



NYS ID/DD NURSES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



Hello Colleagues,

After reviewing many outstanding essays during our Executive Board spring meeting, the Scholarship Committee made a selection of a deserving applicant. I am pleased to announce that the recipient is Ms. Alesha Ransey. Ms. Ransey is a 3rd semester student at SUNY Broome Community College in Binghamton, NY. Alesha

currently works supporting persons with ID/DD, and plans to continue to do so after her graduation. Congratulations Alesha. In addition to her monetary award of \$1000, she is invited as a guest to attend our conference in the Fall.

Once again we are rapidly approaching our fabulous Annual Conference being held at the beautiful Marriot Hotel in Albany New York September 23rd-26th, 2017. The conference committee has worked tirelessly to make this another outstanding conference. The conference will once again provide an opportunity for networking, education, sharing of ideas, and most importantly FUN! We are excited to announce that we will be offering a prep course for those interested in eventually taking the CDDN exam in the future. The course will be Saturday and Sunday and participants must attend both days. Please check our website for further information. We can continue to gain personal and professional growth by participating in the activities provided by the association throughout the Zones in the state, and at our Annual Conference...I hope to see you there!

Please be sure that you have renewed your membership and encourage colleagues and friends to join our organization. Please keep in mind that membership not only supports the ID/DD Nurses Association's effort to continue to provide our Annual Conference, but supports your local zone as well.
Enjoy the Summer.

Kind regards,
Dr. Laura Sardinia-Prager RN, CDDN, CDCP

Joyce Binder Award

This year at the annual conference in September we will be awarding the second "**Joyce Binder Memorial Award**" to an outstanding NYS ID/DD member who has made a significant contribution to advancing the practice of supporting individuals with ID/DD through the demonstrated attributes of caring/compassionate, advocacy, mentoring, leadership, dedication, education/research. Nominees must be a current member of the NYS ID/DD nursing association. Please see the attached nominee form (this will also be located on our website) – we only will be accepting typed forms to ensure that they are legible. **Nominee forms must be mailed and postmarked before 8/31/17 – please submit by mail ONLY.** Send the completed application to:

NYS ID/DD Association
PO Box 32 Hannawa Falls, NY 13647

Nominating Committee Report

If you are interested in running for the office of **President Elect** or **Recording Secretary**, please send your biography to information@nysiddna.org by **July 14th**. These elected officers serve on the Board of Directors. Each position will begin on 1/1/18, for the President Elect – this is a 2 year term (2 year president elect and then assume 2 years as the president afterwards) and for the Recording Secretary this is a 2 year team. Ballots will be mailed to each person who is a member as of June 1 and must be received by the "Call to order" of the Annual Meeting in September at the Fall conference.

The **President Elect's** responsibilities would be to assume the office of president at the completion of his/her term or in the event the president is unable to complete his/her term of office.

The **Recording Secretary's** responsibilities are to record the minutes of all proceedings of the Executive Board, Annual Meeting and special meetings as called by the Executive Board. The President and Recording Secretary also co-sign all contracts.

Carol Krueger,
Nominating Committee Chairperson

The New York State Intellectual Disabilities/ Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association (NYSID/DDNA) was founded to promote Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Nursing as a specialty area of practice. The Association continues to support its members' activities in nursing law, education, research and practice.

President-Elect's Message



I was reading an article recently and came across several quotes that made me contemplate all of you. One quote was from a RN/Civil Rights attorney, Rawsi Williams. She said, "to do what nobody else will do, a way nobody else can do, in spite of all we go through; that is to be a nurse". It made me stop and think about how particularly true

this is for we nurses who work in the ID/DD field. It made me contemplate the creativity and energy we all generate every day to be sure our individuals receive the highest quality health care.

I come across many nurses who make a face (not necessarily a nice face) when I talk about the field of nursing that I have chosen to spend more than half of my nursing career working in. They always exclaim doubts of how anyone can work in that field. I usually talk about how much my life has been touched by the individuals that I work with. I talk about how much those individuals have taught me about courage, perseverance and love. I also talk about the immense sense of support and camaraderie I receive from many nurses across the state. Those nurses are **YOU**---the members of NYSIDDDNA.

As I attend my Zone meetings, the Executive Board meetings and our annual conference, I know that I can always count on you to share ideas, help problem solve and offer your support. This is part of what makes us such a powerful association. I encourage you to maintain your membership, to attend your local meetings and to encourage your colleagues to become members. We are faced with many challenges in our work every day. Among them, is being able to find the time to attend these meetings. It is not an easy task but it is well worth the effort. The networking you will do with your fellow nurses can be invaluable. I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Conference in the fall

Darlene

Bylaws Committee

There are no pending changes to the bylaws at this time. We will soon be doing a complete review of the Bylaws. If you have a question or suggestion, please contact me at langkau@cfdnsny.org.

Darlene Langkau, RN
Bylaws Committee Chair

Membership Committee Report

We currently have 195 renewed members of our Association!

ZONE 1 –	20 members
ZONE 2 –	25 members
ZONE 3 –	9 members
ZONE 4 –	39 members
ZONE 5 –	19 members
ZONE 6 –	25 members
ZONE 7 –	18 members
ZONE 8 –	8 members
ZONES 9/11 –	30 members
ZONE 10 –	1 member

Welcome to our new members who have recently joined the Association! Jamie Tavernier and Lisa Redditt, Zone 1; Erin Ashley, Stacy Ellis, Pauline Lozano, Kathleen Olsen, and Brooke Davis, Zone 2; Julie Myers, Zone 3; Tracy Satalino, Nancy Zipprich, and Katherine Ranuza, Zone 4; Deborah Pihota, Zone 5; Lisamarie Cuomo, Kin Haefelin, Susan McIntyre, Patricia Regan, and Jacqueline Rosati, Zone 6; Jerilyn Dagostino-Francis and Rosie Dela Cruz, Zone 7; Darlene Maichrowicz, Zone 8; Barbara Contente, Holly Hull, Tammy Kenny, Bonnie Sacko, Ann Scoda, and Kathleen Reed Zone 11.

Please remember that membership renewals were due by April 1, 2017. Application forms are available on the website. An invoice is available for agencies that cover the membership costs for a group of nurses – if this is needed please request this via the website. Please note that PayPal is an option for dues payment with a \$1.65 additional fee added to the \$45.00 membership renewal. Nurses opting to use PayPal need to fax their membership application to 315-379-0619 as the PayPal process only provides the payment, not the essential membership information.

Cathy Engel, BSN, RN, CDDN
Membership Committee Chairperson

WEBSITE REPORT-NYS ID/DD NA

Web Address: **www.nysidddna.org**

Look for upcoming changes to the website. We want to make things more accessible, particularly conference information, registrations and handouts. If you have any news, events, milestones for your members or photos to post please send to tpotocar@slnysarc.org.

FACEBOOK-**NY State ID/DD Nurses Association**

We are up to 100 likes on our facebook page and growing. Look for upcoming adjustments to the page. People have asked that it be easier to post and reply to comments.

Send current information to tpotocar@slnysarc.org.

Trish Potocar, Web-Site Committee Chairperson

Zone Reports

Zone 1-(St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton and Essex Counties)

Having cancelled our previously planned June presentation, I am excited to say we have a very promising alternative for a meeting venue. For our June 19 meeting. The new meeting site will be at the Five Elements Living Retreat center in Colton, NY. We will meet at usual time 11:00, will start with meeting, then break for lunch and followed by a presentation. Shelby Connelly will be the speaker discussing the many new treatments that are available at her center and how they can benefit our population. Lunch will be served at noon at a cost of \$17.00 per attendee. This can be paid by each person on the day of the meeting. The cost of lunch includes beverages, tax and gratuity.

Karen Jarvis, Secretary/Treasurer, Zone 1

Zone 2-(Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, Onondaga, Oneida, Madison and Herkimer Counties)

For Zone 2 information, please contact Iellan Rice irice@elmcrest.org

Zone 3-(Hamilton, Fulton, Warren, Washington and Saratoga Counties)

Anyone wishing to join us is welcomed to contact Anne Payette, Zone 3 chair at hansona2001@yahoo.com, for further information.

Zone 4-(Montgomery, Schoharie, Schenectady, Albany, Otsego, Delaware, Greene, Rensselaer and Columbia Counties)

The new year brought in new members - our membership is growing!
Our March meeting was hosted by Wildwood with an informative presentation by Presto incontinence products. In June our own Vicki Shultz presented on psychiatric medications- after receiving her PNP! Congratulations Vicki!
Otsego will be hosting in August.
All in all, our Zone remains active and supportive of the membership.

Lisa A McHugh RN, BSN, CDDN

Zone 5-(Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Counties)

For Zone 5 information, please contact Zone Representative Sandra Mellion (914)907-3719 sandramellion@gmail.com

Zone 6-(Nassau and Suffolk Counties)

For Zone 6 information, please contact
Cathy Duijnisveld, RN, CDCP
Corresponding Secretary
cduijnisveld@familyres.org

Zone 7-(New York, Richmond, King and Queens Counties)

For Zone 7 information please contact Marcia Richman, RN marcia.richman@ahrcnyc.org

Zone 8-(Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming and Erie Counties)

Zone 8 meets the second Thursday, every other odd month at the Aspire 7 Community Drive location in Cheektowaga. Our meetings begin with a complimentary dinner at 5:30 pm followed by a speaker presentation at 6 pm. We returned to our previous time frame to accommodate our attendees. We hope to get a Celiac educator for our July meeting and Hepatitis C in September.

We have decided on our theme basket for the conference and are very excited to present it!

Linda Cultrara, RN, Zone 8 Secretary

Zone 9 & 11- Zone #9 (Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Steuben and Allegany Counties) and Zone #11 (Monroe, Wayne, Ontario, Livingston, Yates and Seneca Counties)

Zone 9&11 held its spring May 9 business meeting at Arc of Seneca Cayuga. At this meeting the goals and objectives of the NYSIDDDNA was discussed, along with recruitment and retention of nurses to the field. The June 13 meeting will be held at CP Rochester on Winton Rd in Rochester. A speaker from Upstate Pharmaceuticals is scheduled to speak on Briviact, a new seizure med to the market.

Following the conference, our final meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, November 14, tentatively at Arc of Seneca Cayuga. Speaker to be announced.

We welcome new members, and the zone is currently looking for a new Treasurer. If interested, please contact Edie Smith at edie.smith@cayuga-cc.edu or Mary Ellen Stammersky at mstammersky@arcsencay.org
Thank you,

*Respectfully submitted,
Edie Smith, Zone Secretary*

Zone 10-(Schuyler, Tompkins, Cortland, Chenango, Broome, Tioga, and Chemung Counties)

If you are in Zone 10 and interested in connecting with a neighboring Zone for educational opportunities or networking please contact one of the officers in the neighboring Zone, who will be happy to assist you.



Joyce Binder: Memorial Award Application

Awarded to an outstanding NYS ID/DD member who has made a significant contribution to advancing the practice of supporting individuals with ID/DD through the demonstrated attributes of caring/compassion, advocacy, mentoring, leadership, dedication, education/ research.

Name of Nominee/Title: _____

Experience of Nominee: _____

Nominee is a member of NYS ID/DD Nurses Association as of Aug. 1, 2017?

_____ Yes _____ Unknown

Describe how this nurse has/will change the quality of life and has made a positive impact for the people he/she supports:

Attributes this nominee has demonstrated, in at least 150 words: (May attach a brief typed summary of explanation for the distinguished attributes identified with examples of how the nominee has demonstrated those qualities.)

Nominating Person and Relationship to Nominee: _____

Contact Information: _____

Please submit by mail this completed application before 8/31/17 to:

NYS ID/DD Nurses Association

PO BOX 32

Hannawa Falls, NY 13647

New York State ID/DD Nurses Association, Inc. Membership Application/Renewal Form

New Members - Complete all information.

Renewing Members - Complete only name and changes. This form can also be used for zone transfer and other updates.

Check all that apply: ☐ New Member (full membership) ☐ Renewing Member ☐ Associate Member*

Name _____

☐ RN ☐ LPN ☐ Transfer (requesting transfer from zone _____ to zone _____)

Nurse License Number _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ County _____

Home Telephone _____ Email _____

Work Site/Agency Name _____

Work Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ County _____

Work Telephone _____ Email _____

School Attending (associate member only) _____

SEND ALL MAILINGS TO: ☐ HOME ☐ WORK

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE (Membership Year is April 1-March 31):
Full Membership \$45 Associate Membership* \$15

Associate members are inactive (retired or unemployed), and are non-voting members.

Make check/money order payable to NYS ID/DD Nurses Association, Inc.
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SAVE THE DATES!

NYS ID/DD NURSES ASSOCIATION 33rd Conference September 24-26, 2017 Albany Marriott

**Special Pre-Conference Event This Year
CDDN Exam Prep Course**

**Speaker: Terry Broda, RN, BScN, NP-PHC, CDDN
Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017, 2:00 – 5:00 pm AND**

Sun. Sept. 24, 2017 8:30 am – 12:30 pm *(must attend both sessions)*

Pre-conference registrations will be due August 15. \$150 members, \$175 nonmembers. Enrollment will be limited.

A small block of hotel rooms has been arranged for Saturday night.

Please make your reservations NOW as the block is expected to sell out.

Hotel reservations should be made directly by attendees with Marriott reservations at 1 (800) 228-9290 or (518) 458-8444.

The conference hotel rate is \$133 plus taxes, if applicable.

Please indicate you are asking for the NYS ID/DD Nurses Association rate.