



These UOAA UPDATES are our way of communicating what is happening to you, our members. It is our hope that this information is being passed on to your members, either by including some of the news in your newsletters or by discussing it at your local support group meetings. People continue to ask, what is UOAA doing for me, and this is our way of answering this time-old question.

We continue to look forward to working with you and to being an active resource to ensure your success.

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IMPORTANT ISSUE:

UOAA'S 501(C)(3) GROUP CHARITY STATUS

As Joan McGorry has just reminded you, UOAA will again be filing with the IRS for ASG inclusion under its 501(c)(3) Charity Status umbrella.

The following groups have asked to be included in this submission:

Greater Chicago, North San Diego, Broward County FL, Heart of TX, Cedar Rapids/Iowa City, Osto Group, Central CT, Jupiter FL, Lancaster PA, Macomb County MI and Joplin MO.

They have been advised by Joan about the need to have their own Federal EIN and of the provisions that must be included in their Bylaws.

If your ASG is at all interested, now is the time to sign up, since the next submission to the IRS will not be made until mid 2008.

Notify Joan by calling her at 800.826.0826 or by e-mailing her at oa@uoaa.org

FALL 2007 ELECTION

UOAA is presently in the process of conducting its Fall 2007 election. At this time there will be two Directors elected to the UOAA Management Board of Directors.

Candidates for these positions are as follows:

LeeAnn Barcus
Michael D. Guss
Steve Strizic

Ballots have been distributed. If your ASG has not received its ballot, please contact Joan McGorry immediately.

The deadline for the submission of ballots is November 30th.

ASG LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

On **Saturday, October 27th** an all-day ASG Leadership Seminar will be held in the ACS Office on Route 1 in North Brunswick, New Jersey. This meeting is sponsored by an Educational Grant from ConvaTec. \$ 100 will be given to each ASG that has a representative in attendance to help defray associated expenses. A block of sleeping rooms has been reserved at the near by Holiday Inn Express at a rate of \$ 79/ night for those who wish to stay over Friday or Saturday nights. Hotel reservations can be made at www.hiexpress.com/princetonnj or by calling 732-297-7400. Contact Ken Aukett at kenaukett@uoaa.org if you have questions.

On **November 17th** an all-day ASG Leadership Seminar will be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel-Irvine, 17941 Von Karmen Avenue, Irvine, CA. This event is sponsored by an Educational Grant from Coloplast. \$ 100 will be given to each ASG that has a representative in attendance to help defray associated expenses.

Those planning to stay at the hotel must make their reservations on or before 11-2-2007. Call (949)-863-1999 and identify yourself as participants in this meeting to get the special rate of \$ 99/night. After this date space and rates will be based on availability. Contact Ken Aukett for additional information at kenaukett@uoaa.org.

NOTE: THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION ABOUT THE NEW IRS POLICY REGARDING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE YOUR ASG, ACCORDINGLY I AM RESENDING INFORMATION THAT APPEARED IN AN EARLIER UOAA UPDATE:

Sheldon Sokol, UOAA's Legal Advisor has brought to my attention the fact that the IRS has instituted a new filing requirement for small tax-exempt organizations ... a regulation that includes all of UOAA's Affiliated Support Groups that have their own EIN or who claim to be tax-exempt. This includes all former UOA Chapters that were reported to the IRS as being under their Charity Umbrella.

- **Beginning in 2008**, small tax-exempt organizations, who previously were not required to file a return, may be required to file an annual electronic notice, **Form 990-N**, entitled "*Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required to file Form 990 or 990-EZ.*" This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006
- The Pension Protection Act of 2006 requires small tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and who are not required to file form 990 or 990-EZ, to now file **Form 990-N**. This applies to all such groups, including the ASGs who are included in UOAA's group return.
- The form will be filed electronically (via the Internet).
- The first filing deadline for the FY 2007 will be May 15th, 2008 (assuming your FY is on a calendar year basis, i.e. January 1st to December 31st.)
- Starting in July 2007, the IRS will start mailing "educational" letters to all organizations that may have to file this form starting in July 2007. If your group does not get a letter, it does not mean that you are exempt from filing ... it may simply mean that they do not have the current address of your organization. If you believe the IRS may have an incorrect address for your group, you need to file **Form 8822**, *Change of Address*, completing Parts II and III. You can get Form 8822 online at www.irs.gov/eo and click on "Forms and Publications". If applicable, you need to file Form 8822 now.
- Organizations that do not file the required form for three consecutive years will have their non-profit status revoked.

- The latest information about this filing can be obtained by calling customer service at 1-877-829-5500 or from the IRS website: www.irs.gov/eo .

COLONDAR:

UOAA is working with **The Colon Club** to promote colon cancer awareness.

As a result of our sponsorship of a "month," UOAA receives 500 "Colondars" that we are offering for sale at the fixed rate of \$ 15.00 each. All of the monthly models are colon cancer survivors and several have ostomies! They would make an excellent door-prize for a monthly meeting, as a gift for a speaker, or just for someone who wants to promote colon cancer awareness. You can get the full story at the UOAA website: www.uoaa.org/Colondar.shtml



Best regards for now,

Ken Aukett