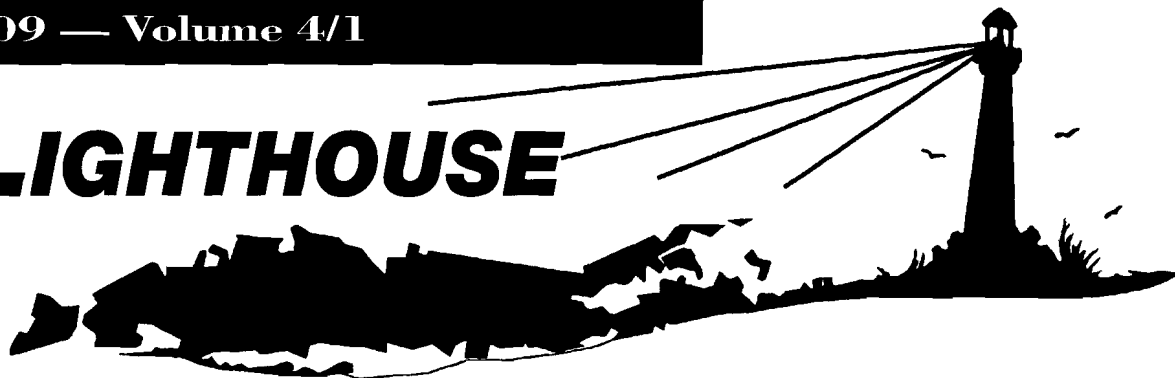


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### LIACS IS GOING TO ALBANY!

Join the Certification Caravan to Albany on Wednesday — April 22nd. We will be joining the other 5 NYS Chapters as we lobby with our legislature for mandatory CS Certification. We will be providing the bus and the refreshments on April 22nd. Take the day off and join your colleagues in quest of the legislation that will indicate the importance of CS in NYS healthcare and patient safety.

Call Larry Guittard at 516-697-0353 or e-mail Larry at: [guittardm@nychhc.org](mailto:guittardm@nychhc.org) and let him know you are coming. Bring someone with you!!

#### BUS SCHEDULE:

- 1st Stop:**  
Time: 4:15 AM  
Location: LIE Exit 63 Park and Ride
- 2nd Stop:**  
Time: 4:45 AM  
Location: LIE Exit 54/53 Wicks Road (across from Mobile)
- 3rd Stop:**  
Time: 5:15 AM  
Location: LIE Exit 32 Little Neck Shopping Center
- Be a part of history . . . join us on April 22nd!*

### MELODY TRAVERSI WINS 1ST PLACE IN THE LIACS MVP AWARD CONTEST

Melody Traversi captured the 1st place award of \$1000 in the LIACS MVP Contest. Points are awarded on participation in the chapter. If you are an officer, committee chairperson, committee member or attend any of the LIACS, NYS or IAHCSSM meetings you earn points as well as the LIACS social events (e.g. Golf Outing).

#### Here are the 2008/2009 Winners:

1st Place:	Melody Traversi	\$1000
2nd Place:	Kathleen Froehlich	800
3rd Place:	Don Gordon	700
4th Place:	Corrine Van Note	600
5th Place:	Dan Bialt	500
6th Place:	Margaret Heiser	400
7th Place:	Maria Alger	300
8th Place (tie):	Evelyn Baez	175
	Denise Maxwell	175
10th Place:	Hermelin Fazer	90

Start the 2009/2010 MVP Contest by attending and earning points at the LIACS Dinner/Dance.

Dear LIACS Members and Vendors:

As we prepare for the **LIACS Dinner/Dance on Friday, April 24, 2009** at the Delano Mansion, The Woodlands in Woodbury, NY, we would like to request your presence for this gala social event of the year.

This year we will be inducting Larry Guittard into the LIACS Hall of Fame. Larry has been very instrumental in the success of the Chapter. He has donated a great deal of his time for many years. He has been President five times and held various other positions, as well. Larry has truly been the backbone to our organization; let's make this a memorable event!!!

**We look forward to your participation and attendance in April.** The Chapter is defraying most of the cost of the event. **Tickets are only \$25/person which is an outstanding value; seating is limited to CS professionals and vendors with their spouse/guest.**

Thank you,  
Lisa Carabott and Robert Vespe  
*Co-Chairpersons*

**Date:** April 24, 2009  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Place:** The Woodlands — Delano Mansion  
One Southwoods Road, Woodbury, NY 11797  
516-921-5707. (*Direction on page 2*)

Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to: LIACS.

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital or Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail response before April 18th to:**  
**Robert Vespe** — OR — **Lisa Carabott**  
**11 Concord Drive** 48 Amherst Drive  
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**Additional Questions:**  
**Bob: (646) 372-2645 or Lisa: (516) 579-4803**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi LIACS Members, Friends,  
Colleagues and Supporting Vendors,

It's been 34 years since I began my career in Healthcare. 25 years associated with Central Supply, as we called it then. You can only imagine the changes I've seen and been apart of during my tenor. It truly was my privilege to serve you as your President this past year. Time passed so quickly.

Without a doubt, this past year presented some unique challenges that tested our abilities and imagination both within our Hospitals and the industry we work. Through LIACS the advantages of education and networking provided our members with the support and energy necessary to face these challenges and changes. We all know the importance of the essential function of our responsibilities and I truly appreciated the opportunity not only to be a part of LIACS but as your President.

As WE move forward to the up and coming years, the value we gather from this organization will continue to be a vital part of providing us with the management, and technical skills we require as part of an essential function of our respective Hospitals and Companies. We are fortunate to have LIACS and I encourage your support for the continuing advantage it so provides.

Let's join together in participating on April 24th inducting and supporting our next President: Larry Guittard. This is truly a special event this year because we will be inducting Larry into the LIACS Hall of Fame. Larry has been very instrumental in the success of LIACS over the years and has served five times as President. He has truly been the backbone of the organization.

I ask that we have a rebirth of LIACS at this dinner and make it truly a memorable event for both LIACS and Larry.

As Larry has always supported us, **NOW** let's support him.

Thank You  
Sincerely,  
**Barbara**  
Barbara K. Matuszak, *President*  
SP&D Manager, JT Mather Hospital

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### THE WOODLANDS

One Southwoods Road, Woodbury, NY 11797  
516-921-5707

#### DIRECTIONS

Go Eastbound from Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan  
Go Westbound from Eastern LI

Southern State Parkway — Exit 28A N.

Northern State Parkway — Exit 36B.

Long Island Expressway (Rte. 495) — 44N.

TO:

Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway (Rte. 135) Northbound to Syosset.

Take Exit 14 EAST (Jericho Turnpike).

Follow Jericho Turnpike Eastbound 3 traffic lights to Southwoods Rd.  
Make LEFT turn on Southwoods.

Continue on Southwoods Road to Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course.

Make a LEFT into Course. Follow road to Mansion.

## INCOMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Barbara Matuszak and her Board of Directors for all their sincere hard work and dedication to keep the LIACS one of the most competitive chapters of IAHCSCMM. Everyone worked very hard to offer first rate educational forums for our members. Her team absolutely did their best to "raise the bar" keeping our members abreast of the constant changes in our profession.

My main goal for this term is to continue where they left off. I have been President of this Chapter a number of times and I look forward to increasing membership and searching for "new" people to get involved and help take on the various positions of this chapter. It is so important to be an active, participating member of your professional organization, especially if you plan on moving up the career ladder. With the knowledge and support of all the professionals involved in this organization, it arms us with the abilities to follow recommended practices.

Long Island has always been a leader for other chapters to look to for support and information. We were one of the key players in organizing the NYSACSP to prepare the State for mandated licensure. We continue to participate on their Board of Directors and meet with local and state legislators as we prepare to reach this goal.

LIACS has a lot to offer our members this year and I look forward to every member's participation and support to reach these goals. We will continue to offer educational programs so our technicians can obtain their continuing education points needed to maintain certification. We are in the process of setting up meetings in Albany with our local and state legislators and the chapter will be renting a bus to transport anyone who wants to participate on April 22nd. June is the NYSACSP's Seminar in Niagara Falls. July will be our Annual Golf Outing, offering a chance for our members to spend the day interacting with their peers and vendors. September will offer our members the opportunity to attend our Educational and Vendor Exhibit at the Milleridge Cottage. November brings the North East Regional Meeting in Atlantic City that we host with the Mid-Atlantic Central Service Association. Last years' meeting was very successful and we hope to surpass it this year.

So please join me and the Board of Directors in once again making this Chapter the best that it can be. We need your help and support to carry out all we do for YOU, our members.

Thank you,  
Larry Guittard  
*President Elect*

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## 2009 CALENDAR



<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>	<u>APRIL</u>
<b>26: Annual Business Meeting</b> Time: 3:00 pm to 6:00pm Place: Milleridge Inn (Tap Rm)- Jericho	<b>20: Board Meeting</b>	<b>10 : Education/Business Meeting</b> Time: 5:30pm Place: Syosset Hospital- Syosset Conf.Rm. A&B 1st Floor Speaker: Jonathan Cole - ASP Topic: High Level Disinfection <b>BOD Meeting after Business Meeting</b>	<b>24 : LIACS Dinner Dance</b> Officer Induction Hall of Fame  Time: TBA Place: Woodlands Woodbury, N.Y.
<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>
<b>3rd-6th: IAHCSSM ANNUAL MEETING</b> Orlando, Florida	<b>12&amp;13th: NYSSA'S Annual Seminar</b> Crown Plaza Niagara Falls	<b>13th : LIACS Annual Golf Outing</b> Time: 1:30 pm (Shot Gun) Place: Rock Hill Country Club Manorville, NY	Trip to Mohegan Sun or Dinner Boat Trip
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
<b>10 : Vendor Exhibit/Seminar</b> Time: 8:00am to 4:00pm Place: Milleridge Cottage - Jericho Speakers and Topics: TBA	<b>Central Service Week</b>  <b>IAHCSSM Employee Recognition Day</b>  <b>9th : Education/Business Meeting</b> Time: 5:30pm Place: JT Mather Hospital Speaker and Topic: Tri-State Medical Dave Moyer	<b>IAHCSSM Northeast Regional Meeting in Atlantic City, NJ</b> Speakers and Date: TBA	

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