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AARC Membership Discount

Here's \$15 To Put Back In Your Piggy Bank!

Admit it. When we buy goods or services and we're given the chance to save a few pennies by cutting coupons or buying an item on sale we'll often do it. If given the chance to save a few dollars, we'll do it even more often! So it stands to reason that when given the chance to save \$15, nearly everyone would do it, right? This is especially true if the savings were on the same item or service they have always used. **WRONG!**

A full annual membership in the AARC (and PSRC!) is \$90.00, which is terrific value! But the PSRC has made this great value even better by offering this same membership for **\$75.00!** There's no strings, no catches, or anything else attached to this offer! The PSRC has used its purchasing power to buy a "bulk" of membership vouchers from the AARC at a discounted rate. *We have then passed the savings along to our existing members and new members!*

How does it work? It's simple. When it's time to renew your membership, simply send your renewal form along with a check for \$75.00 to the address below. The PSRC will then send your renewal form along with a membership voucher to the AARC and your membership in both the AARC and PSRC will be renewed for another full year! That's it! **You've just saved \$15.00!**

You can take advantage of these savings even if it's not quite time for your membership renewal. Simply send a note requesting early renewal of your AARC membership along with your check. We'll send a request along with a voucher and the AARC will add 12 months to your current expiration date.

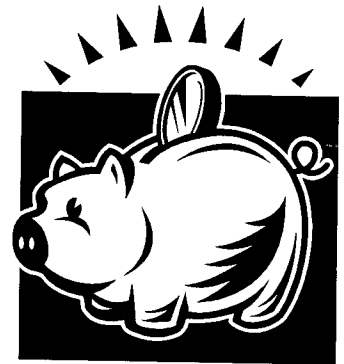
Send your \$75.00 check payable to the PSRC (not the AARC!) to:

PSRC Discount Membership
c/o 225 Hampshire Drive
Sellersville, PA 18960

Include an email address if you'd like confirmation of the receipt of your check.

If you know someone who is not a member of the AARC/PSRC but would like to join, this same offer applies! Simply have them fill out a membership application available on the AARC website (link below) and mail the completed form and check to the address above.

<https://secure.aarc.org/membership/application03.pdf>



Mandatory CEU Update

Tom Lamphere - PSRC Office Manager

On Friday, July 2, 2004, Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell signed SB751 & SB752 into law.

What are Senate Bills 751 & 752?

These bills add language to the existing PA Medical Practice and Osteopathic Acts that will require all credentialed respiratory therapists in the state of Pennsylvania to complete 20 hours of mandatory continuing education, CEU's, during each two-year certificate period.

It is important to note that this new requirement DOES NOT require any CEU's for 2004!

The Board of Medicine shall approve all courses, locations, instructors and providers for CEU's. No credit shall be given for any course in office management. The approval process will begin this fall and will take at least several months to complete.

To keep up with the most up to date information, visit the PSRC website (www.psrc.net) for the latest information available!



PA Governor Ed Rendell has signed SB 751 & 752 requiring mandatory CEU's



The PSRC serves to advance the science, technology, ethics, and art of Respiratory Care.

SAVE THIS DATE!

The AARC's well-established and highly successful **Asthma Disease Management Program / Asthma Certification Preparation Course** is coming to Valley Forge, PA, on **April 23-24, 2005!** This program is a 1 1/2-day course designed to assist respiratory therapists, nurses, pharmacists, and other health care professionals who are actively involved in asthma education or those interested in becoming an **Asthma Educator-Certified (AE-C)**, a credential awarded by the **National Asthma Educator Certification Board (NAECB)**. The program will be held in conjunction with the **PSRC Eastern Regional Conference** scheduled for **April 22, 2005**. Visit the **PSRC website** for more information on this exciting event!

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Deadlines for 2005

SPRING 2005 - JAN 31, 2005

FALL 2005 - JULY 31, 2005

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New Statewide Asthma Coalition

Gina Menz - PSRC President Elect

The Pennsylvania Pediatric & Adult Asthma Coalition is looking for new members who are interested in becoming part of the coalition. Founded in 2003 by a group of partners interested in asthma education and outreach, the Pennsylvania Pediatric and Adult Asthma Coalition (PPAAC) is dedicated to advocating and promoting education, management, treatment and access to health care providers for persons with asthma. PPAAC seeks to build capacity in PA and through policy and environmental changes reduce the burden of asthma for all those suffering from the disease.

Our goals include:

1. Increasing public awareness of the causes and effects of asthma including, but not limited to, risk factors, control, early diagnosis and treatment for consumers, educators and providers.
2. Work to help unify local/regional coalitions, providing a statewide forum for local organizations to coordinate efforts and share resources
3. Work to improve the quality of life for those with asthma
4. Work to provide data and information to healthcare providers on diagnosis and treatment of asthma
5. Support legislative initiatives that positively affect the lives for those with asthma.

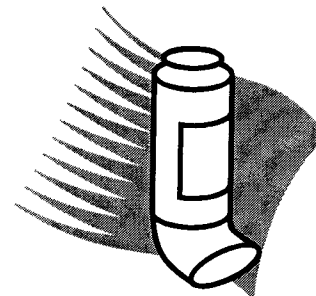
Visit our website at www.AsthmaInPA.com. We are looking for people willing to do work on local and regional levels to help further the cause of ASTHMA CONTROL in Pennsylvania.

To become a Member of the PPAAC contact:

Gina Menz, RRT, AEC
 Pennsylvania Pediatric & Adult Asthma Coalition
 c/o American Lung Association of Pennsylvania
 3524 West 26th Street Erie, PA 16506

Phone: 814-833-2882 Fax: 814-833-7117
 Email: gmenz@alapa.org

Look for information on the **Spring 2005 ASTHMA LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**. The American Lung Association of Pennsylvania's Asthma Leadership Institute is designed to help key community members to be leaders in education of asthma. This Institute will be a hands on and interactive program lead by current leaders in the Medical and public health fields. Three educational tracts will run concurrently along with general sessions for entire institute attendees. The ultimate outcome of program is that attendees leave institute with comprehensive knowledge of asthma and how they can use that knowledge to impact asthma in their area of expertise and geography.



New Statewide
 Asthma Coalition
 looking for
 committed
 Respiratory Therapists



FYI

For information regarding PA
 State Licensure

website:

www.dos.state.pa.us/med

e-mail:

st-medicine@state.pa.us

phone:

717-783-1400

To File a Complaint with the PA State Board of Medicine

If you believe the practice or service provided by a licensed professional to be unethical, immoral, below an acceptable standard of practice, or out of the scope of the profession, you are urged to contact the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs and file a complaint. Complaints may be filed anonymously by indicating in the body of the complaint that you wish to have your name withheld.

The toll-free number to call is: 1-800-822-2113 (PA only) or 717-783-4849 (outside PA)

Or, you may wish to download a complaint form by accessing the Department of State website at: http://www.dos.state.pa.us/bpoa/LIB/bpoa/20/complaint_form_revision_5-03.pdf



PA State Board
 of Medicine
 1-800-822-2113

MU RT Students Take Top Honors

John M. Hughes - PSRC Delegate



Millersville University holds the title of PA Student Sputum Bowl Champs for 2004!

Millersville University in cooperation with Lancaster General Hospital offers a highly respected respiratory therapy training program as an option in the Biology Department. On Friday April 23, 2004, the program's students and faculty traveled to Valley Forge to attend the Eastern Regional Conference of the Pennsylvania Society for Respiratory Care (PSRC). In addition to the many educational offerings and equipment displays, our students participated in a student knowledge bowl competition, affectionately called the "Sputum Bowl".

While in the past these competitions were largely for school spirit and bragging rights, this year the stakes were raised. After many years, the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) has decided to open a student division of its national Sputum Bowl championship series. The AARC Sputum Bowl Committee has invited each state to send a student team as well as a practitioner team to compete at the AARC International Congress, which will be held in early December at the New Orleans Convention Center.

Our team of three students, Elizabeth Agro, Kristen Beierlein, and Alaina Conn competed in a field of 10 student teams representing various Pennsylvania respiratory therapy programs. They emerged from the competition undefeated and now bear the distinction of reigning Pennsylvania student sputum bowl champions! The PSRC board of directors met and agreed to partially support the students' travel, lodging, and registration for the 2004 AARC International Congress in New Orleans. It goes without saying that we are all very excited and proud of them as they go to represent Pennsylvania's schools in New Orleans!



PSRC Scholarship
guidelines &
application may be
found on
the web at
www.psrc.net

PSRC Scholarship Available

Based on our mission to support respiratory therapy education in Pennsylvania, the PSRC has established a scholarship for RT students enrolled in all accredited Respiratory Care Programs throughout the state.

The scholarship guidelines and application are available on the PSRC website (www.psrc.net).

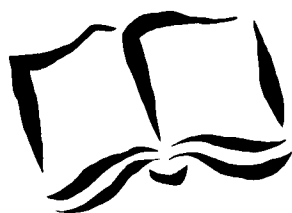
This scholarship program is an important initiative to support respiratory therapy education. Questions regarding this exciting program can be directed to our Office Manager at officeman@psrc.net.

Membership Drive For DME Companies

The PSRC is offering a special incentive to attract new members!

Effective September 1st to December 31st, 2004, the PSRC is offering a free HomeCare Manual to the first 30 DME companies who recruit 2 new active or associate PSRC/AARC members.

This offer can be used in conjunction with our membership coupons to save even more! To take advantage of this offer, please contact our Office Manager at officeman@psrc.net.



Get your free
PSRC HomeCare
manual today!

PA License Info.....Did You Know?

Bette Grey - PSRC Bylaws/Judicial Committee Chairperson

If you fail the credentialing exam and you have a temporary license, please be sure that you renew your temporary license. Don't assume that you are still covered by the original temporary license!

If your license is expired, please renew it. Practicing without a license in the State of PA is not allowed. The state will levy fines and place sanctions on your license if you practice with an expired one. Practicing as an impaired therapist can lead to fines and sanctions as well. Also, if any sanctions are placed on you in PA, these sanctions may follow you to any of the other states that require licensure.

If you go to work for any facility, be sure that they ask you for your license. And a note to managers, ask for that license. If you don't ask for it and it has sanctions or has expired and if it is brought before the Medical Boards, you may either receive a letter and/or a visit from the Department of Health.

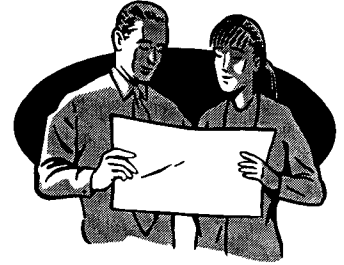
Be sure you and your facility know who you are hiring. This is especially important when hiring traveler therapists. Don't depend on the agency to give you the right information. Often times they are given what the therapist has given them. Go that extra step to confirm any and all credentials!

The websites below are helpful with any licensure issues.

www.st-medicine@state.pa.us
www.dos.state.pa.us/med

Also the phone number, address, and fax number:

Joanne Troutman, Administrator
P.O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649
Phone: 717-783-1400
Fax: 717-787-7769



Go that extra step to confirm any and all credentials!



Mark Your Calendars:

The PSRC SW District's
31st
Annual Seminar
in Pulmonary Medicine
will be held on
October 14th and 15th, 2004
at the
Holiday Inn-Greentree
Pittsburgh, PA

For info contact:
Gail Varcelotti
@ SWDistrict@psrc.net

Best Wishes & Good Luck

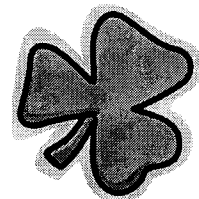
Over the past few years, **Chris Blake, RRT**, was a very active member of the PSRC. Shortly after accepting a position as Day Shift Coordinator/Clinical Instructor at Grand View Hospital, Chris became involved with the PSRC Eastern Regional Conference. In typical Chris style, he enthusiastically jumped in and became Co-Chair of Exhibits Registration. In 2004, he took on the full responsibility of this position and did a stellar job.

Wanting to be more involved, in 2003, Chris became the **Vice President of the PSRC**. During his time as Vice President he handled many responsibilities, which included the initial development of the **Student Scholarship Award**.

Always looking for opportunities for growth, Chris volunteered to attend the PACT meeting in Washington DC in 2003. As our Pennsylvania representative, Chris set-up meetings with senators in an effort to raise their awareness of respiratory issues. If truth be told, he had the senator's ears longer than any other PACT representative.

While in Washington, Chris was approached about a job opportunity in Virginia, which he eventually accepted. Chris is now the Pediatric Manager of one of the Carilion Health System Hospitals in Roanoke, Virginia. The PSRC Board of Directors wish to thank Chris for all of his hard work and send best wishes to Chris, Sharon, Taylor and Eddie in Virginia.

- Cathy Hurley, PSRC Treasurer



*The PSRC sends
"Good Luck "
to Chris Blake
& his family
in Virginia*

First Annual PA Wellness Institute: Respiratory Health & Smoking Prevention/Cessation

August 2-5, 2004 - Millersville University
Garry W. Kauffman, MPA, CHE, RRT
PSRC President, 1991 - AARC President, 2000



*Smoking
Prevention/Cessation
focus of First Annual PA
Wellness Institute*

Health and science educators, school nurses, coaches, athletic trainers, respiratory therapists, and school administrators were treated to an innovative four-day program focusing on respiratory health. Nationally recognized speakers included Dr. Edward Rosenow from the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Robert Gillio Founder and Chief Medical Officer of Innerlink, Inc., and Victor Denoble, PhD, an experimental psychologist who was one of the key witnesses in the government hearings that examined the practices of the tobacco industry in the early 1990s.

Joining this august faculty were Respiratory Therapists John Hughes, RRT and Garry W. Kauffman, RRT. John provided a stimulating presentation on the role and value of the Respiratory Therapist as a physician extender and gave the audience a bird's eye view of his BS RRT program sponsored by Millersville University and Lancaster General Hospital.

The program included a wealth of didactic lectures as well as some valuable hands-on opportunities in afternoon workshops and breakout sessions. The packed house was given the opportunity to examine pig lungs/heart under the tutelage of Dr. Gillio. In another room, John and Garry dusted off their PFT skills by performing screening PFTs for over 40 attendees.

Wednesday evening included a social hour and panel discussion that included the local county commissioner Molly Henderson, RRT (note: the first RT commissioner in the county's history!), our legislator for the region, Roy Baldwin, and Dr. Rosenow.

Of great value to the attendees and to RTs in PA was Representative Baldwin's advice on how to get your opinions heard by legislators. Don't send emails and faxes, because they are immediately deleted and discarded. He suggested that the best way to get their attention is to visit their local office and present them with facts. The second best way is to write a personal letter, including the facts and rationale to substantiate your opinion. In all cases, he told us that 'legislators vote based upon the contact with their voters. It's really that simple!'

The Q & A period ran well beyond the scheduled time because of the tremendous interest expressed by the attendees to ensure that our elected representatives voted to use the tobacco settlement funds for smoking prevention/cessation rather than filling potholes and other uses that were truly not the intent of those who fought and won the settlement.

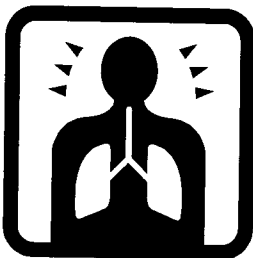
The settlement funds are up for analysis and reappropriation after the winter holidays and it is critical that every RT in Pennsylvania contact their representative to tell her/him that we want the money spent on prevention/cessation. In fact, now's the perfect time to contact your legislator to express your views and remind them that election day is just around the corner (if you know what I mean).

In summary, this inaugural program was an overwhelming success thanks to the collaborative leadership of Innerlink, Millersville University, the Lancaster County Drug and Alcohol Commission, and the Lancaster Tobacco-Free Coalition on. The groups are already planning for next year's program based upon the fantastic success of the inaugural event.

-John Hughes, PSRC Delegate



*"Legislators vote
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*The inaugural program
on Respiratory Health
was a fantastic success!*

PA Sputum Bowl Competition Updates

Linda Napoli - PSRC Sputum Bowl Chairperson

The Pennsylvania Student and State Final Sputum Bowls were held on April 23, 2004, in conjunction with the PSRC Eastern Regional Conference. The Student competition was held first, with 10 teams participating. These teams represented BMH/West Chester University, Community College of Philadelphia, Millersville University and Gwynedd Mercy College. As always the competition was exciting with Millersville University realizing the first place win.

A new twist for this competition (and a new incentive to win) was the creation this year of a National Student Sputum Bowl competition to coincide with the National Sputum Bowl competition at the AARC National Convention in New Orleans. The PSRC Board was able to allocate funds to help this student team attend the competition. The winners are Kristin Beierlein, Alaina Cohn and Liz Agro.

The State Final Competition followed with 5 therapist teams and the second place student team competing to represent the State in the National Competition. It was equally as electrifying, with the winning team hailing from Penn State Hershey Medical Center. The winners are Jennifer Miller, Kris Miller and Corky Hissner.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AND REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now is the time to gear up and start studying for next year's competition - wouldn't it be great to visit San Antonio in December of 2005? The Student competition will be on April 21st with the State Final being held on April 22nd. So start now - visit the AARC website, click on Resources and then go to Sputum Bowl. There is a wealth of information that can help you get started! As the time nears more information will be available on the PSRC website. Good studying!



*PA Student & State
Sputum Finals
Results*



*"Congratulations
to all and
remember to
have fun!"*

Excellence in Respiratory Care Seminar

WellSpan-York Hospital is presenting its second annual "Excellence in Respiratory Care" seminar on Friday, October 8, 2004. The seminar is being held at WellSpan's Human Resources Center.

Morning topics include:

- Personality Profiles, with Tracey Brinkach, MBA,
- Managing Asthma, with Douglas Kline, MD,
- Public Health Preparedness with Michael Huff, RN,
- Noninvasive Positive Pressure Ventilation, with Dean Hess, PhD, RRT.

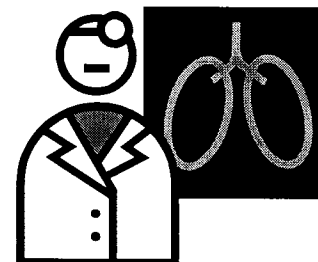
Afternoon topics include:

- Bariatric Surgery, with John Monk, MD F.A.C.S.,
- Lung Transplantation, with Jonathan Orens, MD,
- Healthcare Lobbying, Diane Salerno, PSRC lobbyist,
- Advances in Therapy for the Treatment of COPD, with Ugaldo Martin, MD.

Applications have been made for AARC CEU's.

Cost of the program is \$50. Information and a registration form will be posted on the PSRC web site at www.psrc.net. Directions may be found on the hospital's web page at www.wellspan.org.

Any questions please call Ann Wilson or Mary Witmer at 717-851-2446.



*Wellspan's 2nd annual
"Excellence
in Respiratory Care"
seminar to be held on
October 8, 2004*

Welcome New AARC/PSRC Members

NAME

CITY

Kathleen Accornero	Murrysville
Susan Acri	Harrisburg
Jeremy Albright	DAUPHIN
Peter Allen	Devon
Gwen Ambrose	Etters
Karen Amon	St Thomas
Andrea Baka	Washington Boro
Jillian Balthaser	Centerport
Maribel Blythe	Clifton Heights
Philip Bower	Harrisburg
Cynthia Brackin	Hummeltown
Lori Bradley	Ridley Park
Linda Bryner	Freedom
Alan Buckingham	Mt Laurel
Jeanne Buckley	McMurray
Matthew Buffler	Warminster
Penny Burke	Willow Grove
Tom Calisterio	Philadelphia
Debra Campbell	Enola
Mary Carmen	Butler
Kelly Carr	Philadelphia
Karen Caslin	Trevose
Beryl Chambers	Philadelphia
Barbara Chase	Corry
Jo Ann Coutts	Mechanicsburg
Chris Cuba	New Kensington
Tierra Daise	Philadelphia
Sarah Dalton	West Pittston
Julia Deane	Lititz
Wayne Deppen	Philadelphia
Carole Dorr	Kutztown
Charleen Doubet	Edinboro
Donna Dowd	Blue Bell
Kristen Dumas	Sunbury
Robert Dwinell	Palmerton
Morgan Eppenstein	West Chester
Kristine Finore	Ambler
Renee Fureman	Harrisburg
Judith Galbraith	Waynesburg
Lyubov Gayevaya	Ephrata
Jim Gibson	West Chester
Robert Gillio	Lancaster
Katherine Girton	Bloomsburg
Danielle Goodwin	Birdsboro
Barry Gorin	Quakertown
Lisa Greatti	Abington
Mary Grotkowski	Erie
Sukhdev Grover	Pittsburgh
Alissa Hanes	Erie
Dana Hansen	Reading
Jamie Harper	Johnstown
Jeffrey Harvey	Erie
Shawn Howell	Yardley
Michael Hurley	Hatboro
Silvai Inacio	Feasterville Trevose
George Jacob	Philadelphia
Amy Jacoby	Sinking Spring
Marian Kehs	Collegeville
Jaelyn Kennedy	Springfield
Virgo Kidd	Philadelphia
Kelly Kimmel	Reading

NAME

CITY

Dore Klenk	Spring City
Stephen Kohler	Reading
Amy Krentel	Wayne
Bradley Kuch	Pittsburgh
Tricia Kuhn	Reading
John Kurtz	Allentown
Michael Leddy	Philadelphia
Michelle Lewis	Bethel Park
Helen Lhulier	Boothwyn
Jianling Liu	Devon
Laura Loggi	Pittsburgh
Colin Markham	Philadelphia
Rob McAteer	Downington
Murielle Merisier	Philadelphia
Donna Mosakowski	Glenmoore
Michael Mueller	Mechanicsburg
Todd Mulseed	Bethlehem
Andrew Munchel	Camp Hill
Brock Neiderlander	Youngwood
Jaelyn Nicholls	West Chester
Mignon Nolan	Philadelphia
Joseph Nyame	Philadelphia
Andy Olivares	Philadelphia
Carrie Olsen	Honeybrook
Judith Orme	Telford
Travis Oswald	Parkesburg
Manoj Panicker	Philadelphia
Nicole Perrimon	Philadelphia
Susan Petersen	Pittsburgh
Jubrae Peurifoy	Philadelphia
Leo Phillips	Allison Park
Rita Pindle	Philadelphia
Elissa Piscitelli	Philadelphia
Martha Reed	Athens
Noel Rice	Roslyn
Shannon Sandoe	New Cumberland
Karen Scott	West Chester
David Sestili	Philadelphia
Margaret Shauberger	Albion
Tara Shields	Springfield
Tina Shreckengost	New Bethlehem
Ellen Slater	Hanover
Carl Slusher	West Chester
Pamela Smaczniak	Erie
Karen Smith	Media
Hope Smolin	Perkasie
Duane Sunday	Mechanicsburg
Vincent Telzano Borovz	York
Chris Tino	Drums
Kristi Trauger	Upper Black Eddy
Chris Trout	West Chester
Nancy Van Kirk	Riverside
Clarence Vitales	Sinking Spring
Elaine Walker	Erie
Jody Webb	Waterford
Jill Wolber	West Lawn
Margaret Ziegler	Lansdale

The above listed members were approved for AARC/PSRC membership prior to August 1, 2004

2005 PROJECTED REVENUE BUDGET

<u>Account</u>	<u>Subaccount</u>	<u>Budgeted Subaccounts</u>	<u>Totals</u>
AARC			\$12,600.00
Publications			\$6,000.00
	(Advance)	\$5,000.00	
	Homecare Manual	\$1,000.00	
Seminars			\$72,500.00
	East	\$43,000.00	
	Northwest	\$4,500.00	
	Southcentral		
	Southwest	\$25,000.00	
Legislative DC trip (projected for 2005)			
Gifts			\$3,260.00
Interest			\$3,000.00
Public Relations			\$2,000.00
Recruitment			\$7,500.00
Districts (6)			\$20,000.00
	North West	\$1,000.00	
	North East	\$1,000.00	
	NE Golf Outing	\$2,000.00	
	Capital	\$1,000.00	
	South Central	\$1,000.00	
	South East	\$1,000.00	
	SE Awards & Golf	\$6,000.00	
	South West	\$1,000.00	
	SW Golf Outing	\$6,000.00	
Sputum Bowl			
Misc			
TOTALS			\$126,860.00

2005 PROJECTED EXPENSE BUDGET

<u>Account</u>	<u>Subaccount</u>	<u>Budgeted Subaccounts</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Administration			\$5,700.00
	Insurance	\$3,100.00	
	Office Supplies	\$200.00	
	Photocopy	\$100.00	
	Postage	\$100.00	
	Bank Charges		
	Travel & Accommodations		
	Pres	\$1,000.00	
	Pres Elect	\$700.00	
	PACT	\$500.00	
Publications			\$5,600.00
Board of Directors			\$3,200.00
House of Delegates			\$3,000.00
Seminars			\$48,500.00
	East	\$25,000.00	
	Northwest	\$3,500.00	
	Southcentral		
	Southwest	\$20,000.00	
Legislative			\$10,100.00
	Committee	\$100.00	
	Salerno Services	\$10,000.00	
	Consultation		
	Expenses, phone		
	Lobbying		
	Lobbying tx		
	DC Trip (in 2006)		
Sputum Bowl			\$4,800.00
	Nationals		
	Practitioners -	\$3000.00	
	Students -	\$1500.00	
	State Finals	\$150.00	
	Student	\$150.00	
Accounting Expense (taxes & audit)			\$3,500.00
Districts (6)			\$20,000.00
	Northwest	\$1,000.00	
	Northeast	\$1,000.00	
	NE Golf Outing	\$2,000.00	
	Capital	\$1,000.00	
	South Central	\$1,000.00	
	South East	\$1,000.00	
	SE Awards & Golf	\$6,000.00	
	South West	\$1,000.00	
	SW Golf Outing	\$6,000.00	
Elections			\$800.00
Internet			\$680.00
Literary Awards			
Office Manager			\$5,200.00
Public Relations			\$1,500.00
Membership			
Recruitment		\$7,000.00	\$7,800.00
	Mailings	\$800.00	
Student Recognition Award			\$980.00
Scholarships			\$5,000.00
Misc			
AARC International Fellow			\$500.00
TOTALS			\$126,860.00

PSRC 2005 Budget

The PSRC Board of Directors has approved a budget for 2005 and submits it for your review.

Comments or questions should be addressed to the PSRC Treasurer, Cathy Hurley, by **October 29, 2005**, via email (Treasurer@psrc.net) or phone (215-453-4185)....**thank you!**

News From The Northeast District

Michele Comes - NE District Director



*Hanna Bailey
PSRC Student Award
Recipient*

I would like to introduce Hanna Bailey, a new face in the Northeast District. She is the recipient of the **PSRC Award**, consisting of a 1 year AARC membership. The award is offered to each RC program in Pennsylvania, to be given to a member of the graduating class. Hanna graduated from the *Robert Packer School of Respiratory Therapy/ Mansfield University* in May 2004 and is now employed at Soldiers + Sailors Memorial Hospital (Laurel Health System) in Wellsboro, PA.

Her interest in RC began in high school, participating in the **Health Careers Program**, which is a joint venture between Laurel Health System, and the Southern Tioga School District. The program, involves two years and is designed so that, during the first year, the students spend a portion of their day learning about different health related careers and, during the second year, are able to spend time "shadowing" these careers.

During this time, Hanna's grandmother, who had emphysema, had fallen, breaking her hip. Her surgery was delayed, due to the condition of her lungs and, watching her treatment helped Hanna decide that R.T. was her chosen career. She enjoys "spending time with the respiratory patients and helping to make a difference in their lives". We wish Hanna a great career as a Respiratory Therapist!



*Celebrate
Respiratory Care
Week
October 24-30,
2004*

Life Science Career Alliance

A non-profit group is seeking RT's to volunteer for one-hour lectures in high schools in the Philadelphia area. This is a collective effort of life science employers and educators to attract students to health careers. The field of Respiratory is prominently featured in this series. If anyone is interested in participating in this venture, please email us through the PSRC website.

This is a great way to promote the field of Respiratory and gather new students!

Southeast District Update

Eileen Censullo - SE District Director



*The Southeast District
Social was an exciting evening
to network, relax & meet
new people!*

Welcome to our interim Vice President Evelyn Taylor. Don't forget to vote in our upcoming PSRC election!

Our latest Southeast District Social was held at Heritage Hall in Ridley, PA on May 13, 2004. There were 65 RCP's combined with vendors. An exciting evening to network, relax and meet new people.

Our Fall Managers Meeting will be coming and all managers will receive an email with the date. The meeting will be held at Gwynedd Mercy College again. If you missed the last one, try and come to this one. We had many great topics brought up with discussions. It was a worthwhile day for all of us.

If anyone is interested from our district in attending any board meetings or promoting membership, please do not hesitate to call me or email me at SEDistrict@psrc.net

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The May, 2004 ALA
Philadelphia Asthma
Walk was held at
Penn's Landing



Team from CHOP



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John Conrad-Legislative Affairs

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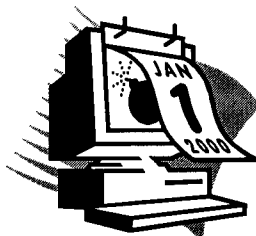
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Calendar of Events - Fall/Winter 2004

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| October | 27 | National Lung Health Day! | |
| 8 | Excellence in Respiratory Care Seminar
Wellspan/York Hospital, York, PA | Nov | |
| 14-15 | PSRC Western Regional Conference
Holiday Inn-Green Tree, Pittsburgh, PA | 12 | 4th Quarter PSRC BOD Meeting |
| 24-30 | Celebrate Respiratory Care Week! | Dec | |
| 26 | HFOV Symposium
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia | 4-7 | 50th AARC International Congress
New Orleans, Louisiana |



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info & the most up-to-date calendar of
events at www.psrc.net