National Public Health Week
April 6-12, 2015

Message from the President

First, I want to take a moment and welcome all of you to the revamped WVPHA Newsletter - News and Views! I hope you will take the time to review the newsletter to catch up on what is happening in the field of public health and the West Virginia Public Health Association. I would like to take this time to extend to the WVPHA members, the offer to submit News and Views! stories and information to the Public Information Chair – Della Lyons.

Second, as President, I am excited to be a part of such a hard-working association with a long history and legacy. This past year marked the 90th Anniversary for the Association and was celebrated at the well-attended Fall Conference in Oglebay Resort in September.

A historical compilation CD was given out to each attendee of the conference which contained various documents provided through 90 years of the Association and 133 years of Public Health in West Virginia. If you would like a copy please contact the WVPHA Historian - Karen Pauley.

Lastly, you as public health professionals make a difference! I want to commend you on the hard work and dedication that each of you have in your respective fields.

THANK YOU! for your continued service.

Sincerely,
Brandon Lewis, WVPHA President
The 91st Annual Conference will be held at Oglebay Resort

2015 WVPHA Officers

“Current Trends and Challenges: Public Health Leading the Way”

President …………………………… Brandon Lewis
President-Elect ……………………. Karen McClain
Vice-President ……………………. Linda Sanders
Immediate Past President ……… Amy Atkins
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Treasurer …………………………. Bill Kearns
APHA Delegate ……………………. Melissa Baker
Alternate APHA Delegate ……… Judy Ashcraft
Member-at-Large (1 year) ……… Vicki Caruthers
Member-at-Large (2 year) ……… Linda Lipscomb
Member-at-Large (3 year) ……… Elizabeth Green

Hall of Fame Award Recipient: Samuel W. Crosby Jr.

I'm very proud and honored that my West Virginia Public Health Association colleagues would nominate me for this honor and I'm forever thankful to Dr. Loretta Haddy, Bureau for Public Health, State Epidemiologist and Director of the West Virginia Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services, as being a shining example of public health excellence over the years.

Thanks and I'll always remember that special day at the 90th year conference when I learned that I was the 2014 inductee into the WV Public Health Association Hall of Fame!

Thanks again.
Sam Crosby
**WVPHA Section Chairs**

Dental............................................................... Ashley Logan
Environmental Health................................. Jarod Dellinger
Finance Operations & Computer Technology..... Mark Shahbandy
Health Administration.................................. Jackie Huff
Laboratory & Epidemiology.......................... Carrie Thomas
Local Health Officers..................................... Vacant
Professional Clerical....................................... Linda Sanders
Public Health Nursing................................. Sissy Price
Public Health Retirees................................... Sandra Perry
Student Affiliate........................................... Andrew Denny
WV Association of Local Health Departments..... Rodney Boyce

**WVPHA Standing Committees**

Advertising and Exhibit Procurement .......... Bill Nestor
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Awards ........................................................... Amy Atkins
Budget ........................................................... Karen McClain
By Laws .......................................................... Amy Atkins
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Educational Scholarships......................... Mark Whittaker
Fund Raising .................................................. Keith Allison
Historical ........................................................ Karen Pauley
Legislative & Resolution......................... Tony Turner
Local Arrangements ..................................... Howard Gamble
Membership ................................................... Jessica Woods
Nominating ..................................................... Renee Swisher
Planning & Operations............................. Karen Pauley
Public Health Awareness ......................... Lynne Peters
Public Information ......................................... Della Lyons
Scholarships to Conference ....................... John Yauch

Any person shall be eligible for membership who is engaged in the practice of public health, either directly or indirectly, or who is interested in advancement of public health.

**Membership Dues**

Current Members:  
$15.00 if paid before April 1  
$20.00 after April 1  

New Members: $15.00

**Membership Form** (available in the following formats):  
MS Word  
PDF  
HTML

**Planning Committee**

Contact:  
President-Elect,  
Karen McClain, Chair

**Executive Council and Planning Meeting**

February 4, 2015  
Lewis County  
DHHR Building  
10:00 - 2:00
DID YOU KNOW?

WVPHA awards up to four (4) **Retiree Scholarships** to Annual Conference each year. Applicants must meet the eligibility requirements.

WVPHA proudly offers up to two (2), $500.00 **Educational Scholarships** to further the cause of professional public health practice in West Virginia.

The West Virginia Public Health Association acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Association members, West Virginia citizens, businesses, and organizations in promoting public health. Annually, the Association opens nominations for the following:

- **Hall of Fame Award**
- **Public Health Awards** which includes categories
  - Citizen’s Award,
  - Public Health Merit Award, and
  - Organization or Group Award

Health Administration Section
Submitted by Karen McClain

The officers for **Health Administration section** are:
- Past President: Jackie Huff; President Elect: Boyd VanHorn; Vice President: Annette Santilli; Secretary- Treasurer: Linda Sanders. Committee Chairs are:
- Audit: Boyd Vanhorn; Awards: Vacant; Bylaws: Vacant; Membership: Annette Santilli; Newsletter: Linda Sanders; Nominating: Jackie Huff; Legislative: Karen McClain.

The Administrators Section Learning Session will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 10:00 – 11:30 with a brief business meeting to follow. The section met on October 15th to discuss potential topics and speaker for the upcoming conference.

The committee wants to thank Jim Strosnider (Monongalia County) and Joanne McChesney (Braxton County) for serving as chairs of Awards and Bylaws respectively.

Membership Committee
Submitted by Jessica Woods

Thank you all for your participation in the WVPHA Membership Survey, distributed in March of 2014. The Executive Committee has had a chance to look at the results, which was a factor in why the “News and Views” newsletter was resurrected! We are working on compiling a short report on these results for the membership to view. We hope to have this report completed and distributed to WVPHA members via email by the end of December to mid-January.

The Membership Committee plans to review this report and continue to make suggestions to the Executive Committee on how to change or add benefits to membership to hopefully increase interest for public health employees across the state. Again, thank you for your participation and we hope to have a report to you soon!