

NJ/EPA TRA- March 2009 - Email Blast

President's Message

Hello NJ/EPA Members,

First, I would like to welcome and thank Katie Link, who has accepted the position of Education committee co-chair.

Second, I would like to remind you to renew your membership. Membership is what keeps this organization running and allows us to continue to offer great conferences and workshops. If you have any questions or did not receive a renewal reminder in the mail, please contact Patrick Cahill, Membership Chair at cahill0829@aol.com . You can also print out a copy of the membership application from our website at <http://www.njepa-tra.com>.

Third, we are still working out the kinks in our new Email Blast format. We apologize if anyone has had difficulty with the links. It is important to note that you can also access the information contained in the Email Blasts at our website under the Newsletter link at <http://www.njepa-tra.com>. If you have any questions, suggestions, articles or information for future Email Blasts please contact Lucy Orr Tomczynski at lucyctrs@msn.com.

As a reminder, job postings and educational opportunities can be sent to Lucy Orr Tomczynski at lucyctrs@msn.com. These postings are sent out via email to all members of NJ/EPA TRA within a few days of being received. This is a free service we offer to our members.

Finally, we have included some links to websites that we hope may enhance your TR practice. We plan to include new ones with each email blast and encourage you, our members to send us some of your favorites to share in upcoming email blasts.

Enjoy!

Erin Moore, CTRS, NJ/EPA TRA President

ATRA Update:

ATRA is on Facebook!

ATRA is now on Facebook to increase networking capability. Just search for American Therapeutic Recreation Association under groups. There are some discussion boards and internship postings.

ATRA Mid-Year Conference in DC: Extended deadline until March 23rd and Reduced Rates

In an attempt to make continuing education more affordable ATRA is pleased to announce that the full package rates are now available to ALL of our attendees -- those who are staying onsite as well as those who are driving in each day.

Rate Includes: All of your meals and breaks on March 22-23 and a box lunch on the 24th (Day on the Hill) plus free transportation to the Hill and back to the Conference Center or Dulles airport on the 24th. Flights out of Dulles must be scheduled after 5:30pm to allow time to get to the airport from the Hill. (Members: \$220.00; Non members: \$344.00; Student members: \$175.00)

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to learn more about Recreational Therapy and public policy experiences relevant to the RT Profession

Peg Connolly Scholarship- Attention Students!

The Peg Connolly Scholarship is given to 8 students across the country who show strong interest in developing themselves both personally and professionally as Therapeutic Recreation Specialists. This is a working scholarship giving you the opportunity to attend ATRA's Annual conference which is held this year in Minneapolis, Minnesota. It is a great chance to be involved with your profession. Conference registration and hotel included. Application deadline is May 11, 2009. Be on the lookout for the Peg Connolly Scholarship application, check www.atra-tr.org for details.

ATRA is accepting bids for webmaster

ATRA is looking to make its website more accessible and is currently accepting bids for webmaster. Please pass this information along to anyone who may be interested.

ATRA Teleconferences for CEUs

Registration is now open for the 2009 Series of ATRA Teleconferences. This is a great way to earn CEUs without leaving your home or office. They are offering both live calls and replays to accommodate any schedule. Series topics include: Long Term Care, Assistive Technology, Mental Health Issues, TBI/Polytrauma, Professional Issues. Sessions occur throughout the year. Check the ATRA website for details and fees.

NCTRC Update:

NCTRC is conducting a research project to collect information about current CTRS demographics and employment practices. The findings derived from this survey will be used to create the CTRS Profile Report, a publication designed to inform the public and vital interest groups about CTRS employment practices and professional issues. Contact NCTRC for questions about survey content or technical difficulties. NCTRC@nctrc.org or telephone: (845) 639-1439).

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB228UKT26ZTQ>

Save the Date:

The ATRA Mid Year Conference will be held in Washington, D.C. at the National Conference Center on March 22-24, 2009.

Visit www.atra-online.com for more information.

The Mid-Eastern Symposium will be held in Hershey, PA at the Hershey Lodge on May 3-5, 2009.

Visit www.mideastsymposium.com for more information.

The ATRA Annual Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, MN on October 2-5, 2009.

Visit www.atra-online.com for more information.

Our NJ/EPA TRA Annual Conference will be held at the NJ Hospital Association in Princeton, NJ on November 9-10, 2009. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE. This is later than it was held in past years.

NJ/EPA TRA Spring Workshop information coming soon.

Helpful Websites

Promote what you do: Be proud to be a CTRS!

Recreation Therapy gear/ marketing items.

<http://www.cafepress.com/teachleisure>

Different kinds of pins in many categories

<http://www.positivepins.com/>

More Recreation Therapy Items

<http://www.recreationtherapystore.com/>

Supplement your TR toolbox

Guided imagery resources and information

<http://www.guidedimagery.com/>

Organization that explains and makes memory boxes

<http://www.memoryboxes.org/>

Sensory resources for adults and kids

<http://www.specialneedstoys.com/>

Group resources organized by topic

<http://www.creativetherapystore.com/>

Preprinted Thumballs with assorted topics

<http://www.catch32ball.com/>

Educational Opportunities – out side the box (These are not endorsed by NJ/EPA TRA or any other TR organization known to NJ/EPA TRA but may be acceptable by NCTRC for CEU credit – please be cautious when selecting continuing education outside of the TR specific sessions and be prepared to submit supporting documentation to NCTRC at renewal time)

On line graduate certificate in aging

<http://shrp.umdj.edu/programs/GCA/index.htm>