

Kansas Activity Directors Association

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K.A.D.A. Newsletter



From the President...

Ah, Summer! Soon another summer will be in the record books. Time just seems to fly by faster and faster. As I write this newsletter I am reminded that time waits for no one. Even the very organized, calendar carrying, memo writing ones of us seem to somehow get caught up in the Scarlet O'Hara way of thinking, "I will do it tomorrow or next week," but...

This is next week and believe it or not conference planning is in full swing. Laurie has scheduled speakers, Lisa is working on membership, Shelly is juggling Vendors, door prizes and volunteers and Sue is keeping us within our budget, so mark your calendars for K.A.D.A Conference 2009, October 12th & 13th! Enclosed is the Pre-conference newsletter reminder. Look it over carefully and mark your calendar. We are looking forward to a fantastic conference at our new hotel, the Wichita Marriott to "Awaken Your Senses...through Activities". See ya soon!

Susan



Board Openings

2009—2011 board positions up for election are President & Secretary.
As stated in the By-laws...

VII. Qualifications

To be eligible for President, a person shall:

- A. *Have been an active member in good standing for at least two (2) years prior to nomination and have served on the KADA board within the last (6) years prior the nomination.*

To be eligible for Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, a person shall:

- B. *Have been an active member in good standing for at least two (2) years prior to nomination and have served actively at least one (1) year on a KADA committee or at the district level prior to nomination.*

For additional job description information you can refer to the K.A.D.A. by-laws.

If you would like to run for one of these positions please submit your letter of intent to the Vice President, Lisa Donahue to 2461 Clover, Lincolnvill, Kansas 66858 or email at ldonahue@deserethealth.com or hayhook@tctelco.net Deadline for submitting letter of intent is Friday, August 28th at midnight. Once nominees are confirmed, ballots will be sent to K.A.D.A. members either via email or snail mail by September 1st. Ballots must be returned no later than midnight on September 11th.

If you have any questions about either position please contact Lisa at 1-620-924-5500 .

Conference Awards

Nominations may only be made by a current member (individual or facility membership) of the Kansas Activity Directors Association or by a facility where the Activity Director is a current member of K.A.D.A. **The nominators name and signature must be included on the entry. Membership to K.A.D.A. will be confirmed prior to acceptance of the nomination. NOMINATIONS MUST BE POST MARKED BY SEPTEMBER 28, 2009.**

"ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR"

"ACTIVITY DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR"

ACTIVITY ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR"

In 250 words or less, describe why you feel your Administrator, Activity Director or Activity Assistant should receive the K.A.D.A. award. At least three letters of support must accompany the application. These may be from residents, families, and/or staff.

Please cite examples of how the applicant demonstrates each of the following characteristics:

1. Leadership
2. Creativity
3. Problem Solving
4. Rapport with resident and staff
5. Supports the Activity Program
6. Contribution to professional groups on State or National level, (K.A.D.A., KHCA, NAAP, and KAHSA), and support of any of these groups by serving on committees or volunteering.

On a separate sheet of paper list the following information:

1. Applicant's name, facility name and address, Company (private ownership, Corporation...)
2. Applicant's years of experience, career, certification, and title.
3. Name and title of the nominator

"OUTSTANDING ACTIVITY PROGRAM OF THE YEAR"

In 250 words or less, describe why you think this program should be selected as the KADA Outstanding Activity Program of the Year. At least three letters of support must accompany the application. These may be from residents, families, and/or staff. Please cite the following:

1. How long has the program been in place?
2. What has made this program successful?
3. How do the residents benefit from this activity?
4. How does staff benefit from this activity?

On a separate sheet of paper list the following information:

1. Name of the activity/program, name of the coordinator for the program.
2. Facility name, address, and phone number, name and title of the nominator.

If you choose to use pictures, video tapes, or written comments from participants with your application, KADA will consider the nominee responsible for the appropriate releases.

3. All nominees will be asked to give a short description of their program at the Awards Banquet and their submission will also be on display on the K.A.D.A. table during conference.

**Mail all nominations to:
K.A.D.A. Awards Committee
2461 Clover
Lincolville, Kansas 66858-9826**

**Nominations post marked after September 28, 2009 will not be considered for the award.
Winners will be notified prior to conference by a member of the Awards committee.**

Information From Around The Area

- Announced at the NAAP conference in Albuquerque in April: That Active Membership/International will be dropped to \$59.00, Student membership \$49.00, Associate/Retired membership \$39.00 and Supportive membership to \$99.00. NAAP will also be providing a corporate/company rate for conferences in 2010. If your company sends 2-10 people from the company/corporation, they will receive \$25.00 off each registration. If they send 11 or more, the savings is \$40.00 per registrant.
- Four facilities participated in the Wichita Area Activity Directors Association Senior Health & Fitness Fair. The Life Care Center of Andover, MeadowLark Adult Care Homes, Comfort Care Homes and Larksfield Place.
- K.A.D.A.'s own Laurie Kloepper participated in the revision of the Social Services designee training course guidelines, Great job Laurie!



If you have area news, email me and let me know so I can feature it in our next newsletter susan.hatcher@cox.net.

Fall Conference 2009

"Awaken Your Senses...through Activities"

We have lined up some amazing speakers for this years conference.

Dawn Wooderson, Ph. D ~ Owner of WoodSong ~ Dawn Wooderson received her Ph.D in music from The Florida State University in 1977. She is currently the owner of WoodSong, where she is a consultant/clinician in Professional Development for Health Care and Recreation. She is a pianist and presents music programs for Senior Adults, provides seminars for mental health and memory for Senior Adults, is a studio teacher for private students and is the author/publisher of *Songs of Faith*, large-print hymnbooks and CD.

Lynn Miskell, Certified Laughter Leader ~ Lynn Miskell understands the relationship between good health and laughter. Her programs are a combination of encouraging words and examples of practical actions to increase laughter and energy in day-to-day life. Certified by the World Laughter Tour organization, Lynn has presented programs to various groups including assisted living centers, health and wellness fairs and conferences.

Cindy Bradshaw, ACC ~ is currently the Executive Director of the National Certification Council for Activity Professionals. She is also an Activity Consultant Certified. She has over 20 years of experience in the field of activities.

Brenda Scott, ACC ~ is currently a Program Director at Shalom Park in Colorado. She is an Executive Board member for the National Association of Activity Professionals. She is a past recipient of the NAAP Activity Professional of the Year Award.

Tina Ashford, CTRS ~ is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. She owns her own consulting agency and currently consults in many long-term care facilities in Kansas. She teaches the state approved Activity Director's Course for two colleges in Kansas. She and a colleague recently wrote a course and began teaching an on-line class for Activity Directors and Social Service Designees.

Christopher Bobos, ACC ~ Christopher Bobos is the Activity Coordinator of Central West Adult Day Care, one of four day cares operated by Catholic Charities of South Florida. He has been with his agency for over 17 years and in 1996 he was presented with the Outstanding Service Award for his agency. He was the 2008 NAAP Activity Professional of the Year.

Time sensitive material enclosed!

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www.geocihes.com/kansas_activities



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Mark Your Calendars!

K.A.D.A. 2009 Fall Conference—October 12th & 13th

**New Location * Marriott Wichita
9100 Corporate Hills Drive
Wichita, Kansas 67207*

August 28th — Deadline for Letters of intent for President & Secretary

September 28th — Deadline for Conference Awards Nominations
Administrator of the Year, Activity Director of the Year, Activity Assistant of
the Year and Outstanding Activity Program of the Year.