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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"I believe in process. I believe in four seasons. I believe that winter's tough, but spring's coming.

I believe that there's a growing season. And I think that you realize that in life, you grow. You get better." – Steve Southerland

Welcome Spring! Spring is a time for growth, renewal, and change. As Activity Professionals we know there are processes, guidelines, and regulations we need to follow, but we also need to do this in a manner appealing, welcoming, exciting, and focused on the individual needs of those we care for. At times we may feel like we are alone in this situation, challenged with trying to reinvent the wheel in a perpetual winter. Likely with the now year-long, ongoing Corona Virus Pandemic, we are feeling stifled, stale, alone, uncertain, with a sort of "cabin fever". We may not have been involved with our families or in our usual leisure activities in order to help keep those we care for safe from virus harm. We may have experienced budget and/or staffing cuts in our departments; those we care for may be experiencing effects of social isolation because they cannot see their families, or go on outings into the community as they had previously, or are not involved in group activities, or cannot even visit with their peers in close proximity. Thankfully, it looks as though change is coming regarding these issues, but it is likely to take some time before we and those we care for see some semblance of our lives pre-pandemic.

I would like to tell you about the WRAP Organization and the benefits of a WRAP membership which can be our spring, our potential for growth, and our renewal and change for today and into the future. Now, more than ever, it is important for Activity Professionals to be part of WRAP, and this is why:

WRAP provides opportunities for professional and personal growth. The WRAP Annual Conference is where attendees can gather and gain programming ideas, get updates on regulations, and network with other Activity Professionals. There is also a conference discount for WRAP Members! The conference allows WRAP the opportunity to recognize Activity Directors, Activity Assistants, Administrators, Volunteers, and Caregivers through an awards process. In addition to all of this, the conference allows Activity Professionals and their residents the opportunity to exhibit resident handiwork through the Cultural Arts exhibit. WRAP also provides scholarship opportunities for Members to attend the annual conference and/or for continuing education in leisure programming. WRAP has organized a Lending Library with many DVDs, books, and other materials



focusing on leisure programming, dementia care, leadership, and other relevant topics. WRAP Members can borrow items for 30 days for FREE for only the cost of shipping. If you are looking to get more involved, you could serve on the WRAP Board, as an officer, on a specialized committee, or as a Regional Representative. There are various opportunities to become involved. Choose the area that suits you best. Network with Activity Professionals and other disciplines. Build connections that will remain throughout your career, and stay on top of current trends.

WRAP keeps the Activity Professional up-to-date on changes in the long-term care environment. WRAP maintains associate memberships with a number of Long-Term Care Organizations in Wisconsin. The meetings, conferences, and symposiums provided by these organizations are attended by WRAP Board Members in order to report updates, trends, and current information to all WRAP members. WRAP offers an active support system, quarterly newsletter/eBlast with information regarding the activity field and WRAP organization, online helpline to answer questions and assist with issues, an informative website with conference information, board meeting minutes, links to resources, regulation information, job board, membership form, scholarship applications, awards nominations, and more. (www.wrap-wi.org) WRAP is also actively engaged on our Facebook page with varying types of information. WRAP is happy to be a diamond sponsor of the National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP), which provides WRAP members even more information, more resources, and increased networking opportunities.

Many of the WRAP Board positions are highlighted in this newsletter. Read on for more information about Conference, Government Relations, Professional Networking, Awards, Communications, Nominations, WRAP Scholarships, and Membership. AND if you are not a current WRAP Member, or the Activity Professional in your facility is not a member, now is the time to join and start reaping the benefits of the annual membership. With a visit to the WRAP website on the "Membership" page and a small annual fee of \$35, you, too, can Welcome Spring with change, renewal, and growth in your life and in the lives of those you care for, now.

Tracey Draper
WRAP President

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Winds of Change

Today the Spring winds came blowing, bringing a warmth and lightness to the air. This warmer Spring weather blowing in brings with it an excitement for change and expectation of shedding off layers of not just clothing but restrictions within our facilities. As Mimi Novic says, "Sometimes we can only find our true direction when we let the wind of change carry us." We all have certainly been caught up in the winds of change throughout this past year. Hopefully, it has taught us a little something of ourselves and the way we run our departments. I also hope that we were all able to realign our mission in the "true direction" of our residents. Our residents are and will always be the "why" behind all that we do in our profession. Sometimes, we can get off track or a little distracted, but may our residents always be our driving force behind our decisions.

What are some practices that you are cultivating in order to keep our residents first? WRAP has some amazing resources that you can utilize such as our FREE Lending Library for members that is filled with tons of resources for programming, education, and more. You can also get involved in your local regional group for extra support and encouragement from your professional colleagues. If you have enjoyed the additional ease with which we can claim continuing education this past year through online, virtual platforms, you are in luck this year too. WRAP's national affiliation, NAAP is offering online courses throughout 2021! We encourage you to take a look at joining your regional group and NAAP for these additional benefits!

May the winds of change bring warmth, excitement, and energy into your life, facilities, and residents. Welcome Spring!

Sarah Pedretti, CTRS, CDP
WRAP Vice President

WEBMASTER

WRAP-WI.ORG

Here is where you find:

- WRAP Conference brochures and information
- Online Membership
- Scholarship opportunities
- Awards Nominations
- Lending Library List
- Cultural Arts info
- Job Board
- Regional information and map
- Education opportunities across the state
- The newsletter "WRAPping It Up!"
- Board meeting minutes
- Annual reports for WRAP and other conferences
- A "Helpline" to answer any question you may have.

Be sure you follow WRAP on Facebook! And visit us at www.wrap-wi.org



TREASURER

WRAP, a nonprofit organization, is funded through membership dues as well as the Annual WRAP Conference held each Fall, which generates our largest income. Our dues and conference fees remain affordable to encourage members to join all of the benefits that WRAP has to offer.

WRAP is a fiscally responsible group in many ways. All board positions and committee members are on a volunteer basis, so there is no payroll to fund. As resourceful Activity Professionals, we meet in places where there is no fee and we pack our own lunch! We also put as much as possible into our conferences so that all attendees can take advantage of all that we have to offer. Each committee chairperson is responsible for spending within their approved budget and those are reviewed at each WRAP Board meeting along with all the financial reports.

The WRAP Treasurer is responsible for WRAP's finances in all aspects, including: maintaining financial accounts; paying bills and reimbursements; and overseeing adherence to budgets. A Treasurer's report is presented at each board meeting and an internal financial review is completed on a quarterly basis. WRAP's total outflows thus far in 2021 are \$546.28 and inflows are \$228.53; WRAP's current net worth is \$116,272.57 as of March 11, 2021. WRAP was able to maneuver through 2020 without the conference income as spending was also down with no live conferences to vend or speak at in person.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Naves
WRAP Treasurer



FACEBOOK USERS

<https://www.facebook.com/Wisconsin-Representatives-of-Activity-Professionals-WRAP-294207817279368/>

Check us out on Facebook where you can find updates on newsletters, annual conferences and connect with others in the activity field.

NOMINATIONS

WRAP's Nomination Committee is a sub-committee of the Membership Committee and is responsible for all aspects of the annual elections conducted by our organization, assuring that proper procedures are followed with each election. The committee informs members about upcoming elections and encourages membership participation in the election process, first by asking them to submit nominees for the offices available, and then by exercising their right to vote for those who will be in leadership positions within our organization.

The first information about our 2021 election cycle was put into the hands of WRAP's Regional Representatives via email in September 2020. Since that time, this committee continued to communicate with Board Members, Regional Representatives and the membership through our newsletter, E-Blasts/emails in an effort to secure nominees for the office of Vice President and Secretary. The WRAP Board recently approved the 2021 nominees for both offices and the election mailing will be prepared and sent out to all WRAP members soon, so please watch the mail in early May and then take time to vote for the candidates of your choice. Thank You.

Nadine Williams
Nomination's Chair

SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Newsflash!

Think Spring and think expanding your education! WRAP can help you out with this through our educational scholarship. Educational Scholarships are available to any WRAP member who works in the healthcare field and is interested in continuing their education. \$500 scholarships are currently awarded in June and November each year. The next deadline is June 1. Scholarships are not awarded for conferences or conventions.

Those wishing to apply for a WRAP Educational Scholarship must provide proof of employment in a healthcare facility in the state of Wisconsin. Applicants must also provide proof of acceptance in a formal class in the healthcare field and complete the required application. The applications are reviewed by the scholarship committee two times per year and awarded according to money that is available. Any Scholarship money that is not awarded is rolled over into the next year. Scholarship application information can be found on the WRAP website, in each issue of "Wrapping It Up", from your regional representative, or from the Scholarship Chair:

Kris Metcalf, Recreation Director Dove Healthcare
West-Eau Claire
1405 Truax Blvd
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Phone 715-930-6044

Kris Metcalf
Scholarship Chair

CONFERENCE ARTICLE

Wisconsin Representatives of Activity Professionals (WRAP) Presents their 43rd Annual WRAP Conference "Be The Beacon" Wednesday, September 22 and Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Hotel Marshfield in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Plans are underway to provide YOU with a live conference in 2021. There will be some changes. More details will be coming but start planning now.

Dates: We have shortened our conference to TWO days. Wednesday, September 22 and Thursday, September 23.

Place: We have moved our conference to Marshfield. We were originally planning on Manitowoc but the Holiday Inn (and other area hotels) are not able to accommodate us due to the rescheduling of the 2020 Ryder Cup to September 2021.

Schedule: We will start the conference at 8:30 am with registration on Wednesday, September 22, and it will end Thursday, September 23 at 4:00 pm. Our traditional banquet will be held during the lunch hour on Thursday.

Cultural Arts: We will not have "live" exhibits but will have a virtual showing of all the entries. Registration will be online: <https://wrap-wi.org/conferences/cultural-arts/>

Deadline: August 25.

Vendors: We will not have Vendors in person but will have a Virtual Vending Listing given to attendees listed on our WRAP website and Facebook pages.

Scholarship events: We will be moving forward with our Scholarship Bingo Event on Wednesday evening of the conference. We will NOT be hosting the Silent Auction this year.

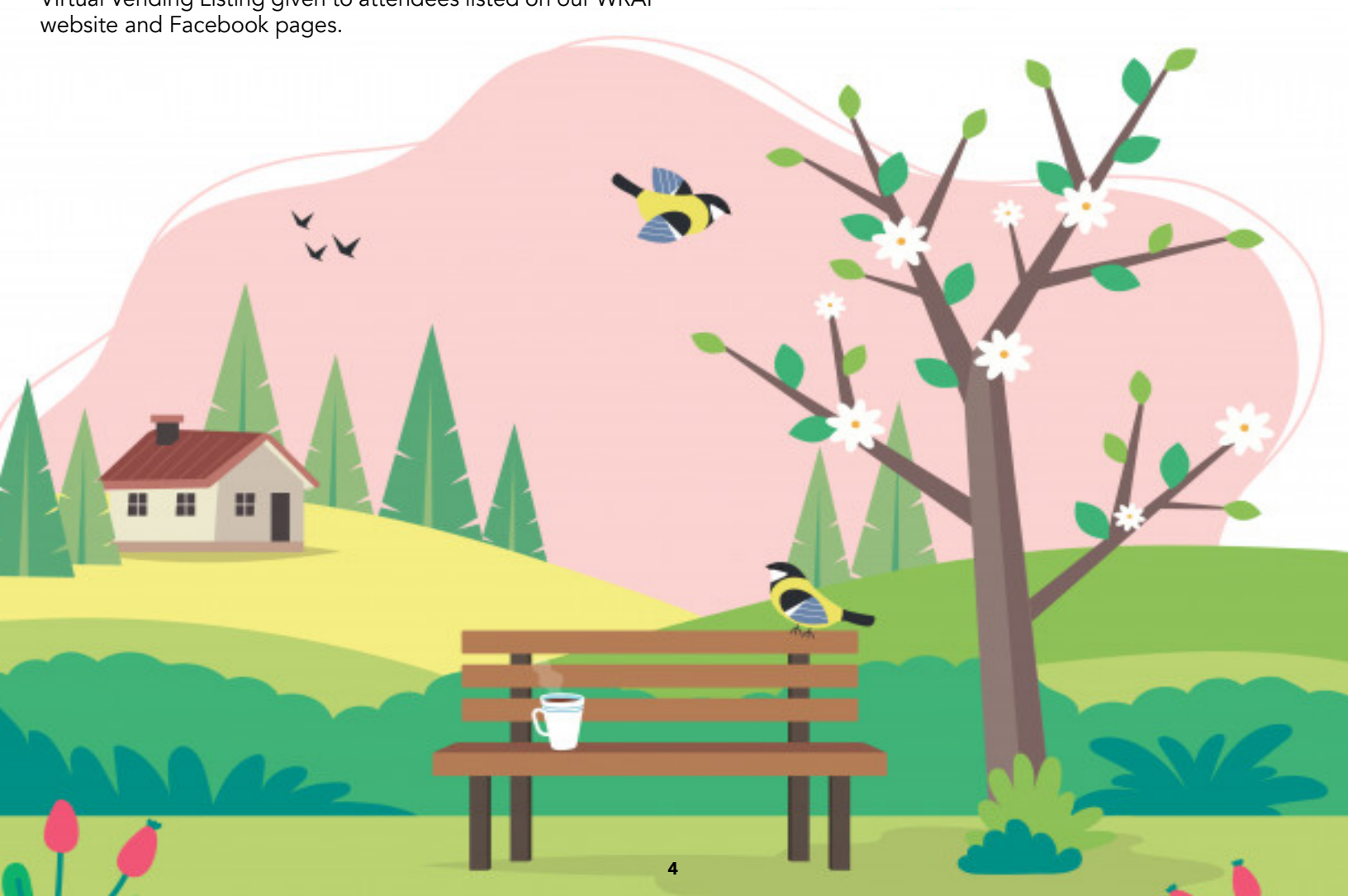
Awards: We will be having Awards this year, and the deadline date for that is June 30, 2021. Description of the awards and the submission form can be found on our website: <https://wrap-wi.org/award-nominations/>

Sessions: All of our sessions will be in the Grand Ballroom where we can observe the 6 feet distance guideline. There will not be concurrent sessions so no need to sign up for specific sessions. There will be a total of 9 CEs for the two-day conference. There will not be a "pre-con" session this year, but rather all sessions will be included in the two-day rate.

Rooms: Hotel Marshfield is offering a room rate of \$109/night (plus taxes) and that includes breakfast. You may opt to stay Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday at the rate, depending on your schedule. You can call Hotel Marshfield at 715.387.2700 to reserve your room. Be sure to ask for the WRAP discount.

Cost for the Conference before August 20th for WRAP Members is \$200 and for Non-WRAP Members: \$300.

The cost after August 20th for WRAP Members is \$250 and for Non-WRAP Members is \$350.



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BE THE BEACON



SEPT. 22 - 23, 2021

**43rd Annual WRAP Conference
Hotel Marshfield • Marshfield, WI**

www.wi-wrap.org



CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone Number: Work (____) _____ Home (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Are you currently a WRAP member? ____yes ____no.

If not you are required to submit a letter of recommendation from a current WRAP member.

Please explain why this scholarship would be beneficial for you:

Educational Background

High School: _____ **Graduation Date:** _____

College/University: _____ **Major:** _____

Degree: _____ **Years attended:** _____

**Other Studies or
Certifications:** _____

Work Experience

Applicant must be presently employed in good standing in a healthcare facility in the state of Wisconsin:

Name of Facility: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Present Position: _____

Full Time # of hrs per wk: _____ **Part Time # of hrs per wk:** _____

Length of time in current position: _____

Length of time worked in the healthcare field: _____

Supervisor: _____

Other work or volunteer experience related to the healthcare field:

* Attach to this application, a letter of verification of your present employment in good standing by the administrator of your facility or your present supervisor.

Course Information:

Title of the course for which you are applying for funding:

*Attach proof of acceptance in this course to this application by sending a letter from the instructor and/or copy of receipt for class deposit.

Give a brief description of the course:

List the college, technical college or other learning institution or private instructor offering the course work:

Instructor Name _____

College or Learning Institution: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

* If the course is presented by a private instructor, submit a letter of proof of the instructor's qualifications to teach the course work (this can be obtained from the instructor). Attach this letter to the application.

What is the starting date of the course? _____

When will the course be completed? _____

Educational Cost: _____

Please submit a copy of receipt showing that YOU have personally paid for this course.

Signature

I verify the information given above to be true to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Mailing Application:

Before you mail this application have you included?

- A letter verifying your employment in the healthcare field
- Proof of acceptance and payment in the course
- Instructor's qualifications (if necessary)

Please submit requested materials only. All other information will not be accepted.

Deadline for submitting this application for consideration is:

June 1st and November 1st.

Mail application to:

Kris Metcalf, MT-BC

1405 Truax Blvd.

Eau Claire, WI 54703

715-930-6044

Office use only-

Date Rec'd _____

Scholarship: Yes/No

Check Sent _____



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