



UOAA UPDATES are our way of communicating to our members what is happening throughout the organization. It is our hope that this information will be passed on to your members by including it in your newsletters or by discussing it at your local support group meetings. We continue to look forward to working with you and to being an active resource to ensure your success.

DECEMBER 2010 UOAA UPDATE

UOAA ATTENDS IOA CONFERENCE IN FRANKFURT

The IOA (International Ostomy Association) Conference in Frankfurt, Germany was a true experience. I had a chance to meet the entire international contingent of IOA and learned how the organization works. One thing that has been decided is that instead of continuing with international conferences, the regions will be divided up and we, in the US, will be in the "Americas" region. We will continue to reach out to our Central and South American partner organizations as well as our Canadian brothers. As we got to know our Canadian friends well, we decided to invite them to our Reno Conference and in turn they agreed to invite us to their Conference as well. We even found that we can solicit support, in our efforts, of reaching out to the Spanish speaking ostomates by utilizing the talents of our Spanish speaking sister organizations who offered to help us with the translations, as we need it.

Also at this conference, the UOAA was awarded \$500.00 from Coloplast for our participation in "World Ostomy Day".

WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On the National scene the entire Management Board of Directors would like to welcome our new Directors: Jason Cesari from the 30+ Network and Jim Murray from Pensacola, FL. We know that they will contribute and be a

welcome asset to the UOAA. In the same vein we want to thank our outgoing Directors - Lynne Kramer and Bob Parish. Both of these individuals have given of their immense talents and dedication to the organization and we would all, in the UOAA, like to say **"Thank You" !!**

UPDATED PATIENT RESOURCE GUIDES

Within the next month we will have available updated versions of the "New Patient Resource Guides". After the first of the year, call the office (800-826-0826) or email oa@uoaa.org to request your new supply. These guides have been very well received by doctors, WOCNs and have been of great comfort to new patients. Remember that we do distribute these at no cost but we do ask that you pay \$5.00 per 12 copies for postage and that you keep your requests to 6 per surgery type. This way we can keep everyone supplied.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST ASG's

The UOAA continues to grow!
Welcome to the newest UOAA Affiliated Support Groups:

- #301 - South Georgia
- #302 - Norwalk CT
- #303 - Manchester CT
- #304 - Fishersville VA
- #305 - Daytona Beach FL
- #306 - ColonTown - Denver CO
- #307 - Chesapeake VA
- #308 - Oceanside NY
- #309 - Paterson NJ
- #310 - Dodge City KS
- #311 - Lewiston ME
- #312 - Dubuque IA

And welcome back to #140 - Pittsburgh PA!

ADVOCACY NEWS

Linda Aukett, our advocacy chair, is in the process of setting up another meeting with the TSA to discuss the latest airport screening incident that happened in Detroit last month. The UOAA and 23 other organizations sent a letter to the TSA Administrator requesting that more education be provided to their officers and also suggested that there should be a person with an ostomy included in these training sessions. A new TRAVEL CARD has been created and is available on our website at http://www.ostomy.org/ostomy_info/pubs/Travel_Card_2010.pdf

2011 COLONDARS ARE AVAILABLE

Thanks to a grant from Coloplast we will be offering the 2011 COLONDAR **at no charge** to anyone who requests one. Please contact the office at oa@uoaa.org for your 2011 Colondar.

EDGE PARK CATALOGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

We will be sending an email to all ASGs shortly letting you know how you can receive a free Edgepark Catalog. This is a great way for your members to order their supplies.

SAVE THE DATE!



Don't forget to mark your calendars for the UOAA 3rd National Conference that will be held in Reno Nevada, Aug 7 - 11, 2011. We KNOW that it will be a wonderful time, full of educational workshops, along with some fabulous social events. I would like to strongly ENCOURAGE all who can attend to do so and I promise you will have an amazing time. Registration information

will be available on the UOAA website, www.ostomy.org, after January 1, 2011.

Reno was the site of my first Conference in 1999 and it changed the way I viewed myself as an ostomate and made me WANT to get involved with the organization even more. As we say in the UOAA, "Seize the Opportunity" and come to Reno!

C.A.R.E.S Program

In 2009, the UOAA instituted the CARES Program. This sponsorship program is offered to members of our ASGs only. There will be a limited number of sponsorships offered to cover conference expenses of up to \$650.00 each. Priority will be given to Individuals who have had their surgery for one year or less, are attending a National Conference for the first time and who would be unable to attend for financial reasons. **We will be sending more information and an application after January 1, 2011.**

Finally on a personal note

I'd like to thank my entire board along with all the member ASGs for their dedication to the cause. We are all in this together and we will continue to fight for the rights and dignity of all ostomates. We have a way to go to accomplish this, but I am sure that the people we have on our board now and in the past WILL realize that we are on the right track and WILL succeed in proving to the world that we, as ostomates, are just like everyone else.

Happy Holidays to you all and thank you for all your hard work.

Dave Rudzin

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