

2007-2008 Winter CCRA Newsletter: **Message from the President**

I want to thank Chris Miller for working on our newsletter. Chris is not longer working on our newsletter. I was able to get two volunteers to work on this in the future – Valerie Somma and C. J. Anderson. I appreciate both of them in volunteering for this. I want to apologize for not having a spring 2007 newsletter. This was due to Chris leaving the area.

The Association published the first newsletter in the Spring 2006. This will be our third publication. Again this is a major accomplishment; however, to keep it going will take all of our efforts. It will only be as good as our membership. The one comment I have is this – in looking through all the stuff I received from the previous president and trying to organize and decided what needed to be kept and what didn't – I discovered that the association did have a newsletter previously back in the time period of 1989 – 19???. I do not know what happened that the newsletter was discontinued but I would venture to guess it was for a lack of volunteers. We don't want that to happen it again.

We continue to have information on our website. As new information is available, it is posted monthly to the website. Carol Jewell is the new is the coordinator between the association and the website manager. I want to thank Andrea Spaulding for her help in the past in this position.

I attended the Spring 2007 CCRA Educational Conference at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction on May 4, 2007. This was hosted by Debbie Cordes-Baker and Chris Miller. It was an outstanding meeting with excellent speakers. We had about 30 attendees. I believe everyone that attended had a great time and thought the speakers were excellent. I want to thank everyone that attended. It was a big commitment by those that attended due to the drive involved, making arrangements for staying the night and making sure you could leave your hospital work to attend. I was very impressed with St. Mary's Hospital and the support given to the Cancer Program.

Rose Medical Center (Dorothy Pfannenstiel and Penny Gillett) hosted the CCRA Fall 2007 Educational Conference on October 5, 2007. University Hospital was not able to host this as originally planned. Without the efforts of Dorothy and Penny, there would not have been a fall conference. Dorothy and Penny were able to coordinate speakers, room, catering in a short time frame. Usually hosting hospitals have a lot more time to plan than Dorothy and Penny did. The speakers were outstanding and it was certainly appreciated by all. Thanks again, Dorothy and Penny.

The association will be looking for volunteers to host for Spring and Fall 2008 so think about hosting.

Again, I want to personally thank all of those have volunteered to help with various projects and undertakings. I really appreciate this. This truly is a showing of how much the members want a successful association.

I had not intended on running for President again for the term 2007-2009 but due to no one volunteering, I did agree to run for President again. (got the position by default). I have to say that out of 70+ members only 38 voted – this is disappointing. I do look forward to the next few years of serving the membership. Please don't hesitate in contacting me or any of the officers with any concerns/suggestions.

Our new officers are:

President – Shirley Delmont

Vice President – Karen Monjares (also Education Chair)

Secretary – Penny Gillett

Treasurer – Dorothy Pfannenstiel

Sincerely.

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Membership Dues to CCRA:

Renew by January 31, 2008

Avoid the late fee, and save up to \$50.00 on this year's conferences!

(The educational conferences are **\$40.00 for members** and **\$65.00 for non-members**. If you renew or become a member and attend both conferences, you will save \$25.00 each conference.)

For a renewal form or questions, please contact our Treasurer.
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National Cancer Registrars Association 2008 Annual Conference

The 2008 NCRA Conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN, from April 28th to May 1st. Information is available on the NCRA website. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship offered through the CCRA, please contact Shirley Delmont, ShirleyDelmont@Centura.Org.

Colorado Cancer Registry Association 2008 Spring & Fall Educational Conferences

The Association is looking for facilities to host our Spring and Fall meetings. Please contact Shirley Delmont if your facility is interested in participating in either of these!

Continuing Education Opportunities

Webinars 2007-2008 Series: The 2007-2008 Webinars have been approved by NCRA for 4 continuing education (CE) hours each.

These are FREE for the 2007-2008 series, compliments of the CO Central Cancer Registry. Quizzes and didactic exercises are completed and answers with rationale are given. Each Webinar includes a question and answer session.

They are held at Rose Medical Center in the Physician's Office Building (POB) #2, at 4500 E 9th Ave, Denver, in the basement room on the West side of the building. Lunch is provided.

To register or for questions, please contact: Penny Gillett, 303.320.2495, Penny.Gillett@HealthONEcares.com

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| January 10, 2008: Hospital Cancer Registry Operations |
| February 14, 2008: Cancer Treatment and How to Code It: Surgery, Radiation, Systemic, and Other |
| March 6, 2008: Abstracting Thyroid Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data; Abstracting Larynx Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data |
| May 9, 2008: Data Quality and Data Use |
| July 10, 2008: Abstracting Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data |
| September 11, 2008: Abstracting Other Digestive System (Liver, Gallbladder, Bile Duct, and Pancreas) Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data |

CONGRATULATIONS
To the following people with recent
CTR Certification!

Fall 2006

Carla J. Anderson, Denver
Nelson P. Jones, Aurora
Jane I. Mullanix, Sterling

Spring 2007

Amy M. Bloom, Denver
Jennifer R. Mason, Golden