



Welcome to the 13th issue of the CACCN's Critical Connections Bulletin! (May 2008)

The CACCN is pleased to bring you this monthly email to keep you informed regarding the latest association news, events, and contests.

CACCN AWARDS

- Take advantage of the various awards offered through the CACCN.
- These awards are designed to recognize the contributions of nurses and the different roles we play to enhance patient care. It is not
- It is not too difficult to think of someone who has influenced our career in some way.
- Click here for a [link](#) to our award information.

AWARDS -- IMPORTANT DATES

- June 1, 2008 – Deadline for [BBraun Mentorship Award](#) applications (\$1000).
- June 1, 2008 - Deadline for [Brenda Morgan Leadership Excellence Award](#) applications
- June 1, 2008 - Deadline for [Baxter Scholarship](#) Submissions (\$2,500-5,000)

EXCITING NEWS - SPACELABS INNOVATIVE PROJECT AWARD

- Presented to a group of critical care nurses who develop a project to enhance their professional development
- Spacelabs Healthcare has generously increased the award value to \$1,500.00
- Two awards will now be available – first place and runner up
- If you have a unique idea, [click here](#), for more information on the Spacelabs Innovative Project Award

NURSES WEEK CONTEST 2008

- Congratulations to **Arkadi (Ark) Shuman, RN, BN, CNCC(C)** of Calgary Health Region, Calgary, AB is the 2008 winner of Early Bird Tuition to the Dynamics 2008 Conference
- [Click here](#) to read Ark's perspective on "Think You Know Nursing".
- Thank you to Lois Crossman for submitting Ark's name and informative newsletters for consideration
- We also would like thank everyone who submitted an entry to the contest, it was truly a difficult decision to choose just one.

CRITICAL CARE NURSE OF THE YEAR - MANITOBA

- On May 12, 2008, **Asha Pereira** received the honour of being awarded “**Critical Care Nurse of the Year**” for Manitoba. Congratulations Asha !!!

If you or someone you know has received recognition or an award, no matter how big or small, let us know to include it in the monthly Critical Connections Bulletin. We all want to share in your success !!

TWIN AND WIN

- Twin and Win ended on a high note this year with 22 referrals resulting in new memberships.
- Current CACCN members who actively recruited a new member during the campaign receives a CACCN membership renewal coupon valued at \$ 10.00.
- We welcome the new members to the CACCN and we thank the current members for their efforts -- it's exciting to see our numbers grow !

DYNAMICS – SUMMER JOURNAL

- The 8th annual “Special Dynamics of Critical Care Issue” which includes abstracts from Dynamics of Critical Care 2008 will be in your mailbox soon.
- These informative and well written abstracts represent the poster abstracts and concurrent sessions which will be presented during Dynamics of Critical Care 2008 in Montreal in September 2008
- Make sure you bring your issue with you to Dynamics this year so you can refer to the abstracts while at the conference.
- If you do not receive a copy of the summer Journal, please contact National Office

SILVER ANNIVERSARY CHAPTER CHALLENGE

- Don't forget about the Silver Anniversary Chapter Challenge of increasing our overall membership by 25% by September 27, 2008.
- Let National Office know about the initiatives your Chapter is undertaking to meet the challenge.
- Celebrate CACCN's 25th Anniversary by helping our association grow and prosper this year.
- Together we can make a difference ... a critical difference.

DYNAMICS 2008 – September 28 to 30, 2008

- Mark your calendars !!
- This year will be like no other as we celebrate 25 Years of Critical Care Advocacy. Dynamics Brochures will be issued for current members through the Dynamics Journal.
- The planning committee is working hard to make this year's Anniversary Celebration in Montreal, a fantastic event.
- If you do not receive your brochure, please contact National Office

JOB LINKS

ARE YOU PROMOTING YOUR HOSPITAL TO CRITICAL CARE NURSES ACROSS CANADA?

- Check out the [JOB LINKS](#) page on our web site.
- Share this link opportunity with the HR/Recruiting team at your facility.
- JOB LINKS provides a great one-stop forum for current critical care nursing opportunities.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion.

-- Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (German Philosopher 1770-1831)

SPREAD THE WORD OF CACCN

Please share this e-mail newsletter with your peers and interested colleagues.

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