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Baseball Bonanza

Nurse Lunch Recap

Nurse Council Save the Date

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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!



Mini OCAHF Members (from the Papp family) Bill Weiss (ONR) and Tiffany Karlin (Accurate Business Results)

The June Baseball Bonanza Was a Hit!

There were 60 attendees representing OCAHF at the Angels v. Padres Baseball Game on June 13, 2009.

The Angels beat the Padres 11-6! Way to go Angels!!

Thank you to all of our sponsors – you made this night a great success!

ONR kindly brought OCAHF/Angels baseball hats for each attendee.

Diagnostic Labs donated the delicious BBQ treats. The folks at **JSA Search** kindly donated the \$10 food vouchers.

Thanks again to our sponsors and to everyone who came out to support OCAHF!

Baseball Fun Facts:

- ❖ Angels Stadium opened on April 9, 1966.
- ❖ Angels Player Chone Figgins is currently ranked as the 5th highest batting average in the American League.
- ❖ The Angels were ranked as the most fan-friendly team in a study by ESPN Magazine.
- ❖ Angels Player Vladimir Guerrero is on track to be ranked as number 47 for the all time highest number of Home Runs, passing Joe Carter when he hits HR number 397!
- ❖ Angels Player Gary Matthews is on track to hit his 1000th pitch at the next game on July 2nd!
- ❖ The Angels have had three names: California Angels, Anaheim Angels and now the Los Angeles Angels (of Anaheim).
- ❖ The Baseball Hall of Fame first inducted members in 1936.
- ❖ Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth were two of the first inductees!
- ❖ Sandy Koufax and Lou Gehrig are the two youngest members of the Baseball Hall of Fame.

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"To meet your needs and address your concerns, we really need to hear from the Members directly."

- Mike Dodge, President



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have some great ideas to share?

Do you have an important issue you would like to see addressed at a Chapter Meeting? Worried about Fall Risks? Looking for Staff Retention Tips? Other great questions or subjects for discussion? Let us know!

At each Chapter Meeting we will host a presentation based on the topics you

would like to see discussed.

Currently we are planning a discussion with Jackie Lincer from the California Department of Public Health, a meeting with some of our governmental representatives to discuss legislative options and a fun family event to raise funds for our Chapter.

Other thoughts and ideas are welcome!

Please contact Mike Dodge with your issues, topics and ideas at: MDodge@rescare.com.

Nurse Council Education Seminar

OCAHF Nurse Council will hold its First Annual Education Seminar and Vendor Fair on September 12, 2009!

Please join us for OCAHF's First Annual Education Seminar and Vendor Fair!

Nancy Beecham, CAHF Nurse Council Chair will present *"Leadership Principles for Nurses."*

Judith Harrington will speak to the topic of *"Continuous Quality Improvement."*

Larry Reis will shed some light on *"Black Box Warnings."*

Mike Dodge will hold a lively discussion regarding *"Overcoming Obstacles to Oral Health: A Training Program for Caregivers of*

Adults with Disabilities and Frail Elders."

Don't miss out on these great discussions!

Meeting details are as follows:

When:

**Wednesday
September 22, 2009**

**Registration: 7:30 a.m.
Meeting: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Cost: \$25.00

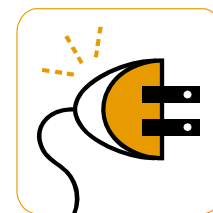
Where:

**Embassy Suites Hotel
17767 Harbor Blvd.,
Garden Grove, CA
(714) 539-3300**

All DONs, LVNs, DSD and MDS Coordinators are welcome!

RSVP to Anita Bunting
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ARE YOU ON OUR CURRENT MAILING LIST?



If not, or if you know someone else who would like to be, please contact:

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Nurses' Week Lunch Celebration

OCAHF NurseCouncil hosted its first annual Luncheon on May 7, 2009.

We had 26 nurses attend lunch at Maggiano's in Costa Mesa for the Nurses' Week celebration lunch.

Judith Harrington, RN hosted the lunch and each attendee received a

personalized card as well as a Starbucks Gift Card.

Each nurse was asked to give a brief recap of how or why they decided on nursing as their career choice.

The nurses also discussed topics and ideas for the First Annual Nurse Council Education Seminar and Vendor Fair on September 22, 2009 at Embassy Suites.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the new Educational Seminar in September!

If you have thoughts or ideas on topics that might be useful for the seminar, please contact Judith Harrington at:

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Update: Special SS Checks

One-Time \$250 checks for residents ONLY.

CAHF and the American Health Care Association reminder providers that the one-time \$250 checks many Social Security beneficiaries have been received are not to be used by long-term care facilities to pay for resident care.

Facilities that receive the money directly on behalf of

the resident must set the money aside in the resident's personal needs account and be able to account for the expenses.

Surveyors are directed to be mindful of these payments and investigate any complaints regarding the protection, management and access to resident personal funds under the appropriate F-Tags (F-158 through F-162 and F224).

GET WELL SOON!

The entire CAHF family sends its best wishes to our member Bill Schifferly and his family.

Bill is home now, convalescing from a cardiac event. We wish you a speedy recovery!



THE BUSINESS OF QUALITY

Coming Soon - Facility Showcase

Submit a 1 page (standard 8 1/2 x 11 inches) showcase of your facility for publication in the Orange Peel! Be sure to include a photo or two. Contact Mike Dodge for more information.

QCHF Summer Institute

Mark your calendars for QCHF's Summer Institute entitled "The Business of Quality".

Date: July 26-29, 2009

Place: Westin San Diego

(Near the Gas Lamp District)

Keynote Speakers:

Bernie Dana - LTC

Management Consultant

Kathleen Billingsley, CDPH Deputy Chair

There will be 20 Educational Break Out Sessions to choose from including:

Recruitment and Retention

Team Building

Infection Control

Restraint Reduction

Pain Management

Dealing with Challenging and Difficult Families

Quality 101.

Check out www.QCHF.org for more details.

Mark your calendars now for the CAHF Annual Conference at the Wyndham Palm Springs November 8-11, 2009.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ALERT-CAHF is supporting a new training program.

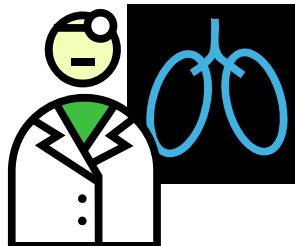
Coming soon to a facility near you - an Oral Health Care Training Program!

The training course offered will be:

Overcoming Obstacles, a Training Program for Caregivers of People with Developmental Disabilities from the Pacific Center for Special Care at the University of Pacific School of Dentistry.



N95 RESPIRATORS



CAHF Members interested in learning more about using **N95 respirators** to help control flu in their facilities are invited to contact Jocelyn Montgomery, CAHF Director of Clinical Affairs at (916) 441-6400 ext. 214 or vial email at jmontgomery@cahf.org.

GET READY FOR H1N1 (Swine Flu) Round 2!

Reports from the Orange County Health Care Agency are warning that the H1N1 is due to return in Fall 2009.

OCHCA is expecting more numbers of people infected with H1N1 and with more severity. Prepare through education and informing staff to be vaccinated.

Stay tuned to CAHF alerts and check out: www.ochealthinfo.org for more information.



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Get your name up in lights (sort of!)

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Headliner for Orange Peel:

* Our newsletter is distributed to members and non-members and is posted on the CAHF Blog.

Diamond Sponsor:

* Name is included in our Agenda;

* Table top distribution of your Agency information;

* 15 minutes to describe to attendees how your agency can help them.

Other Items:

There are other Raffle Prizes and Fundraisers available as well. Please contact Anita Bunting if you are interested in sponsoring!

For more information please contact:

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CAHF FRIENDS & FAMILY OF LTC

Are you registered?

Formed in 1950, CAHF is the largest organization of long-term health-care professionals in the state, representing skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities and the residents and clients they serve.

Part of CAHF's goal is to keep the public informed, and CAHF has published the Families & Friends Bulletin for consumers on an occasional basis for years.

If you would like to receive consumer-oriented emails from CAHF about long-term health-care issues, please send your email address to dross@cahf.org with "Families & Friends" in the subject line.

For other questions about Families & Friends Bulletin, CAHF or long-term health care, please contact Jack Rye at (916) 441-6400, ext 116 or via email at: jrye@cahf.org or write to CAHF at:

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