



NYS ID/DD NURSES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



Hello Again,

It was great to see so many old friends and to meet new friends & colleagues at our 34th Annual Conference. Congratulations to our Conference Planning Committee on putting together an excellent conference with such great topics & speakers. It was wonderful to see more

members taking an active part in the conference by introducing our speakers. Thank you to everyone who assisted in making our conference a success and to all of you who attended.

I am happy to announce our newly elected officers Karen Jarvis (Treasurer) & Amanda Aiello (Corresponding Secretary). Congratulations. Thank you to our outgoing Treasurer Mary Boisvert & Corresponding Secretary Marty Gleeson.

As the Holiday season approaches, I want to express my Joy in knowing so many amazing & dedicated nurses who work tirelessly to provide high quality nursing care to our individuals. I am thankful to belong to this Association and for all the opportunities it provides for networking, camaraderie and support. I look forward to the New Year and the positive changes that this Association will be working towards. I wish each of you the happiest holidays and hope that 2019 brings you Good Luck, Good Health, Good friends & Good times.

Darlene

Election Results

I am pleased to announce the results of the 2018 elections:

Treasurer: Karen Jarvis

Corresponding Secretary: Amanda Aiello

Congratulations to both!

Rebecca Dibble

Chairperson, Nominating Committee

The Nation's First Institute to Prepare Nurses to Care for the ID/DD Patient Population

It was recently announced that the nation's first institute to prepare nurses to care for people with developmental disabilities will be opening at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY, after the college received a \$5.8 million gift from philanthropist Tom Golisano and the Golisano Foundation. The Golisano Foundation mission includes creating a better world for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through its support of Special Olympics Health and many initiatives to promote inclusion and quality of life.

The Institute will be integrated into the Fisher's Wegmans School of Nursing and is designed to transform the health care and support of individuals with developmental disabilities. It will be the first institute of its kind in the country, and will have local, national, and international impact. It is recognized that nurses play a vital role as primary care providers in the healthcare setting, and preparing the next generation of nurses, nurse leaders, and creating a network of health care professionals can make a significant impact on improving access to both quality and inclusive health care for the ID/DD patient population.

Over the last year, our organization has collaborated with the Wegmans School of Nursing to be a resource and add to the knowledge base of the ID/DD patient population. The Institute is looking to continue its collaboration with nurse leaders in the field locally and on the national level as it moves forward with its agenda. Nurses in NYSIDDDNA are recognized as having the expertise to add value to this endeavor.

For more information, please see [Golisano Institute for Developmental Disabilities Nursing](#)

Conference 2019
Saratoga Springs Holiday Inn
September 16—18, 2019
Please note this is Monday—Wednesday

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.

Zone Reports

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

Our next zone meeting is planned for Friday, Nov 30th, 11AM at the Lobster House Restaurant, Rt 56, Norwood. We have secured a speaker from Neurocrine Biosciences, who will present on an updated overview of tardive dyskinesia and discussion of case histories of people diagnosed with TD. There will be discussion of a new drug for TD.

If you are in Zone 1 and are not on the mailing list contact Trish Potocar tpotocar@slnysarc.org 315-353-6618 or Rebecca Dibble. rebeccadibble@citizenadvocates.net 518-483-4780

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

Zone 2 had a great dinner meeting at the State Conference. We are planning another meeting around March. If you are interested in hosting or have any ideas for meetings, please contact Amanda, Iellan, or Melissa.

Melissa Britton, RN CDDN, Zone 2 Secretary

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

We are actively seeking volunteers to serve as zone chair/co-chair, zone rep, and secretary. Anyone wishing to explore this opportunity is encouraged to contact Anne Payette, Zone Chair at hansona2001@yahoo.com for a no pressure peek at what is expected. Also, we are asking that ALL Zone 3 members and area nurses reach out to Anne at this email so that we may develop an updated contact list to notify our members of upcoming meetings and Zone happenings. We would love to see more involvement and attendance at meetings and you do not have to be a zone member to attend! All are welcome! We aim to support all nurses working in the field of ID/DD at our Zone and state level.

Anne Payette, Zone 3 Chair

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

Zone 4 continues to be active with both members & non-members in attendance at our quarterly meetings & educational presentations. We welcome any new Nurses to this field & those from the Zones surrounding us to any of our meetings. If interested in attending any of the planned meetings for 2019, please contact any Zone Officer & we will happily add you to the email notification chain for the meetings.

It may be short notice when this Newsletter arrives but our next meeting is December 14th.

Living Resources volunteered to host a presentation around the use of Tele-medicine to support nurses on-call & ways to expedite treatment of individuals without long waits in Urgent Care or ER settings. We all experience the challenges of getting medical concerns evaluated in a timely manner & the stress of Urgent Care/ ER settings for the individuals we support. Living Resources is also considering the cost effectiveness of an outside contractor preparing food for meals in some of their settings, so the agency will offer nurses attending the meeting a sample of this company's prepared meal offerings. We still plan to do our annual fun & games self-care time that has been the focus of our December meetings.

We are currently working with Rensselaer ARC around hosting our March meeting with tentative plans for a presentation on a new medication for Tardive Dyskinesia & a meal possibly sponsored by the drug company. Look for further details to follow as we continue to finalize our plans for 2019 & again please reach out to any Zone Officer if interested in attending one of our meetings / presentations.

Mary Jean Keegan, Zone Rep.

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

It has been awhile since our last meeting but we are trying to put something together before years end. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have gotten together. Happy Holidays to all.

Madlyn V.

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

Zone 6-(Nassau and Suffolk Counties)

The Zone remains very active and continues to recognize the importance of recruiting new members to the organization. We continue to encourage our members to achieve DDNA National Certification as C.D.D.N. (Certified Developmental Disabilities Nurses) to highlight our very specialized area of ID/DD Nursing and improve care to the men and women we support. Our members value and embrace the importance of continuing education in our profession.

This past October Fred Wetzel presented on the topic of Telephone Triage which is always informative and especially useful to any new RN's to our specialized field of Nursing. Thank you again Fred for your valuable information and presentation. Special thanks to Laura Prager for allowing us to tour the Nursing Clinical training area at Post, which has come a long way from our nursing schools from back in the day, very impressive!!

Zone Reports Continued

Zone 6 Con't.

Our final meeting for this year will be our Holiday Party in December, with the location yet to be determined. An email will be sent out for "Save the Date" with all particulars involved once all is finalized.

Our Zone currently has many active members and we continue to recruit new members. The Zone's mission for our meetings is to bring in informative and interesting speakers and offer educational opportunities to our members to increase the quality of services we provide to those we support. Our meetings and Zone membership serve as an opportunity for camaraderie and information sharing, facilitating a partnership in best practice, and most importantly....fun. Please feel free to contact any of our Zone Officers for information on Zone activities and meetings.

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

Zone 7 is undergoing a revitalization led by Doris Figueroa and Chinazo Echezona-Johnson. Shocked to hear that Zone 7 was becoming an inactive zone when attending the Annual Meeting at conference, ChiChi and Doris immediately sprang into action. The re-organizational meeting was held November 5 with a great attendance by nurses at a variety of NYC agencies. Officers and committee chairs were elected and plans made for future meetings.

Future meetings will include an educational component and the group elected Robert Peters Robert.peters@ahrcnyc.org and Silvia Baksh Sbaksh@sus.org to lead that effort. Nominating, Newsletter, and Membership Committee Chairs were also selected. The next meeting will be a Holiday Pot-Luck-Everyone Bring a Dish Wed. December 5th at 12pm at 463 7th Ave. 17th floor.

For additional information or to become involved please contact Co-Chairpersons- Doris Figueroa dfigueroa@sus.org 917-282-7298 or Chinazo Echezona-Johnson(CEchezona@sus.org) 917-580-1445

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

Zone 8 remains active and holding meetings. We meet every other month (odd months) on the third Thursday. Meetings include a meal and in-service

and lots of networking. We look forward to new attendees. Our holiday gathering is in January. Anyone interested in joining should contact Linda Cultrara

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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 meets in the Rochester area. We are currently looking for a zone new treasurer; anyone interested can contact Edie Smith, zone secretary, or Mary Ellen Stammersky, zone president. The zone officer positions of secretary and president are up this year, and we are seeking any interested in members.

The final meeting for 2018 was held in November at Starbridge Inc. Guest speaker was Crystal Kelly MSN, APRN, the Clinical Practice Medical Science Liaison for Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.; she spoke on Tardive Dyskinesia. Crystal Kelly works in N. Carolina in a psychiatric private practice and flew in to speak at our meeting. Focus was on tardive dyskinesia, review of clinical data, and the first FDA-approved treatment for TD in 2017.

Our May meeting was held at CP Rochester, with the topic of Prevention and the Opioid Crisis in Monroe County presented by Marielena Vélez de Brown, MD, MPH, Deputy Commissioner of Public Health, Monroe County Department of Public Health. Each attendee received a naloxone medication kit.

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.



Kathleen Keating, RN, MSN, CNP receives the 2018 Joyce Binder Award



Kathleen Keating, RN, MSN, CNP, nursing consultant and former Director of Nursing and Health Services, OPWDD, has been awarded the 2018 Joyce Binder Award.

Nominated by numerous members, Kathy is described as "The Queen of Mentors" for

her "invaluable constant support and resource, for decades, for all nurses in our field". She has also been lauded for elevating the profession of nursing within OPWDD—a little known fact, Ms. Keating was the first RN to hold the position of Director of Health Services. Kathy also raised the status and visibility of I/DD Nursing to the State Board of Nursing, the DOH and CMS, as well as NYSNA, NYSARC, NYSACRA, and other advocacy and regulatory agencies.

In her retirement, Kathy continues to teach, advocate, guide and serve. She gives of her time to the Central Office Mortality Committee, the Surrogate Decision Making Committee, and many hours to her Church and Community activities. Kathy is also a prior recipient of the OPWDD Woman of the Year Award.

Ms. Keating joins prior recipients Patricia "Trish" Potocar and Karen Bazan in setting an example of how to exemplify the spirit of the Joyce Binder Award. The Joyce Binder Award is presented each year 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, and education/ research.

The 2018 Joyce Binder Award Committee was Alyson Ligon, Doris Figueroa, and Kathleen Knittel.

Membership Committee Report

The membership numbers at the end of the 2018 Membership Year are:

ZONE 1 –	35 members
ZONE 2 –	39 members
ZONE 3 –	17 members
ZONE 4 –	54 members
ZONE 5 –	31 members
ZONE 6 –	31 members
ZONE 7 –	17 members
ZONE 8 –	6 members
ZONES 9/11 –	37 members
ZONE 10 –	3 members

Membership Committee Report Con't

Welcome to our new members who have recently joined the Association! Zone 1: Trevor Keyser and Tracy Scott; Zone 2: Todd Baum, Lindsey LaFountain, Serena Harris, Jamie Ascoti, Eduarda Bossers, Mary Kay Corcoran, and Jennifer Cyr; Zone 3: Koren Lasher, Sean Casey, and Tammara Mitchell; Zone 4: Vicki Michela, Denise Herrick, Martilda Rambo, Tricia Scott, Q Diamond, Suzanne Cantelmo, Adele Cramer, Christy Yore, and Wendy White; Zone 5: Angelica Marmanillo, Jayne Kennelly, Jennifer Henion, Karen Rambarrat, Erica Gumaer and Tonya Brown; Zone 6: Michelle Colbert, Sheila Thurman, Christine Mongiardo, Sadina Fischer, Theresa Nuckel and Meghan McGrath; Zone 7: Diana Boreland, Silva Baksh, Genevieve Hayes, Loisann Stephen, Merna Bain, Shalonna Gibbs, Debra Pottinger, Beatrice Daniels, Gale Glasgow, and Samuel Olanoyin; Zone 8: Angela Giglia; Zone 9: Dena Helms and Tinamarie Day; Zone 10: Carolyn Cole, Sherry Hanson, and Kristy Cornell; Zone 11: Katie Wagner, Larissa Dailey, Mary Davis, Christine DeTorio, Suzanne Tilley, Roxanne Goff, and Denise Ellis.

Please remember that membership renewals are due by April 1 but may be prepaid if your organization has end-of-year money left in the budget. Application forms are available on the website. An invoice is available for agencies that cover the membership costs for a group of nurses.

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 does not provide the essential membership information.

*Cathy Engel, BSN, RN, CDDN
Membership Committee Chairperson*

Website

www.nysiddna.org

Website downloads were again utilized for this year's state conference. Direct enrollment is planned for expected changes to the website. If you have any new material you would like to see posted send it to Trish Potocar tpotocar@slnysarc.org or Nancy Rutledge information@nysiddna.org.

Facebook

NY State ID/DD Nurses Association

We pick up new members after each conference so inform your colleagues. Check out the salary survey submitted by Mary Boisvert. Visit the facebook page and do a "like" and the feed will be connected to your personal facebook page. If you have news on any member and/or photos please send to tpotocar@slnysarc.org or kjarvis@slnysarc.org.

Trish Potocar, RN, Website Chairperson

NEW YORK STATE ID/DD NURSES ASSOCIATION
October 1, 2018 Annual Meeting
Syracuse, NY

President Darlene Langkau called the meeting to order at 7:45 AM. Opening remarks were made.

Lisa McHugh read last year's annual meeting minutes. Darlene made a motion to accept as read, seconded by Keith Collins-Allen. Minutes approved.

President Langkau reviewed the strategic plan – task forces will be giving report. Goal for increased conference attendance not met. There is discussion regarding fliers for interest and restarting the leadership track.

The scholarship winner for 2018 is Kate Hanson from Lexington ARC and is presently pursuing her RN.

Mary Boisvert presented the Treasure's Report- the Association is fiscally sound. The previous accounting issues with 2016 taxes have been resolved thanks to Dale Vaughn at Hannawa Tax and Bookkeeping. The request to reinstate our NYS sales tax exempt status was denied. The board will discuss our options at the October Executive Board meeting. The checking account balance was \$68,630 as of August-research for CD options still taking place. Motion to accept as read made by Mary Jean Keegan and seconded by Fred Wetzel. Report accepted.

Commitment Reports:

- Conference- Amanda Aiello and Kelly Minde reported the total enrollment for conference was 177. Next year the conference will be at the Saratoga Holiday Inn. The three-day conference will be September 16th – 18. The committee hopes that a Monday thru Wednesday conference will draw more people. Members of the committee recognized for their hard work.
- Membership- Cathy Engel reported that the raffle money goes to our scholarship. Marty Gleeson won the raffled basket this year. The DDNA will be holding their annual conference in New Orleans in June of 2019. CDDN's were recognized.
- Web site- Trish Potocar reported that the new web site/design was coming along with the changes we were seeking and it was going to be more user friendly. She also reported that there has been a slight increase in use of the Facebook page.
- Newsletter – Martin Gleeson Jr. – Thanked members for their articles and submissions. The new printer has taken over- Jefferson ARC-the cost is reasonable and comparable. Marty requested that Zone reports are due by 11/4/2018.
- By-Laws- Avril Marshal reports that they are in review with possible changes.
- Nomination – Rebecca Dibble reported the voting results for the following offices:
Treasurer- Karen Jarvis
Corresponding Secretary – Amanda Aiello
- Nursing Curriculum Task Force- Lydia Makgopela- reported they are still working on a product to educated nurses and retain them in this industry.

Outgoing officers were recognized with a certificate presentation
Mary Boisvert- Treasurer and Martin Gleeson Jr.- Corresponding Secretary.

Zone officer introductions were made - Zone 7 was inactive but a few members would like to restart the zone.

The Joyce Binder award was presented to Kathleen Keating.

The meeting was adjourned by Darlene and seconded by Karen Bazan-meeting ended at 8:20am.
Zone baskets were then raffled

Respectfully submitted
Lisa A McHugh RN Recording Secretary

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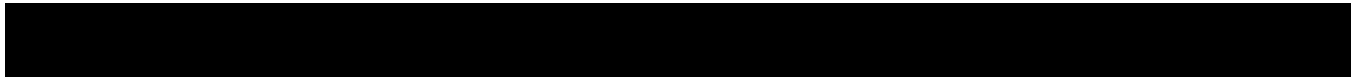
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The 2019 Conference Planning Committee will determine speakers and develop an agenda early in 2019. Registration rates have not yet been determined but the hotel room rate is known and will be \$139.00 plus 13% tax, single or double. For those who like to make their reservations early, call 518-584-4550 and ask for group code IDN.

