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# News & Views

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"Public health
is the foundation for a
brighter tomorrow."

President Barak Obama 2015 NPHW Proclamation

# West Virginia

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# Message from the President

As the West Virginia Public Health Association begins closing yet another chapter in its history, I can't help but think about where the Association has been, what it has seen, and what the future will bring. The Association has seen the evolution of public health. No longer is public health just about prevention with vaccination clinics and sanitation compliance checks. Beginning with the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, public health has been on the frontline of disaster response and readiness with threat preparedness and mass fatality investigations just to name a couple. More recently, public health played a major role in emergency response during natural and man-made disasters, i.e. The Derecho, Super Storm Sandy, Elk River Chemical Spill and the CSX Chemical Tanker Car Derailment. What will the West Virginia Public Health Association experience in the future? That I cannot answer. But I am assured that the Association is ready to encounter whatever the future may bring.

I would like to end by saying that I am very humbled to have such a wonderful group of people to work with in the Association. I had three goals before my term was up — Initiate a Student-Affiliate section, create a stand-alone webpage, and the creation of a Facebook page. I am happy to inform all members that as of today, we have a <u>Student Section</u> that is continuing to grow; we now have an updated webpage, <u>www.wvpublichealthassociation.org</u> and a new <u>Facebook</u> page. (I want to give a special thanks to Della Lyons, Public Information Chair, for her hard work on the new webpage and Facebook page.)

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE 2015 WVPHA FALL CONFERENCE,

OGLEBAY RESORT, WHEELING, WV - 9/23 - 9/25 2015

Sincerely,

Brandon Lewis, WVPHA President

### DID YOU KNOW?

- If you have any questions or comments, you can Contact Us and we will get back to you soon.
- You can submit email address changes on the new website to receive the latest News & Views.
- Any person shall be eligible for <u>Membership</u> who is engaged in the practice of public health, either directly or indirectly, or who is interested in advancement of public health.

#### ANNUAL CONFERENCE



#### 2015 Theme

"Current Trends and Challenges: Public Health Leading the Way"

The 91st West Virginia Public Health
Association Annual Conference will be held
September 23, - 25, 2015 at the Oglebay Resort
& Conference Center, Wheeling WV
Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration

Planning Committee: Chair, <u>Karen McClain</u>, President-Elect

For the upcoming 2015 Fall Conference at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center the Executive Council voted to have the "View" buffet during the Thursday Night Banquet. You will find the list of food items included on the buffet on the new WVPHA webpage <a href="https://www.wvpublichealthassociation.org">www.wvpublichealthassociation.org</a>



Reservations can be made directly with <u>Oglebay</u> Resort and Conference Center 1-800-624-6988

Oglebay will <u>Direct Bill</u> for lodge rooms again this year. You will need to call and make your reservation. Once you get your reservation

number you can fill out the direct bill form. This can be done by each office as a group. Please include your office name on the form. Oglebay contact information is included on the form.



Reservations will be accepted at Oglebay Resort until Friday, August 21, 2015

Reservations will be taken at the group rate after Friday, August 21, 2015 pending availability of rooms.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### "Current Trends and Challenges - Public Health Leading the Way"

#### Tuesday, September 22, 2015

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. President's Reception

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Executive Council Dinner and Business Meeting – *Terrace Room* 

#### Wednesday, September 23, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration & Ballot Box - Banquet View Rooms

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open – *Glessner Ballroom* 

#### First General Session - Ballrooms A and B

#### Wednesday September 23, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Opening Remarks – Brandon Lewis, WVPHA President

**Business meeting** 

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Welcome

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Vicki Case, MSN, RN, CDE

Monongalia General Hospital

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, FACP, Commissioner

Bureau for Public Health, West Virginia State Health Officer

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Breaks and Exhibits – *Glessner Ballroom* 

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Barbara J. Reynolds, Ph.D., Director, Division of Affairs

Office of the Associate Director for Communication Centers for

**Disease Control and Prevention** 

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Reception Buffet – Banquet Rooms 1, 2 and 3

#### Thursday, September 24, 2015 - Concurrent Section Meetings

#### Thursday, September 24, 2015

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast – Glessner Hall
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration – Banquet View Rooms
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Ballot Box – Banquet View Rooms
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Exhibits open – <i>Glessner Hall</i>

#### Friday, September 25, 2015

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"Health and Safety Training: an active shooter among us"

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Introduction of Officers 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Drawings/Door Prizes

11:45 a.m Adjournment

<sup>\*</sup>Decorations and activities coordinated by the Professional Clerical Section

# **News & Views Word Search**

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**Berries in a Cloud**, a wholesome, delightful dessert that couldn't be simpler, just add a spoon, sit back, and watch the fireworks

#### Section and Committee News



#### WVPHA Administration Section

Submitted by: Karen McClain

President Jackie Huff, President Elect Boyd Vanhorn, past president Karen McClain, Vice President Annette Santilli, and Secretary/Treasurer Linda Sanders cordially invite Administrators and other public health staff to attend the Administrators section learning session on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2015.

This session will feature Joe Thomas from the WVDOP and morning refreshments will be provided.

The Agenda is as follows:

9:00 am - 9:45 am Joe Thomas WVDOP:

"Fair Labor Standards Act and Upcoming Changes"

9:45 am - 10:00 am Business Meeting

10:00 am - 12:00 pm Training for LBH/HO/administrators

Noon Lunch

1:00 pm Adjourn to Ballroom and opening remarks

The Administrator Section Officers hope you will attend this very important learning session and will also consider becoming a member. Membership fees are just \$10.

#### Section and Committee News continued

# PROFESSIONAL CLERICAL AWARDS

Submitted by: Lynne Peters

The deadline to nominate one of your co-workers and/or your boss to receive an award at the Public Health Conference is getting close.

There are three (3) awards.
"The Professional Clerical
Award", "Outstanding Service
Award" and "Boss of the Year
Award".

# The Professional Clerical Award:

is presented to a member of the section who has been outstanding in accomplishment, dedication and contribution to her/his profession. Information needed: Information about the nominee, name, address and phone number, years of service, employing agency, any contribution made by the nominee in the field of Public Health; any organizations related to Public Health of which the nominee is a member, any award, honors or citations the nominee has received.

#### **Outstanding Service Award:**

is presented to an individual who has helped the Clerical Section above and beyond the call of duty.

This recipient need not be a member of the Professional Clerical Section.

Information needed: special accomplishments relating to promotion and/or assistance to the Professional Clerical Section, information about the nominee, name, address and phone, years of service, employing agency, any contribution made by the nominee in the field of Public Health; any organizations related to Public Health of which the nominee is a member; any awards, honors, or citations the nominee has received, your name, address and phone and your employing agency.

#### **Boss of the Year Award:**

is presented to an individual who has been nominated by one of more of their subordinates. The "Boss" can be an immediate supervisor, division or department director, health officer, or so forth.

The nominee's name or identifying remarks will not appears anywhere within the letter. The person submitting the letter will put her/his own name and the name of the nominee on a separate sheet of paper to accompany the letter.

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Only the Chair of the Advisory Committee will know the nominees. The past county level presidents will review state level entries to select a finalist and the past state level presidents will review the county level entries to select a finalist. These two (2) finalists will be presented to the membership in attendance at the annual conference for selection by secret written ballot to determine a winner.

The recipients of the above three (3) awards will be presented with an engraved plaque, tray of other suitable award. The awards will be presented at the Annual Public Health Conference in September.

# ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>

The "Professional Clerical Award" & "Outstanding Service Award" should be submitted to Lynne Peters

The "Boss of the Year Award" should be submitted to Renee' Swisher

These awards are a wonderful way to let your co-workers and/or boss know just how much you really appreciate them.

#### Section and Committee News continued...

#### **Public Health Awareness**

Submitted by: Lynne Peters



National Public Health Week was celebrated April 6 to April 12. The theme "Healthiest Nation 2030" focuses on creative ways everyone can help make the United States the healthiest nation in one generation.

I did things a little different this year and asked that you set up a display of your activities at the Public Health Conference and membership would vote.

I hope you had some fun with National Public Health Week and got creative with your activities.

Hope to see you and your displays at conference in September.

Lynne Peters



## Exhibitor/Sponsor

Submitted by: Brandon Lewis

This year the WVPHA has already began receiving requests from various groups to sponsor and/or exhibit at the 2015 Fall Conference.

As of the date of this publication, the following groups will sponsor and/or exhibit:

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(Exhibitor, Break Sponsor, Placing an Ad in Program and Executive Council Dinner Sponsor)

West Virginia American Water

(Placing an Ad in Program)

American Lung Association (Exhibitor)

> Jet (Exhibitor)

> <u>Channing Bete</u> (Exhibitor)

Sanofi Pasteur (Exhibitor)

Be sure and visit the exhibit area –

It's a big part of our conference.

See you there!

#### Section and Committee News continued...

# PROFESSIONAL CLERICAL SECTION

Submitted by: Lynne Peters

Devena Moore will be presenting a Group Lifestyle Balance Diabetes Prevention Program, a recognized program of the CDC. She was trained through the University of Pittsburgh and is certified as a Master Trainer.

Over the past two years, Devena has trained over one hundred lifestyle coaches. She worked with the Aga Khan Foundation and trained over sixty lifestyle coaches in Texas with participants from all over the world. Most recently she has trained lifestyle coaches from across ten Appalachian states by teaching at the Appalachian Diabetes Conference in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Devena will be speaking to us about Diabetes Prevention, Healthy Meal/Menu Substitutions, Chronic Disease, and Diabetes Self-Management. She is a very upbeat speaker and I feel sure that you will not only learn a lot but will also enjoy her presentation.

Along with the Group Lifestyle Balance, Linda Sanders will be presenting on how stress affects our health and some tips on controlling our stress level.

Hope to see you at conference.

Lynne Peters



#### **Environmental Health Section**

Submitted by: James Casdorph

Agenda Banquet Room 3

#### Thursday, September 24, 2015

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Theresa Smedley, Supervisory Consumer Safety Officer, US FDA "Day to day operations of the Import Inspection Program of the US FDA"

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Break and Exhibits

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tammy Howard, Ice Product Specialist, United Refrigeration "Inspecting and Cleaning Ice Machines"

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. *Luncheon* 

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

West Virginia Association of Sanitarians Business Meeting

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Bekki Leigh, Coordinator, wv Department of Education, Office of Child Nutrition "Understanding the Farm to School Program"

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Break and Exhibits

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ben Jacobs, Regional Account Manager, Matcor Cathodic Protection Services "Cathodic Well Design and Installation"