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SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message:

Spring has sprung and with it comes plans for celebrations, vacations and holidays. METRO's own celebration is our Awards Dinner which is on Tuesday, May 20th at the lovely Manhattan Penthouse. I am proud and pleased that METRO provides professionals in the recreation and therapeutic recreation fields with an opportunity for recognition.

Another benefit of METRO is that we can offer opportunities for training and acquiring CEUs. And towards that end METRO will be having a mini-conference in June (for more information look through this newsletter). Because our full-day conference in January was so successful, METRO decided to try it again. So we will be offering another full-day conference on October 7th at DC 37. It should be bigger and better than the one in January so we hope you'll be able to join us.

On another note, METRO will be saying farewell to some of our current board members. Ed Raasch and Charl-John

Robertson have served the board with dedication and commitment, but their other responsibilities require them to step down at this time. The METRO board wishes them all the best in their future endeavors.

Debbie Lake



UPCOMING EVENTS

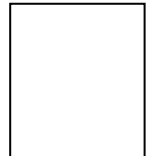
JULY IS
RECREATION AND PARKS
MONTH

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION WEEK
IS
JULY 9TH - 13TH

OCTOBER
METRO FULL DAY
CONFERENCE
@ DC37

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THE METROPOLITAN NEW YORK
RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY
ANNUAL AWARDS

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Fran Wallach (posthumously)

PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Isabel Kellerman

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Jeremy Cash

CORPORATE AWARD

Vermont Systems, Inc.

STUDENT AWARD

Jeffrey Schwartz

VOLUNTEER AWARD

Seaside Therapeutic Riding, Inc.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Ed Raasch

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In Memory of Dr. Fran Wallach

The Metropolitan New York Recreation and Park Society
2008 Dr. Doris Berryman Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

Dr. Frances Wallach was truly a trailblazer in the Parks and Recreation Industry. She was a professional administrator, an educator, consultant, speaker trainer a prolific writer and was frequently interviewed by the media as a playground expert. Fran was a leader in making parks and playgrounds accessible and in making playgrounds safer.

Fran was a founder of the National Playground Safety Institute within the National Recreation and Park Association, and the chair of the American Society for Testing and Materials committee for Public Playground Equipment Safety and a board member if the National Program for Playground Safety and Boundless Playgrounds. She was also a member of the Safety Standards panel for the US Consumer Products Safety Commission, a Certified Parks and Recreation Professional and a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist. All of these credentials were important, but Fran will also be remembered by her friends and colleagues in METRO as a good friend and mentor. She always gave help for personal or professional questions. She instigated self-help sessions at professional conventions on topics that she knew needed attention.

Fran was fun to be with. She saw the humor in almost every situation and loved to laugh. She was a trusted colleague and a friend. METRO salutes Fran for her many accomplishments and for her support and friendship!

MINI CONFERENCE

**SATURDAY - JUNE 7, 2008
10:00 AM to 2:30 PM**

BENEFITS OF INDIVIDUALIZED LIFESTYLE THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES

Presenter: .15 CEU

Brenda Torres, CTRS , Recreation Manager

CNR Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Participants will learn how services are being reviewed for effectiveness in delivering a continuum of individualized leisure routine for patients. Does your organization provide traditional standardized service? Is change possible? Explore the process to provide a creative blueprint design for Resident Centered Care to provide a more welcomed life's flow with choices key to delivering options in maintaining, resorting, and preserving quality of life.

EXPLORE YOUR GREATEST TREASURE: SILENT LEVEL AWARENESS

Presenter: .15 CEU

Rosemarie Augoustatos: Certified Yoga Instructor with a private practice in craniosacral and yoga therapy.

Using movement and meditation to promote healing and self care: Sometimes language can be an obstacle to healing. In this workshop we will explore how accessing silent level awareness, we can reduce the urge to achieve, release unnecessary effort in movement and create an environment of healing in our bodies.

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REGISTRATION begins at 10:00 AM
Light Lunch served at 12:00 NOON**

