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**When 'I' is
replaced by
'We' - 'illness'
becomes
'Wellness'**

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 www.oglebay-resort.com September 23, 24 & 25, 2015

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
Executive Secretary	Danya Canterbury
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

Planning Committee
 Contact:
 President-Elect,
[Karen McClain](#),
 Chair

WVPHA Standing Committees

Advertising and Exhibit Procurement	Bill Nestor
Audit	Linda Sanders
Awards	Amy Atkins
Budget	Karen McClain
By Laws	Amy Atkins
Coalition for a Tobacco Free WV	Stan Walls
Conference Planning	Karen McClain
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



Executive Council and Planning Meeting

February 4, 2015
 Lewis County
 DHHR Building
 10:00 - 2:00

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 New Members: \$15.00
 \$20.00 after April 1

[Membership Form](#) (available in the following formats): [MS Word](#) [PDF](#) [HTML](#)

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

Membership Committee

Submitted by Jessica Woods



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.

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!