



The Crab Chatter

Debbie Soth
Dietary Manager of the Year
October 1, 2007



From **Becky Sutton, R.N., Administrator of Hartley Hall Nursing Home, Inc.**

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate Deborah Faye Soth as Dietary Manager of the Year. Debbie has been employed at Hartley Hall for seven years. Her accomplishments during her employment have been phenomenal.223905

Hartley Hall had always prided itself with our dietary department but had lost ground over several years prior to Debbie coming here to work. Quality meals that reflect the preferences of our residents was a primary goal for her. Not only did she succeed in a relatively short period of time to recapture and even improve upon our previous standard, she was also extremely cost conscious and shopped for the best quality products at the best price. She has rarely gone above her food budget, and when she has, it has been because additional large groups were served at meetings or educational sessions at the facility. We joke that her negotiations with providers for good pricing drove at least two of them into early retirement.

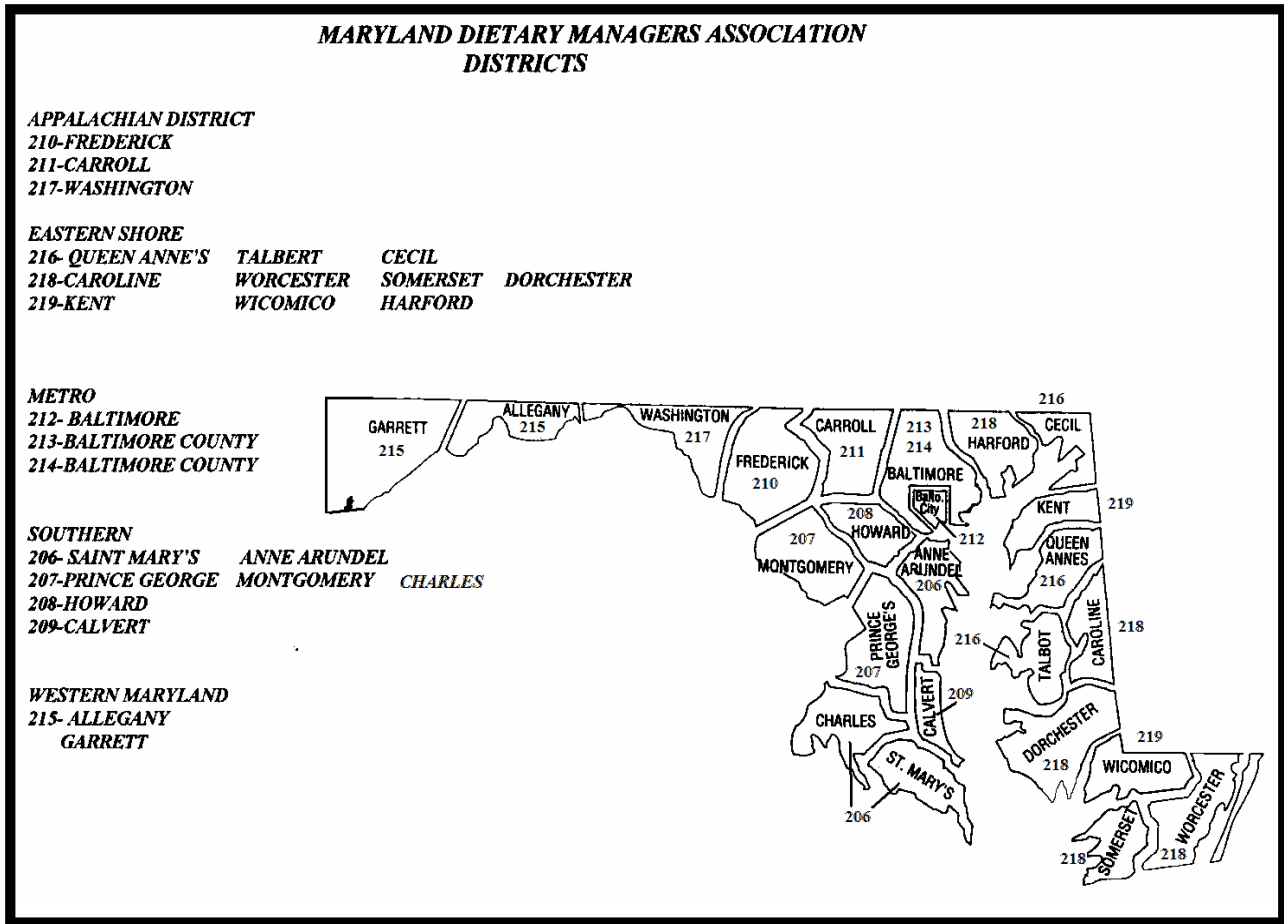
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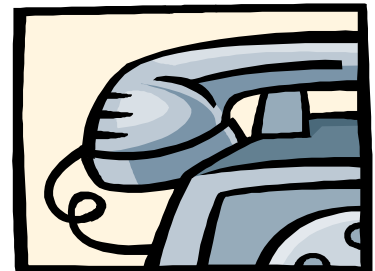


MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

There are five member numbers hidden in this issue. Member numbers are selected at random. If your number is found, please contact Bonna Brown 301.582.0282, EXT 160-no later than, Nov. 25 2007, which will qualify you for the annual drawing for free registration at the Fall workshop in Ocean City, Md. Oct., 2008. Remember, you gotta read to win. William Kreuter, Dennis Wright, Janet West, Mary Monroe, Mohammed Deen, Gail Olakunle, Jpan Cobbler, Willie Dimill, Anne itelli, Stacey Klein, Debra Dietz, Joanne Wag agoner and Anisa Murray names appear in the last issue of the newsletter. [Stacey Klein won the drawing for free registration for Ocean City 2007.](#)

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MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your president for the past year.

I would like to say "thank you" to all of my board member and committee chair members for their outstanding service.

Please give Bonnie Hollingsworth your support as president. I hope 2007-2008 will be just as exciting as the last one.225443

SORRY THAT THE CRAB CHATTER IS LATE. THE EDITOR WAS CRUISING ON THE HIGH SEAS.

Virgie Small, CDM,CFPP



Happy Thanksgiving!

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We now have a constantly evolving menu cycle that is responsive to our Food Committee's requests. Once a month, the Food Committee plans a menu, usually in conjunction with a holiday that falls within that month. Sometimes a little negotiation is necessary but the negotiations are never of the kind that would reduce work load-it is to balance that meal a little better. The lower shore is very fond of its bread and potatoes!

Having addressed Deb's dedication to our residents, it is also important to note that she caters to the staff as well. Staff may purchase a lunch or dinner meal while on duty. Since Debbie has been our Food Service Manager, staff purchased meals have increased on an average of 300%.

Hartley Hall is a non-profit facility with a voluntary Board of Directors. I decided a few years ago to have a Christmas dinner prior to the board meeting and it was such a hit, we now do it monthly and board attendance has improved significantly. It is another of those extra duties that Debbie and her department have good naturedly accepted. Although her staff can handle it, it is rare that Debbie is not here, even if she has already put in a full day's work.

She is very supportive to her staff and also very accommodating to their personal needs as far as scheduling.

In the twenty-one years that I have been in long term care, Debbie is the best Food Service Manager I have worked with out of a total of five Certified Dietary Managers and I can think of no one who deserves the award more than she does.

Administrator of the Year

Mary Schwartz puts the needs and wants of residents first in providing the best quality care possible. She has dedicated her career to improving the lives of those in long term care, Mary became the Administrator of Wicomico Nursing Home in 1977. 12393

As a leader, she is constantly looking at ways to improve what we are doing and the systems we use in order to do it better and smarter. She sees the whole picture. She is fair and impartial. She is well respected by her staff and those who know her in the community. She is an advocate for the elderly in Wicomico County by assisting the Division of Aging in raising funds so they can continue to provide services. She wants things done the right way what ever way that maybe. Anyone can only benefit by spending time with her because of her knowledge and wisdom. Mary Schwartz truly touches the life of every person she meets.

She had set the expectations high for her staff and held firm to those standard over the years in the quest for excellence in quality care. Anyone who comes to work at Wicomico Nursing Home can only admit to working for the best nursing home because we are the best .

Wicomico Nursing Home is the winner of the Best of Eastern Shore for the past four years with Metropolitan Magazine and Delmarva's best for the three years by the Daily Times..

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the new President for Maryland DMA I would like to welcome all new members to our association. I hope to meet everyone of you. Please plan to attend a workshop or two. Each district has two workshops a year as well as the State has two per year.

Approximately 90 certified members, students retirees and dietitians attended the 12th Annual Workshop by the Sea. This was a great success. There were many first-timers and students who attended. Many members were from out of state. I welcome everyone to our Spring Workshop that will be held in 2008. Stay tuned to your newsletter for more details.

Congratulations to Deborah Soth who was nominated and picked as "Dietary Manager of the Year", to Mary Schwartz who was picked as the Vendor of the "Year". All were recognized at the Fall Workshop and each were given a plaque.

We are always looking for new volunteers. This is one way to get involved in your association. Talk to your administrator of the importance to become involved and to get your clock hours. We can always use the help. 225448

This year I have three goals that I am striving to reach. The first to promote vendor participation such as sponsoring the different workshops. We had many that participated in the Fall Workshop. They will receive free advertising in the "Crab Chatter" for the next year. My second goal is to gain recognition and awareness for CFPP in Maryland. Wayne Kuhn is already working on this through help of Mary Ellen O'Conner, CDM, CFPP. My last goal is to promote certification within the state and to encourage members to take the credentialing exam. The school liaison will speak to the students at the college in Baltimore City to encourage the exam and join DMA.

I encourage each one of you to become more involved in the Maryland DMA. You can contact any member listed in this newsletter. We will be glad to help.

Everyone have a great Autumn and Thanksgiving holiday.

*Sincerely,
Bonnie C. Hollingsworth, CDM, CFPP, DTR
President of MD DMA*

THANKS TO ALL FOR MAKING OUR WORK SHOP A SUCCESS

Feesers
Makin' It Safe LLD
Brook Lane

Monday Oct. Breakfast/Registration
7:30am-8:30, Break 10:00- 10:30

Fusion Sales & Marketing Azar Nuts ,
Davids Cookies, Dixie Food service,
French's Glenview Farms, Kozy Shack,
Precision Foods, and Sweet Street

Tuesday Oct 2

Breakfast 6:45-7:30 Morning break and
Evaluations 11:30 -12:00
Solution Sales and Marketing, General
Mills/Pillsbury, and Sara Lee

Our condolence to

Sandy Coradi who's husband
passed away.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
10/01/2007**

District of Columbia 4
Delaware 32
Maryland 197

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800 phone number-for access to information
and resources from trained staff

Website-for immediate access to information
that is updated regularly be up to date on all
the latest volunteer news E-newsletter every
month on the website: [http: www.dmaonline.org](http://www.dmaonline.org)

members.html if
you do not receive an e-mail notice
DIETARY MANAGER magazine-a premier
source of news in the food service industry
Regulatory Updates-monitoring of legislative
issues affecting the industry Networking –
attending chapter and district meeting puts
them face-to-face with other professionals in
the industry.

Employment Exchange– a free service that
matches job seekers with recruiting person-
nel.

Educational workshop and seminars –DMA is
the best source of continuing education



VENDOR OF THE YEAR

Gail Greenburg of Fusion Sales and Marketing was chosen as 2007

Vendor of the Year by the Maryland Dietary Managers Association.

Gail and Fusion Sales had been a very active in the last year with helping MD DMA. They supported the Appalachian District with one of their workshops. They hosted the Spring Workshop at their facility in Hanover, MD in May and set up a display at the Fall workshop in Ocean City. Gail is an associate member of DMA. Thank you Gail and Fusion Sales for your support.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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DECEMBER 6 MEALY S NEW MARKET -6 PM- OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

REMEMBER ALL OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND DISTRICT PRESIDENTS ARE NEEDED AT BOARD MEETINGS.
THEY USUALLY BEGIN AT 5:30 PM AND LAST 2 HOURS.