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President's Message

Greetings to all Licensed Practical Nurses of Wisconsin. We have successfully hosted the 67th Annual Conference for The Wisconsin Association of Licensed Practical Nurses at the Wintergreen Hotel in Wisconsin Dells. Eileen Collins has once again blessed us with an awesome speaker, Dr. Kurt Lane. Many said, "they could have listened to him speak for hours." He enlightened us on the subjects of "Women's Health: Uterine Ablation Therapy", and "GUNN-Intramuscular Stimulation." The conference was attended by our WALPN members, 13 PN students from Iowa, along with two of their Educators, and an Educators from Lakeshore Technical Institute in Cleveland, WI. Both schools will be sending their PN students to the 2018 Conference. Date, time and place to be determined.

The Schools for Practical Nursing are again having stand-alone programs for Practical Nurses, at least 7 campuses in Wisconsin. I am working with each of these schools to come into their class rooms and sharing knowledge about their scope of practice, and the importance of belonging to their professional organization: The National Association of Licensed Practical Nurse/The Wisconsin Association of Licensed Practical Nurse. WALPN's goal will be to share this knowledge and gain membership to NALPN/WALPN.

As of July 2016, there are 16,394 Licensed Practical Nurse in Wisconsin. If you know an LPN who is NOT a member, please take the time to share membership information with them in order for LPNs to have VOICE and VOTE on issues which affect them daily.

My wish is that each of you have a safe and fun filled summer, and that you continue your support of NALPN/WALPN. I am always available to anyone who has concerns, or questions. I may be moving in the next 2months, so WALPN will send out an announcement if this move becomes final.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Shaw WALPN President

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Upcoming Events

Sept. 27 th – 30 th , 2017	NALPN 68 th Conference Orlando, FL @ Rosen Shingle Hotel \$150/night, check NALPN.org for details
Oct. 2017	Date & Time to be determined
Oct. 25 th , 2017	Articles for Capnotes to be submitted to the State Office @ walpnorg@gmail.com
Nov. 3 rd , 2017	Capnotes to be Sent out
Jan. 25 th , 2018	Articles for Capnotes to be submitted to the State Office @ walpnorg@gmail.com
Feb. 2 nd , 2018	Capnotes to be sent out.
Apr./May 2018	WALPN 68 th Annual Convention

*We Want to Hear From You...

Here is your opportunity to tell us about you, what you are doing for LPNs, and what part of the community are you benefitting! Submit an article, photo with caption, or story for consideration into the next edition of Capnotes. This publication is for you...let's use your story to inspire us all.

Submissions must be received by Oct. 25th, 2017.. Submit to walpnorg@gmail.com for consideration.

State News

Legislative News

by Carolyn Kaiser, WALPN Legislative Committee Chair

For decades WI has prided itself as a 'cut above' in many areas of quality. For persons who hold a license to practice their skill/ profession/ trade it has been promise to the citizens of WI that the goal is for the citizen protection. License holders are held to a level of accountability, if not met consequences can and do happen. Department of Safety and Professional Services is currently being looked at for a change in practice. Depending on the final resolve, you will be affected either as a license holder or in regards to requesting and being given a service.

In March 2017 Joint Finance testimony DSPS Secretary Gutierrez testified that DSPS license more than 370,000 individuals from 166 different professions. *Licensed* is the most restrictive type of credential. *Certificates* generally serve to provide special recognition to individuals who have met predetermined qualifications. They may be required to take an exam. To have 'registration' is the least restrictive form of credentialing. – I.e. for DSPS records having your name, address, and pay a fee.

Current legislative leaders are looking decreasing the occupations that 'need' a license to practice. This was originally brought up in the budget, then removed. Currently under the leadership of Senator Chris Kapenga is looking to introduce a bill to conduct a review of Wisconsin's occupational licenses and to establish guidelines for review of proposed licenses. Senator Alberta Darling and Rep. Rob Hutton have joined with his thinking.

Senator Kapenga is concerned with 'inhibiting' free enterprise and creating barriers to people finding work. He wants licensing requirements to be reviewed. He states his goal would to create a occupational license board with appointees, who would be tasked with reviewing every license on the books, this group would then make recommendations to the legislature on 'potential' reforms to WI licensing laws. As of this writing Americans for Prosperity have put out a press release expressing their glee with a variety of statements such as "These laws are outrageous because they effectively require Wisconsinites to get government permission slips to work for a living." AFP also speaks to license as 'barrier.' At this time there is a document identified as Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB 3040). Be watchful, of what actions, hearings, and mantra is taking place. When you go to the Beauty Salon have conversations; learn the details from people on the front line at this time.

Please note that DSPS is almost entirely a program

revenue department. This is an important aspect in recognizing not 'taking tax payer money,' keeping Wisconsin safe, and knowing persons have met the criteria to produce a safe practice for the citizens of our State. Remember what affects one; affects us all.

Finance Committee News

By Karen Kofka

WALPN Finance Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

There were 4 wonderful raffles donated.

1. \$75.00 gift card and Hosta plant-donated by WI River Valley/Winner-Bonnie Schindler-Chippewa Valley
2. Mary Kay basket donated by Connie Bandt (Flo Falk's daughter)/Winner-Linda Kaiser-West Central
3. Picture Frame and \$25.00 BP gas card donated by Flo Falk/ Winner-Helen Klister-Milwaukee
4. Bit of Everything Basket donated by Chippewa Valley/Winner-Connie Kastad-West Central

Winner of the 50/50 raffle was JoAnn Shaw-Northeastern Thank you to those who donated bazaar items.

A successful sale. Once again THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!!!!!!

(Start saving those address labels for next year)

Election Results

It is with great pleasure that I announce the newly elected officers from the 2017 Conference:

President: JoAnn Shaw

Treasurer: Sharon Buckson

Delegates/Alternates to the 2017 NALPN Conference: JoAnn Shaw, June Bahr, Joanie Matchey, and Annette Hooker

Nominating Committee: Bonnie Schindler (Chairperson), Rita Dietsche, and Karen Kofka

WALPN Members wish them well in the coming year.

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**Denotes Chairperson*

Board of Nursing

The **Board of Nursing** has its next scheduled meeting set for June 8th 2017 @ 8:00AM. Meetings are held @ 1400 East Washington Ave in Madison.

Please note identified nursing refresher courses for Licensed Practical Nurses being offered in WI. Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter N 1.12 lists **nursing refresher course** approval requirements for professional nurses and for practical nurses.

A nursing refresher course is designed for nurses who have not been practicing for five years or more. Courses must be approved by the Board of Nursing will be included on a listing of approved nursing refresher courses. Individual nursing refresher course participants

are required to submit curriculum only if the course is not already included on the approved course list.

Technical Schools in WI offering the refresher course for practical nurses are:

- 1) Fox Valley – Appleton
- 2) Mid State – WI Rapids
- 3) Northeast – Green Bay
- 4) Waukesha County – Pewaukee

From Board of Nursing Newsletter:

NCSBN Offers Free Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Training Materials

Nurses and Nursing Students can access free continuing education (CE) course material on Substance Use Disorder online at www.learningext.com. As a member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) the Wisconsin Board of Nursing wishes to alert Wisconsin Nurses and Nursing Students of the availability of this valuable resource. NCSBN is offering these courses due to “the common need to arm nurses and nursing students with knowledge to help identify the warning signs of SUD in patients, nurses and the general public and to provide guidelines for prevention, education and intervention.” The website also offers a downloadable brochure “What You Need to Know About Substance Use Disorder in Nursing” and a resource guide “Substance Use Disorder in Nursing.” For more information about NCSBN please visit www.ncsbn.org.

A Day in the Life, LPN Style

“To do what nobody else will do, in a way that nobody else can, in spite of all we go through; is to be a nurse.” -Raws Williams

Capnotes Educational Corner

Signs of Alzheimer’s/Dementia

1. Poor judgement and decision making
2. Inability to manage a budget
3. Losing track of the date or season
4. Difficulty having a conversation
5. Misplacing things and being unable to retrace steps to find them

Typical Age-related Change

1. Making a bad decision once in a while
2. Missing a monthly payment
3. Forgetting which day, it is and remembering later
4. Sometimes forgetting which word to use
5. Losing things from time to time

Above are the differences between Alzheimer’s/Dementia and Typical aging, study these differences which will help you in your cares.

WALPN Gives Back

June Bahr, WALPN Secretary and current President of the Northeastern Division has been collecting donations of toiletries, from WALPN members over the past year. These items are to be donated to the Homeless, Domestic Violence shelters, and Red Cross.

Below is a picture of June Bahr presenting these donations to Volunteer Kim from the Oshkosh Office. The second picture is Kim alone with the donations, which they greatly appreciate. Lastly is a Box set up on Main Street in Oshkosh for the Homeless to help themselves to donated items.

WALPN will continue to collect these type of items (that you don’t use) from hotels you visit over the next year, then June will again collect them at the 2018 Conference for distribution.

I would personally like to give a BIG thank you to June Bahr who goes out of her way to help others in need, and by representing the Wisconsin Association of Licensed Practical Nurses at these areas of need. Also, I would like to thank EVERY member and their families who have contributed to these worthy causes.

Bless YOU All,

JoAnn Shaw WALPN President



A box set up for the homeless people on Main St. in Oshkosh. June Bahr has placed donations from WALPN Members in this box for homeless people to help themselves.



June Bahr WALPN Secretary and current President of Northeastern Division of the Wisconsin Association of Licensed Practical Nurses, along with Red Cross Volunteer, Kim. Kim is accepting donations that the members of WALPN have collected this past year.



**Volunteer Kim from the Red Cross office in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, accepting donations from WALPN.
JoAnn Shaw**