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New York State Association of Central Service Professionals

NYSACSP Newsletter

NYSACSP Website Goes Live

www.nysacsp.org

By Ray Averill, Editor

The New York State Association of Central Service Professional's (NYSACSP) website went live this month. There are currently 13 pages of News and Information about the New York State Association. Contact information to the E-board of Directors can be found on the E-BOD page. Educational resource links, certification information, sample job description, seminar information and helpful links to regulatory organizations are also listed. There will be regular updates on the Certification issue in NY State.

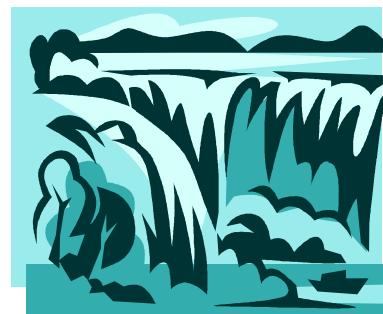
Certification Update

By Bonnie Ingham

The NYSACSP has been busy preparing for the June Seminar. We are raising money to provide educational opportunities to the individual chapters and technicians of NY State. This seminar will help provide approximately 12 CEU's towards maintaining your certification. We are pleased to bring the caliber of speakers and current topics to the Western NY area. If you're a member of any one of the 5 CS associations in NY you will receive a discount for attending this program.

The E-board has written a letter to Dr. Antonia Novello, the current Healthcare Commissioner for New York State. The letter was intended to make her aware of who we are and what we have set out to

accomplish for all CS employees in the state. (Continued on Page 4)



The Falls

“Get On Board!”

“Get on Board” will be the theme of the educational seminar and vendor exhibit this **June 13th & 14th** in Niagara Falls. Get on board for certification, are you treading water? Don't let your future go over the falls. **Mark Your Calendar Now. The Program brochures are going out soon. Start saving your money now to attend the second annual educational conference and exhibit.** June 13th (Sunday) and June 14th (Monday) at the Holiday Inn Select, 300 Third Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303 (716) 285-3361. (Continued on page 3)

***** Program Highlights *****

We have a great line-up of speakers signed up for both Sunday and Monday.

Key Note Speaker Sunday
Sheri Callahan

Nancy Chobin, RN – CBSPD

Dr. Wava Truscott - KC

Chuck Hughes – SPSmedical

Ray Averill – Averill & Associates
Sterilization Consultants

Marcia Hardick, RN – Steris

Sterile Bowl - Doug Kruger
Kem Medical

Bonnie Court, RN – Cardinal Health /
V. Mueller

Gale Havrilla – 3M

CEU Options

Opportunities to acquire CEUs are abundant if you care to search them out. They are also free in many instances. A new website hosted by Natalie Lind offers great reading and free CEUs for completing an online educational program. Her new website is:

www.e-cspd.com Check it out!

Contact Information:
Natalie@e-CSPD.com

For CS Technical Questions you can email the experts at:

Experts@e-CSPD.com



National Certification Information

Editor's Note: Reprinted for those that missed it last edition!

Technicians may seek certification through two National Associations

The **International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management's** website provides information about CS related issues as well as educational materials and opportunities to network with other sterile processing professionals through the online "Forum". Certification information is available through the site. www.iahcsmm.com

IAHCSMM has two options techs may pursue; Technicians may purchase the Purdue University Program or they may purchase the "Boxed" program directly from IAHCSMM. The IAHCSMM course includes the work book and the text book for studying. For further information:

Telephone: (312) 440-0078
24-Hour Answering Service: (800) 962-8274
Fax: (312) 440-9474
Postal Address: 213 W. Institute Place, Suite 307, Chicago, IL 60610
Electronic Mail: mailbox@iahcsmm.com
Website Contact: webmaster@iahcsmm.com

The **American Society of Healthcare Central Service Professionals** website has opportunities and options for certification and CEUs.

The American Society for Healthcare Central Service Professionals is located in Chicago Illinois. Office hours are 8:30am to 5:00pm, central standard time, Monday through Friday.

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ASHCSP offers a workbook and text book to study to take the certification exam through:

Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution (CBSPD) www.sterileprocessing.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm Eastern Time
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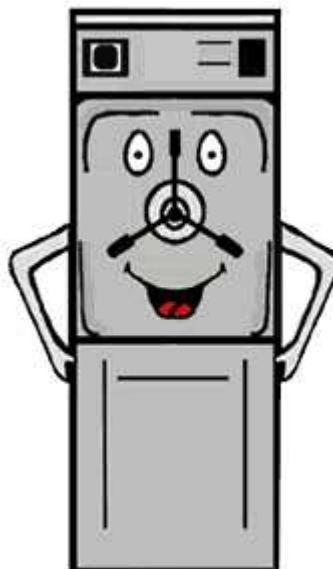
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Does Certification have you over a barrel?



Join Us At The Falls, interact with fellow professionals, take a moment to relax and enjoy the beauty of Niagara Falls.



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From the Board of Directors

“Get on Board.....”

We will have representation from both National Organizations that will answer your questions about how to attain National Certification.

CAPTAIN'S Reception

Entertainment Sponsored By
Kimberly Clark

There will be a social event immediately following the end of the programs on Sunday. “A Cruise Ship” is this year’s theme. Our hospitality committee is already hard at work on this two hour social event.

The social event will start earlier so attendees who are not staying over can join in the fun.

NY Chapter News & Events

NENYCHCSP Albany & Upstate

- Meet every three months on the second Wednesday
- Quarterly meetings

May 12th is the Spring Seminar and Vendor show. It will be held at the Century House in Latham, NY.

June 9th is the next scheduled event. For more information contact;

Carolyn Stufflebeam @ 518-271-3412

Western NY Association of Central Service Professionals

Meetings take place the third Wednesday of every other month starting in January. For more information contact: Sheri Weisansal at 716- 859-3705

Location: Buffalo General Hospital, 100 main St. Buffalo, NY Room to be announced.

Ca ll 716- 859-3705 with questions

New York City Association for C S Professionals News:

NYCACSP Meeting Agenda:
Meeting location: NYU Hospital Center, Room TCH 459
Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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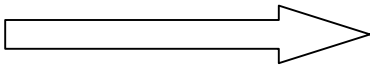
NY City News:
By Mary Olivera

Congratulations to our Graduates

The NYCACSP chapter is proud to announce that in April 22, 2004 we will be celebrating the certification class graduation. The function will take place at NYU Medical Center, Schwartz Classroom D. This time we have 30 students and many of them have never been in the healthcare industry but have chosen a career in Central Service. We urge you as a director, manager or technician to open your doors to these new professionals. Feel free to contact Greta Griffith, 718-629-1416 if you have openings in your department and you want to hire one of our students. It will pay off to hire a certified technician.

Good bye Greta!!!

After more than 10 years teaching the Certified CS technicians course Greta Griffith is passing on the baton. Greta is now ready to completely retire and enjoy working on her garden. The New York City CS Chapter and the IAHCSSM is most appreciative for the contribution Greta has made in promoting the CS profession. We wish Greta luck and enjoyment in her retirement. *We will miss you!!!!!! Thank You from all of US!!!!*



More Chapter News



Certification Update

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Bonnie Ingham, President
NYSACSP

- We have resent additional surveys asking for member hospital Central Service Personnel to fill out and return. If you have not completed a survey please do and return to me ASAP!!! We need as much information as possible to support our cause.

There still remains much to be done:

- The survey continues to be tabulated.
- An impact analysis of what mandatory certification means for the patient and what financial impacts it will have on healthcare.
- Further meetings with the New York State Health Dept. need to occur.
- Gathering support from HANYS and our parent organizations.

At this writing, Dr. Novello has

acknowledged receipt of the letter and material we have sent her. We will be sending her a formal invitation to speak at the NYSACSP seminar in June.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie Ingham

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We are also honored to have representation from both National Organizations:

Sybil Williams, President of IAHCSSM

And

Frank Sizemore, AAMI, ACSP President of ASHCSP

~Stay tuned for more news from the
NYSACSP~

NYSACSP Working for you!

Chapter News (Continued)

LIACS

Long Island Association for Central Service:
By Larry Guittard

LIACS has just started their Spring Certification Session with 17 attendees. They will also be putting on a "Technician's Seminar" on April 8th that will include honoring a "CS Technician of the Year" New Officers for 2004-2005 will be introduced Call Larry for additional information: (516) 496-6508

Central NY Association of Central Service Professionals

Call Brian Carr for additional information:
(315) 255-7011 ext. 7844

SPECIAL THANKS TO SPSmedical for Sponsoring our E-Board Teleconferences!!

The teleconferences are our primary means of communicating as a group and we thank you for providing this opportunity.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

June 13th & 14th, 2004

Holiday Inn Select
300 Third Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14303
(716) 285-3361

\$89.00 per night single/double occupancy

Special Room Rate is listed under NYS Association for Central Service Professionals

Please register directly with Hotel

Register With NYSACSP

\$45.00 per day

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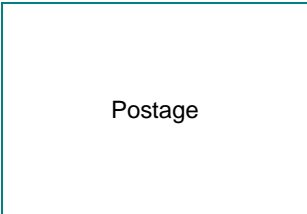
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