

WRAPPING It UP!

Wisconsin Representatives of Activity Professionals

August Email Blast time!

How is your summer going? If your summer is anything like mine, it has gone by too fast! How did you spend your summer with your residents? At my facility we opened the season by celebrating Rainbow weeks (i.e., "It's Not Easy Being Green Week," "Blue Moon Week," "Purple Pleasures Week"), monthly cookouts, going to Summerfest and looking forward to more outings this month! As Milwaukee is the "City of Festivals," we are having our own cultural fest to finish up our summer. Check out the next newsletter for details!

*We have some important announcements in this blast
please read thoroughly! *

Membership Password Update: There has been a change to the Members Only section of the WRAP website. Please see below.

The 2016-2017 WRAP Members Only password for the website is:

Activitiesmatter

Please note this is case sensitive. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Tewalt, WRAP Webmaster at cindytewalt@gmail.com. Thank you.

Conference Highlights

Registration: Have you registered for the conference yet? September will be here before you know it! Download the brochure on our website at www.wrap-wi.org. If you have any issues downloading, please contact our webmaster Cindy at cindytewalt@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION IS DUE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST.

Registrations after this date will be accepted with a late fee of \$25.00. Hotel reservations at the Metropolis must be made by August 30, 2016, to guarantee room and rate availability.

Correction: Page 5 on brochure—Breakout Session #23 should read. . . Jennifer Mastick- "Art Therapy Techniques in a Skilled Nursing Facility"—not a repeat session.

Cultural Arts: Do you think your residents deserve a shout out? Enroll their piece in the Cultural Arts show! Download the form on our website (www.wrap-wi.org) and **pre-register by Thursday, September 8th**. Any questions? Contact Lora at lorafried@yahoo.com.

Some Vendors will only be exhibiting on Wednesday evening, so please try to visit them during Wednesday Vendor times, including the Vendor Reception. Refer to the Conference Brochure for exact times.

Back to School? Education Opportunities



If you look around at any store, they have been reminding you school is just around the corner. How about your education? Looking to maintain your certification? Check out some of these opportunities—

- **Regional Groups:** Does your regional group hold workshops? Mine does—I have been able to get 1-2 hours monthly just by attending my local group meetings—MAAP—on a regular basis. Plus, I get to get recharged from networking with other activity professionals as well as the reminder I am not alone!
- **NAAP Lunch and Learn:** If you are a member of NAAP, one of the membership perks is the monthly webinars. You can see the schedule on their website at <http://naap.info>. On demand sessions are also available and the variety and number of topics and sessions is growing.
- **WRAP Scholarships:** Looking to further your education but need help with funding? Want to attend the WRAP conference in future years? Have you applied for a WRAP scholarship? Not enough WRAP members apply for this—you can receive up to \$200 at a time! Download the application at www.wrap-wi.org. Deadlines are June 1st and November 1st. Contact Kris Metcalf at kmetcalf@dovehealthcare.com for details or questions.
- **Your Passion:** Do you have a specific passion or want to share your expertise? Consider facilitating a workshop, leading an in-service, or publishing an article! Each one of these outlets can be counted as continuing education hours for many certifications—check out the qualifications for your specific certification. I am always looking for articles of interest in the WRAP newsletter. Does your facility publish any newsletters? Think about answering the call for papers at different conferences—Alzheimer's Conference, NAAP Conference, Summits, and our own WRAP conference! Thinking outside the box can deepen your own occupation and raise our profession!

Conferences: Of course, don't forget those conferences and seminars! Our very own WRAP conference in Eau Claire offers 14 hours of continuing education. Conferences are a great way to stay current as well as network with other professionals outside your local area.

How will you go back to school this year?

Looking to close out the summer?



Here is one more idea to try out this August! One of my MAAP members shared this fun decoration at our last meeting. Google "flip flop wreaths" for other ideas and instructions. Happy August!

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