

CIDA NEWS

April 2007

President's Message: Donna Huisenga

Earlier this spring we celebrated the 10th year of the "Eat Em Up" race. CIDA partnered with the American Cancer Society this year. I don't have all of the dollars and cents, but from the number of racers and walkers, and the amount of food served up I'd have to say it was a big success. Thanks to all of the committee members, workers at the race and to all of you who attended. Always a big thank you goes out to the interns who pitch in and help with the race each year. What a way to get introduced to their organization at the local level. Our sponsors were very generous as well. The staff at the American Cancer Society was very nice to work with and helped with all our concerns to keep the traditional feel of the race alive. An extra special thanks to Marjorie LaFont and her staff at the Extension office for all of their hard work to pull it together.

This spring I attended the assembly in Chicago. This was my first time to go and I enjoyed it a lot. The sessions were very informative and many exceeded the quality of those at an ADA conference. Many kudos to the IDA staff and board members for putting on an excellent seminar. All CIDA members should put it on their calendar for a must attend event for 2008!

CIDA elections for new officers to start the 2007 – 2008 season is all tied up. They will be announced at the April 23rd meeting. Laura has planned a terrific end of the year meeting and CEU session. I look forward to seeing you all there. I have put together a raffle basket from the board members. It will benefit the Jane Strein Scholarship fund. So round up those loose dollar bills and come ready to get lucky!

A last bit of information has to do with the board. The last board meeting for this year's board members will be to meet the new 2007-08 board members and ***Pass the Torch***. We will meet on May 7th, Monday at 6:00 pm in East Peoria at the Panera's on Camp Street. Bring all of your materials and plan to introduce your new officer to her/his job duties. Food and beverages are on your own.

It's been a terrific year as your President for CIDA. You never really appreciate all the work that goes on to propel a great organization until you are in the thick of it! I especially have to thank the board members for being so dutiful and diligent in their tasks over the last few months. They have worked hard behind the scenes to keep CIDA moving in the right direction. A part of that job was to keep me on track too!



President-Elect: Laura Collins

Hello to all CIDA members. I want to thank you all for making this year's meetings such a success. I look forward to the upcoming year, and the opportunity to serve as your President. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for meeting topics or locations for next year and I will pass those on to the incoming President -elect.

April Membership Meeting and CPE Program:

Remember the Date Change: The meeting set for April 16, 2007, **HAS BEEN CHANGED to April 23, 2007**. The Final CIDA Membership Meeting for the 2006-2007 year will be held on **April 23, 2007** from 6-9 pm at Waugh Foods in East Peoria. There will be a presentation, tasting and program by J&B Meats featuring their products from 7:00-9:00 pm, and Waugh Foods has agreed to provide a light dinner for us during our business meeting from 6:00-6:45pm. This should be a really fun meeting, so bring a friend and come hungry. This meeting provides 2 CPE units.

Directions:

From Bloomington: Take I74 west to Pinecrest Drive (the first exit past Morton). Turn Left onto Pinecrest, and Waugh Foods is a little ways down on the left hand side.

From Peoria: Take I74 east to Pinecrest Drive (the last East Peoria exit). Turn right onto Pinecrest, and Waugh Foods is a little ways down on the left hand side.



Membership: Jennifer Franks

This year our CIDA membership has reached 51 members. Next year we have discussed sending out hard copies of the membership application instead of having only the online version. I am hoping this makes membership renewal easier. I am hoping we can all "recruit" new faces for the 2007/2008 CIDA year. Please direct anyone you know who may be interested to our webpage or to any of the board members for more information regarding becoming a CIDA member. Feel free to print or copy an application for them. If we all strive to recruit at least 1 new person, CIDA will continue to thrive. It has been a pleasure serving as the membership chair for the last two years.

OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Dietetic Internship

Upcoming Dietetic Intern Luncheon are on the following dates. All start at 11:45 and are held in the 700 Auditorium. Call to make the reservation 655-2054. Lunch is \$4.

May 22

June 20

July 10

August 21

August 30

September 11

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A HUGE thank you to Marjorie LaFont for being the CIDA Eat'em Up race director this year. The race was a success and we owe a big THANK YOU to Marjorie and her committee for all of their hard work.

OSF Saint Francis Medical Center has two new staff members – Ashley Simper and Jenny Bock

Golda Ewalt would like to extend a thank you to all CIDA members that attended the IDA Spring Assembly. I truly appreciated the support and encourage from everyone!

OSF Saint Francis Medical Center has several clinical positions and interested RDs can call Kelly Collet at 655-4048 for more information.



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Illinois Dietetic Association
State Legislative Report
IL 95th General Assembly
Status as of 3-29-07

The Illinois Dietetic Association is currently tracking approximately 70 bills proposed by state lawmakers. The 95th General Assembly began in January and legislators have introduced over 5,900 bills for consideration this spring prior to the scheduled adjournment date of May 31st. Whether or not the Legislature adjourns on time will depend on the fate of Governor Blagojevich's proposed budget for the state which is based largely on a new and very controversial "gross receipts tax". Revenue generated from the tax would be used to pay for the Governor's universal health care initiative as well as provide significant increases to fund education. Legislative proposals supported by the Illinois Dietetic Association which are currently before the General Assembly include:

HB 146 - Care of Students with Diabetes Act

HB 146 was introduced by Minority Leader Tom Cross in an attempt to provide assistance to students trying to manage their diabetes care while in school. Any student in a primary or secondary school could request assistance from the school nurse or volunteer aide who has been specifically trained to provide assistance according to each student's diabetes medical management plan. The legislation also states that a student with diabetes must be allowed to have needed supplies at all times and perform glucose tests, administer insulin and otherwise attend to the care of his/her diabetes in the classroom. HB 146 passed out of the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and must be voted on by the full House.

HB 570 - Home Delivered Meals to Small Communities

Members of the House unanimously approved legislation which would allow the Department on Aging to establish a program to ensure the availability of congregate or home-delivered meals in communities with a population under 5,000. The legislation would apply to communities outside of the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison, McHenry, St. Clair and Will. The Department may enter into grant agreements with local providers of nutritional services, however, the program would be subject to appropriation by the General Assembly. HB 570 (Watson/Demuzio) will now be considered by the Senate.

HB 1300 - Illinois Food, Farms and Jobs Act

In an effort to increase the production of locally grown and organic foods, Representative Julie Hamos has proposed legislation to create the Illinois Local and Organic Food and Farm Task Force. The task force established by HB 1300 is charged with developing a plan to support and expand a local and organic food system within the state. The 29 member task force must submit its plan and recommendations to the Legislature by September 30, 2008 for consideration in the 96th General Assembly. HB 1300 is now in the Senate after having passed the House by a vote of 108-8-0.

HB 1432 - Coverage for Eating Disorders

Legislation to require insurance companies to provide coverage for eating disorder treatments was approved with no dissenting votes by members of the Health Care Availability and Access Committee. HB 1432 (Crespo) is currently on Second Reading in the House.

HB 1964 - Summer School Food Service Programs

As amended, HB 1964 (Berrios) mandates a school district to develop a plan by February 15, 2008 for a summer food service program in each school that has a summer school program and in which at least half of the students are eligible for free or reduced price meals. The proposal allows school districts to opt out of the requirement if the expense reimbursement would not fully cover the costs of operating the summer food service program. HB 1964 was approved by the Elementary and Secondary Education Committee and must now be voted on by the full House.

SB 654 - Diabetes Initiative Act

One of IDA's 2005-2006 Legislator of the Year award recipients, Senator Mattie Hunter, has proposed legislation to mandate the Department of Human Services to develop a strategic plan to slow the rate of diabetes by 2010. The Department must work in collaboration with the Illinois State Diabetes Commission and may convene work groups comprised of health care professionals, researchers, educators and representatives of community-based organizations. The bill sets forth the required elements of the plan which must be presented to the Governor and General Assembly before December 31, 2008. SB 654 passed out of the Senate Public Health Committee and is now before the full Senate.

SB 715 - School Health Centers

Members of the Senate will consider legislation to require the Department of Human Services to initiate 20 new school health centers over a five year period and to build capacity with the state's existing school health centers. SB 715, sponsored by Senator Donne Trotter, is subject to appropriation by the General Assembly.

SB 811

Bill to amend the Illinois Pension Code by making a technical change in a Section concerning the definition of "municipality." Senator Mattie Hunter added an amendment (passed out of committee 3-27-07) to establish a pilot program which will provide coverage for state employees who have Diabetes and live in Champaign and Cook counties, for prevention and wellness services – including coverage for weight loss and nutrition counseling. This is to be funded by appropriations from Diabetes Research Checkoff Fund. Still needs to be adopted on the floor. (Senator Emil Jones cosponsored amendment.)

SB 1267 - Hunger Relief Tax Check-off

Legislation has been introduced again this session to establish a tax check-off for a new Hunger Relief Fund in the state treasury. Donations to the fund would be appropriated to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services for grants to members of the Illinois Food Bank Association for capital improvements and the purchase of food or other assets. SB 1267 (Noland) awaits a vote by the full Senate.

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Ethics Expertise Wanted...

Do you have experience serving on an ethics committee in your professional role, participating in ethical decision-making or policy development in your institution, serving on an Institutional Review Board (IRB) or participating on a quality management or HIPPA compliance committee?

If so, ADA would like to hear from YOU! The ADA Ethics Committee wants to create a data base of members with expertise in these areas. Please submit your contact information to the Ethics Committee mailbox at Ethics@eatright.org . By doing so, you may be contacted for more information describing your role in these important activities. Thank you in advance for your participation.

