

GREETINGS WRAP MEMBERS

It is time to renew your membership for WRAP 2016-2017. By now you should have received your renewal notice and application via USPS. Your membership is due by the 1st of July. Dues for membership in WRAP are only \$35.00 for one full year. Your Membership runs from July 1st-June 30th.

The benefits of membership in WRAP includes a discounted registration fee to the annual WRAP Conference held in September. This year the Conference is being held September 14th-16th in Eau Claire, WI. The Conference provides an opportunity to earn up to 13 hours of continuing education hours approved by NCCAP and NAAPCC. Other Conference highlights include an Awards Banquet, Vendors with the latest products, a Cultural Arts presentation and Networking with fellow Activity Professionals. Membership renewals received before August 15th will be eligible to receive the discounted membership fee for the conference.

A few other ways that WRAP benefits our members....

- WRAP promotes professional & personal growth in the expanding field of therapeutic leisure programming
- WRAP provides unique educational opportunities for all members of the health care team who value quality of life and quality of care
- WRAP maintains a "legislatively aware" and "actively participatory" role in issues pertaining to the populations served by the activity professional

Please take this time to consider renewing your membership in WRAP. If you have suggestions or concerns regarding what we can do to better serve our members please feel free to contact President Colleen Kegan via email keeganca81@yahoo.com or at #608-827-2990 x106. For membership information please contact Patti Utesch, Membership Chair, at pattiutesch@catholichealth.net or at #414-764-5407. Information can also be found on the WRAP website www.wrap-wi.org.

FYI...

It is your responsibility to keep your contact information current. Please notify the membership chair if there is a change to your email address or contact/ mailing information, thank you!

SCRV VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK



John Jenkins, resident of Christian Community Home of Osceola, was honored as founder for the St. Croix River Valley Veterans Memorial ground breaking ceremony and Osceola Wheels & Wings Parade on Sunday, Sept. 13th, 2015. John started this great plan and funding for a [SCRV Veterans Memorial](#) as a dedication to our community Military Veterans when he was a teacher in Osceola. He envisioned the project to include veterans in times of peace and war from both sides of the river. John worked with the Osceola Historical Society, Dresser VFW and members of St. Croix Valley community to raise money for this memorial park located on the north side of Mill Pond in Osceola. The park will be complete with a "Contemplation Area" along the babbling brook and a walking path lined with dedication pavers and flags. At the center of the park will be a 14 foot beautiful bronze eagle surrounded with a gold star with the 5 military branches. The park is dedicated as a sacred place for over 1,500 pavers of Veteran's names from the St. Croix River Valley who sacrificed so much for our freedom.

Tia Lisa Erickson

GET YOUR NOMINATIONS DONE FOR THE AWARDS!

Very easy process and they need to be submitted by the end of June! If you have questions please email me at rochont@uplandhillshealth.org or call me at 608-341-9084.

Respectfully,

Toni Rochon - Awards Chair

Have a Lovely
SUMMER



Vote!

We have all seen those letters in the mail that come with a note that says "Cast Your Vote Now." Whether it be on some sort of insurance policy you hold or a credit union or a variety of institutions that require their overseeing Board to be elected 'by the people.' Along with the ballot there is a description of the people who have volunteered to take on that responsibility. And face it, we don't have a clue who they are or what they stand for... really. There is a bio, yes, but how does that help us determine who to really vote for?? So what do we do? Admittedly, we often throw it into the trash.

Or what about those ballots that come and there is only one candidate? That is what the last WRAP Election ballot looked like.

*Do you still take the time to cast your vote?
Especially when it doesn't really matter on the outcome?
Or does it?*

Yes. It does matter. Your vote means that you care enough about the WRAP Organization to get involved. Your vote says you respect and appreciate the people who have agreed to serve YOU. Your vote says you believe not only in WRAP but in the profession that you serve in and the support that WRAP gives that profession. Your vote says you appreciate the time others invest on YOUR behalf.

Yes, an uncontested ballot is discouraging because it means there are not the people who are willing to commit to WRAP leadership. But even more discouraging is a low number of people who actually take the time to put a stamp on the ballot and mail it in.

Be an encourager. State a message. Vote.

Cindy Tewalt

Past WRAP President

WRAP CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Would you like to attend our exciting Fall conference in Eau Claire this September but do not have funds available? WRAP now is offering a conference scholarship that you can [apply for online](#). This is our first time offering this scholarship via application. Previously winners were selected through a drawing at our June board meeting and often the winners had their conference fees covered by their employers so they did not use the scholarship. Hopefully this new process will make it easier for those who need financial assistance to attend by having their conference registration paid. Visit our [website](#) to apply!

REGIONAL SHOUT OUT!



"The Chippewa Valley Area Activity Professionals regional group enjoyed an afternoon"



**JOIN US FOR WRAP CONFERENCE
IN EAU CLAIRE ON SEPTEMBER
14TH-16TH! CHECK FACEBOOK
FOR UPDATES AND WRAP-WI.ORG
WHEN THE BROCHURE WILL BE
AVAILABLE IN EARLY JUNE. WATCH
FOR POSTCARD REMINDER
THAT WILL BE
MAILED ACROSS
THE STATE.**

WRAPPING it UP!

Wisconsin Representatives of Activity Professionals

Look forward
to hearing from you!

Kimberly Rosenau

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Communications Chair