

Boy, where did the time go? Seems like I started collecting notes, news, and photos for the summer newsletter, and here it is, the day before Christmas! So I begin by wishing to all everything wonderful for the holidays and for all of 2010. This is always kind of a quiet week at work, so it's a good time to think and plan and reflect. Be sure to celebrate and honor your accomplishments, joys, and milestones of the past year. And then it's time to get in to the planning, goal-setting, opportunities for improvement for the coming year. Also, those New Year's Resolutions....

The annual ASHHRA Conference in Chicago - heart of Region 5! - was one of the highlights for me. I always love having the opportunity to return to the city where I spent the first twenty years of my professional life. It's great to get away from some of the daily demands of the office, but the highlight is reconnecting with colleagues and friends from across the country, sharing stories and experiences and participating in all the learning opportunities....and this year, some of the piano bars!

At Sunday's regional breakfast, it was my privilege to recognize the recipients of the 2009 ASHHRA Awards from Region 5, including:

CHAPTER MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Four Stars - Ohio Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administrators

Three Stars - Wisconsin Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration

Two Stars - Central Illinois Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration

Two Stars - Indiana Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER OFFICER AWARDS

Central Illinois Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration - **Julie Mann**,
Director, Human Resources, KSB Hospital, Dixon, IL

Ohio Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administrators - **Elizabeth Brill**,
Director, Human Resources, Barnesville Hospital Association, Barnesville, OH

Wisconsin Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration - **Randy Schade**,
Director, Human Resources, Aspirus-Wausau Hospital, Wausau, WI

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Central Illinois Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration - **Kal Keitel**,
Director, Human Resources, St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital, Effingham, IL

Indiana Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration - **Eva Carr**, Human
Resources Specialist, Dearborn County Hospital, Lawrenceburg, IN

Wisconsin Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration - **Janelle Markgraf**,
Vice President, Human Resources, Langlade Hospital, Antigo, WI

COMMUNICATIONS AWARDS

"eSource" electronic communication, **Karen Sagar**, St. Francis Hospital, Beach Grove,
IN

"Human Resources Annual Report," **Randy Schade**, Aspirus-Wausau Hospital, Wausau, WI

METLIFE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Fred Haimerl, Senior Compensation Analyst, Ministry Healthcare, Milwaukee, WI

If you have a moment, I would encourage each chapter member to please take the time to join with me and thank your chapter leadership, and these individuals specifically, in recognition of their hard work and commitment.

I also want to take a moment to thank all of you for your support in re-electing me as your Region 5 Consultant. I am making plans for the upcoming year and hope to be able to visit several chapters in 2010. Best wishes for a wonderful new year!

Calendar of Events

6/2-4	ASHHRA Leadership Conference, Knickerbocker Hotel, Chicago, IL
9/25	ASHHRA Annual Conference pre-conference workshops
9/26-28	ASHHRA Annual Conference, Fulfilling Our Promise, Marriott Waterside, Tampa, FL

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