

Virginia Society for Respiratory Care Central District Newsletter July-August 2009



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If you are not an AARC member, join now! For 2009, an AARC member would have saved \$80 compared to a non-member for just the Central District educational programs! You can join for as little as \$91 and renewing members save another \$12.50 (so be sure to not let your membership lapse!)

The Central District assisted in sponsoring a bowling tournament fundraiser July 16 for the Kevin Rogers Memorial Respiratory Therapy Scholarship. Kevin was a student in the J.Sargeant Reynolds Community College who passed away in 2008. The fundraiser was coordinated by the JSRCC RT program, the Lambda Beta Society, and the VSRC Central District. \$800 was raised toward the \$1000 goal. You may make a donation to the JSRCC Educational Foundation, Kevin Rogers Memorial Scholarship, P.O. Box 26924, Richmond, VA 23231-6924.

Make plans to join the American Lung Association Asthma Walk in Richmond, October 17. The Central District awards the rotating "Going the Extra Mile Trophy" for the registered team with RCPs raising the most money. More info to be posted on www.vsrc.org

Virginia's winning professional sputum bowl team is from the Central District! Helena Marchi, Frances Muldowney, & Dori Weber will be representing Va. professionals at the AARC Congress this December!

Upcoming educational programs:

- August 19: The Pediatric Connection 2009 Conference, Richmond, VA, 6 CRCEs, \$10: Contact Jessica Neese at 877-481-3033 or jneese@pediatricconnection.com
- August 21: VSRC Neonatal Pediatric Day Conference, Falls Church, VA, 5 CRCEs, AARC members \$49: www.vsrc.org
- September 25: VSRC Capital City Symposium, Richmond, VA, 6 CRCEs, AARC Members \$25: www.vsrc.org
- October 27-28: CJW Med. Ctr. Leaping Ahead in Pediatric and Neonatal Excellence, Richmond, VA, applying for 10 CRCEs, \$85/day or \$145/both days: www.regonline.com/pedsconf2009
- November: Mountain Air Symposium, Blacksburg, VA, dates, topics TBD: www.vsrc.org
- November: Central District Meeting, Richmond, VA, date, topic TBD: www.vsrc.org

National Ventilator Survey census from Dept HHS with assistance of AARC and YOU will be conducted to determine our hospital ventilator equipment inventory for disaster preparedness. AARC will be contacting all hospitals and a worksheet is available on www.aarc.org

Asthma Management: A *FREE* program for Managing Asthma in the School: www.PeakPerformanceUSA.INFO

AARC Human Resources Study 2009: Available soon at www.aarc.org, Store

Legislative issues, national: You may search on the bill number for details at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

- HR 1077 and S 343, Medicare RT Initiative: reimbursement for RT services: www.aarc.org, Gov't Affairs
- HR 2891, Frontline Providers Loan Repayment Program: "Students enrolled in specific health profession education programs would have their loans repaid by the federal government on the condition that the individual agrees to serve as a full time health professional for not less than 2 years at a health care facility serving a frontline care scarcity area."
- Due to the current Medicare regulations (effective Jan. 09) Medicare will reimburse home oxygen for 36 months. After 36 months, the DME company is obligated to offer free service and maintenance for the next 24 months. Two different bills have been introduced to the house addressing home oxygen: HR 3220 and HR 2373

AARC Times Photo Contest is calling for entries for the July 2010 cover of the AARC Times.

Photo can be anything related to the respiratory care profession. Winner receives *FREE DUES* on renewal.

http://www.aarc.org/headlines/09/05/photo_contest/

Make plans for Respiratory Care Week, October 25-31, 2009! <http://www.aarc.org/rcweek/>

The theme this year is "**Respiratory Care, There When You Need Us.**"

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