over the last several months since Richmond. We have been receiving the accreditation and student unit fees (with the exception of just a few delinquent centers!), are beginning to prepare for the upcoming conference in Orlando, preparing the books for annual audit and attending the Regional Director's Consultation in March.

In Richmond we said farewell to Kathleen Davis as our Regional Chair and welcomed Paul Steinke on board as the new Chair. Kathleen is preparing for her official retirement from Hartford Hospital (January 28) and her eventual move to North Carolina. We will miss her!

News and Notes: *Maureen Mitchell has begun her work as the new Chair of Certification and we know she will do a great job. *The region has made their \$10,000 contribution to the Foundation for CPE voted on in Richmond. *Please take note of the upcoming events listed in this newsletter and the Regional Planning Calendar is on the website.

Jo Clare and Nancy

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This is a great time of the year and a perfect location for [the mega conference of the Spiritual Care collaborative!](#)

Despite the reports we keep hearing that it is unseasonably cold in Florida we are hoping that the definition of cold in Florida is a bit different than how we define cold in the Northeast. From the looks of the schedule there will be some impressive speakers and, numerous workshops. If you haven't been to the website we recommend it (link on through the above) and peruse through all the workshop offerings. They are even making the handouts available for all on the website. A reminder that the REM

meeting will be at the beginning of the SCC Jan 31-Feb 1. The region has granted scholarship support for approximately 12 students to attend.

And remember there will not be a national ACPE meeting in the fall of 2009 as we make the move to return to spring annual conferences. There will however be a Bi-regional ExNE Conference October 12-14 in Saratoga Springs, NY and then a national conference in the spring of 2010 in Kansas City. The Eastern Region Certification committee gave Saratoga Springs a "trial run" as a meeting place for their fall meeting and gave it a big thumbs up. We look forward to a new setting for our gathering.

Pastoral Concerns

The losses have been many within the ACPE community over the last several months. John Thomas, former president of ACPE and a dear friend of many, died in November. Marilyn Mayse, ACPE Supervisor in the Southeast Region died in December after a courageous battle with cancer. And then, within a matter of days we learned of the loss of Carl Towley in Minnesota and Art Lucas in Missouri in January. Our prayers and thoughts go out to all the families and friends of these good folk.

Dates to Remember

Spiritual Care Collaborative, Orlando, FL, Feb 1 - 4, 2009

Certification Committee, Tuscarora Inn, Mt. Bethel, PA, March 11 - 13

Administrative Board, HealthCare Chaplaincy, New York, NY, March 27

Seminar on Supervision, Stony Point, NY, April 26-27, 2009

Women Supervising Women, June 11 -12, TBA

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