

Newsline

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2009 CS Awards

Start Planning Your Nominations Now!

This year Golden West Central Service & Healthcare Chapter again sought to formally recognize outstanding Central Service Professionals for their dedication and contribution to the healthcare field and Central Service. We look forward to recognizing some equally talented professionals again this year as previous year.

With the participation of the GWCS&HC membership, we will continue to recognize outstanding CS Professionals in four categories; Technician, Manager, Department, and Educator. Each year, packets go out asking for nominations based on the criteria outlined by the GWCS&HC Board.

We encourage you to nominate those professionals who deserve recognition. Current, active status GWCS&HC members are eligible to make nominations, however, nominees do not need to be GWCS&HC members.

Winners of Golden West Central Service Awards will be announced at the 2008 Seminar & Vendor Exhibition. Each winner will be presented with a unique plaque, designating your award, and a certificate for complimentary tuition to the next Golden West Seminar & Vendor Exhibition. (CS Department of the Year receives two tuitions.)

In addition, a letter from the Golden

West Central Service & Healthcare Chapter President will be mailed to your Hospital Administration announcing your Award. This is an honor that you will be proud to receive. This is an honor that demonstrates and recognizes your hard work and accomplishments!

The 2009 Central Service Award packets will be mailed out by July 01, 2009. Please take the time to nominate someone for this special recognition. This is a great way to show your co-workers how much you appreciate their contributions to Central Service and show your boss how hard you've worked this year!

Please share this article with your co-workers, Managers, and Hospital Administration. The nomination process is very simple and the recognition for you and your Facility is priceless!

For more information on the 2009 Central Service Awards please contact any of the Board Officers or Committee members listed on page 9 of this issue of NEWSLINE.

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BOARD MEMBERS BLOG

From Information services and Secretary

Hi, we are Skip and Arle Simon, we represent Golden West Information Services and Secretary positions. Part of our responsibility for Information Services is to maintain records and to handle the recording of seminar registrations along with preparing all of the seminar certificates, sign in sheets, name badges etc. We also prepare and mail meeting notices and the seminar registration flyer to Golden West members, and prior seminar attendees as well as hospitals and surgery centers.

In trying to keep accurate records, we would like to ask for your assistance. When completing your Golden West membership application or the seminar registration form, please complete all entries on the forms and please print clearly. This helps to make our records much more accurate and helps to prevent names being misspelled on seminar name badges. Please enter your certification/license number as well. It is also very important that your mailing address be up-to-date so that when we send Golden West information you will receive in timely. Please rest assured that your personal information is used only for Golden West mailings and is never shared with any other entity.

The 2008 Butterflies and Bees seminar was a great success. If you weren't able to attend this year, we sure hope to see you next year for the 2009 "Treasures in Education" Seminar. Look for the early flyer in your mailbox in late May 2009.

If you wish to contact us please do so at arlesimon@sbcglobal.net

From Member at Large/Seminar Co-Chairperson

We had a good seminar in October; unfortunately I was ill and could not attend until the last day. I thought that Jack Donaldson was very good and I was able to bring some of his information back to my facility.

The Board is already working on the 2009 seminar. We appreciate the feed back that we get from you about the seminars. It helps us know what we need to do to make a better more interesting seminar in the future. We are always looking for volunteers to help us get the seminar organized, if you would like to give us a hand, get in touch with any of the Board members.

I am looking forward to seeing those of you who can make it to the 2009 seminar. Lee Kopasek

From the Treasurer

The use of credit cards: Just a brief note regarding the use of Credit Cards. In all the Golden West 38 years, we have chosen not to accept any credit cards, so we can keep our fees, seminar and membership, down to a bare minimum. Golden West is a non-profit chapter and many Credit Card Companies require a fee to use their machines, therefore, the fees would be passed onto the membership and seminar registrants. We at Golden West don't feel that this is in the best interest of our membership. Therefore, we will continue not to except any credit cards. If you have any question, please feel free to contact me. Thanks, Tim Welsher

CALENDAR

APRIL 22, 2009

Application Deadline for
May Certification Exam

MAY 4-9, 2009

CBSPD Certification Exam

MAY 3-6, 2009

ASHCSP Conference &
Technical Exhibition,
Orlando, Florida

SEPTEMBER 29- OCTOBER 2, 2009

Annual GWCS Seminar &
Vendor Exhibition,
The Atlantis - Reno, NV

OCTOBER 8 - 14, 2009

National CS Week

From Seminar Co-Chairperson

I have been chairperson of our annual conference for the last three years, contracting speakers and facilities to fit our needs. In 2009, I am co-chairing with Lee Kopasek. I'm sure we'll be a productive team for you. We've already begun e-mailing companies and specific speakers for interesting presentation topics. Lee has signed an agreement with the Atlantis for the same space as our 2008 conference. We are also addressing problems we face last year to make sure this year run smoothly for everyone involved.

Your board has created a schedule for completion of contracts and publications. Basic information will be coming to you early enough to allow you to plan for leave to attend the conference. Lee and I will work with everyone on the committee to progress toward an enjoyable and informational conference in 2009.

Message from the President

By

JoAnn Gwinn, LVN, CSPDT

Dear Colleagues,

As current President of GWCSHC I was able to attend the 50th year of the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management seminar held in Reno, Nevada this past may.

As most of you are aware the American Healthcare Central Service Professionals and IAHCSSMM have joined together over this past year. IAHCSSMM will be our main offering of quality education materials, texts courses and certifications, and meeting of the healthcare industry.

I am please to report the professional treatment everyone receive during to this first general seminar meeting which included welcoming all the ASHCSP members. There were over 2000 attendees at this meeting from across the United States plus professionals in this Central Services field came from Japan, Guam, India, Africa, and Europe etc.

Besides having the wonderful opportunity to net work and meet other Central Service Professionals from around the world, this seminar provided an excellent faculty of guest speakers on a variety of topic's within the Central Service field. On Vender Exhibition day there were over 80 Vender that participated in the four-hour program. I was able to bring back good information for my department and hospital.

Along with the other faculty teaching on Monday the whole seminar attendees were treated to a keynote motivational speaker by the name of Mike Ditka, Pro football player and Hall of fame and NFL coach. It was a wonderful oppportunity to hear this coach many words of wisdom along his journey of life. I was most impressed.

As your President, I encourage all you from the Central Service Technician to Managers and Directors of this field to get involved with your local Chapter and in this case would be the Golden West Central Service Healthcare Chapter. It very rewarding with educational benefits, educational programs and educational workshops. To support and promote education and information from local, state, and national organizations.

This oppportunity also offers experienced professional people within the chapter to assist in consulting issues pertaining to cleaning, decontamination, assembly, wrapping and sterilization of instrumentation, distribution, material management and leadership skills.

Our next seminar will be this fall in Reno, October 1st to October 3rd at the Atlantis hotel. Current members look for your early registration forms coming in the mail.

Congratulation to the new CS professional and those who got re-certified:

Newly Certified CS Technicians 2/28/2008:

Total sat for Exam: 311
Total passed: 128 (41%) Total failed: 183 (59%)

G. Fabiola Brillhart, Petaluma, CA
Monica Dunmore, Vallejo, CA
Amy Fronefield, Fairfield, CA
Thomas Grulick, San Jose, CA
Franklin Laflesche, Oakland, CA
Fenedick, Malonzo, Lakewood, CA
Aplinario Serquina, Roseville, CA
Dennis Tamboong, San Bruno, CA
James Turnbull, Reno, NV

2007 Re-Certified CS Technicians:

Total eligible: 688 Total Re-Certified: 236 (34%)

Jocelyn Abadilla, San Jose, CA
William Arriaga, Reno, NV
Carolyn Begay, Wadsworth, NV
Huy Hong, Sparks, NV
Colleen Marton, Reno, NV
Lorette Norberry, Hamilton City, CA
Karla Peralta, Reno, NV
Rebecca Piper, Reno, NV
David Russell, Sacramento, CA
Dawn Stokes, Reno, NV
Karen Tuttle, Salinas, CA
Maria Lina Montillano, San Jose, CA

Certification Statistics

This is the statistics for 2007 Certification*

Technician: Total Sat for Exam = 1,081;
Total Passed = 429 (40%) Total Failed = 652 (60%)

Manager: Total Sat for Exam = 27:
Total Passed = 8 (30%) Total Failed = 19 (70%)

Supervisor: Total Sat for Exam = 41;
Total Passed = 16 (39%) Total Failed = 25 (61%)

Instrument Processor: Total Sat for Exam = 88;
Total Passed = 13 (15%) Total Failed = 75 (85%)

These statistics showed that it is not easy to get certified, so be proud of what you have accomplished.

*Source: CBSPD January 2008 Newsletter.

Welcome to our new Member-At-Large

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Lee Kopasek, I am the new Member-at-Large for Golden West. I am a Certified Medical Supply Technician, and have worked for the VA hospital in Reno, NV for the past seven years. Prior to that I worked at McClellan AFB in Sacramento, CA in the Aircraft Division for 18 years, until it was closed in 2000. I became a member of Golden West in 2003 and for the past couple of years have volunteered with the Board and helped at the Seminar.

If you have any questions for me or the other Board members about Golden West or the Seminar, please call me. My telephone number is 775-762-2971, if I am not available please leave a message and your phone number and I will get back to you as quickly as possible. You can also e-mail me at tpg.kopasek@sbgloval.net, but please indicate in the subject line that it is a Golden West inquiry or the e-mail may be deleted.

*Lee Kopasek
Golden West
Member-at-Large*

2007 Golden West at The Atlantis Hotel and Casino in Reno, Nevada



Board members: Craig Harris, Tim Welsher, and Lee Kopasek.



Golden West members at Reception with the Boards.



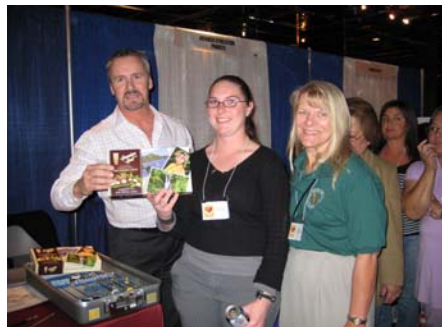
Board members at the Dinner Party.



Golden West members during some of the Education Sessions.



Three of many Golden West Members who won at the drawing during the Vendor Show.



Some of our Vendors at our 2007 Golden West Seminar during the Vendor Exhibition.

Thank You 2008 Sponsored Vendors

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Proper Manufacturing Company
Raven Labs
Surgi Dot
Ultra Clean Systems Inc.**



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2009 Central Service Official Nomination Form

- Technician of the Year Manager of the Year Educator of the Year

Nominees must meet the following criteria to be advanced for nomination:

1. Minimum three years experience as a central service technician or manager.
2. Recognized as a Certified Central Service Technician by state, national or international central service organization.
3. Membership in local, state, national or international central service group.
4. Active participation in central service continuing education.
5. Has prepared and provided a minimum of three hours (for manager) or six hours (for educator) in-service education within the last 18 months (for manager) or 12 months (for educator).
6. Must be nominated by a Golden West Central Service & Healthcare chapter member.

Complete all information and return with supporting documentation by Aug. 31, 2009.

NOMINEE NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY

STATE

ZIP

HOME PHONE:(_____)_____-_____ WORK PHONE:(_____)_____-_____

YEARS OF SERVICE: _____

POSITION/TITLE: _____

CERTIFICATIONS: _____

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: _____

Nominations cannot be advanced without appropriate documentation.

Please provide the following documentation:

- _____ Verification of length of employment on company letterhead.
- _____ Photocopy of Central Service Technician Certification.
- _____ Verification of membership in professional Central Service group (for manager and educator).
- _____ Photocopy of documentation from in-service programs presented by nominee (for manager and educator).
- _____ Nomination essay from Golden West Central Service member making nomination.



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2009 Central Service Department of the Year

Official Nomination Form

Nominees must meet the following criteria to be advanced for nomination:

1. Department must perform decontamination, sterilization / supply distribution and or OR case cart systems.
2. Recognizes Central Service Technician Certification.
3. Provides opportunities for staff to attend education meetings, seminars and conferences.
4. Active participation in central service continuing education.
5. Accomplishment of at least one major department improvement in calendar year 2009.
6. Must be nominated by a Golden West Central Service & Healthcare chapter member.

Complete all information and return with supporting documentation by Aug. 31, 2009.

NOMINEE:

NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE:(_____)_____-_____ WORK PHONE:(_____)_____-_____

YEARS OF SERVICE: _____

POSITION/TITLE: _____

CERTIFICATIONS: _____

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: _____

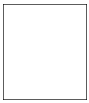
Nominations cannot be advanced without appropriate documentation.

Please provide the following documentation:

- _____ Verification of services provided.
- _____ Documentation of Certified Central Service Technician recognition.
- _____ Documentation of staff education opportunities.
- _____ Documentation of in-service programs presented.
- _____ Documentation of department accomplishment in 2009.
- _____ Nomination essay from Golden West Central Service member making nomination.

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GWCS&HC Membership Reminder

The Board is prepared to enforce these changes for all Golden West Central Service and Healthcare Chapter Members. This is your notification that each GWCS&HC member will be held to these guidelines:

1. Membership fees are \$20.00 per calendar year.
2. Membership fees are due and payable by December 31st for the coming year's membership.
3. Members who have not renewed by December 31st will be automatically dropped from membership.
4. Dropped members who wish to renew will be assessed an additional \$5.00 fee for reissuing membership.
5. Dropped members will not be eligible for the discounted seminar tuition fees. (a \$40.00 savings this year!).
6. Dropped members will not be eligible to renew membership prior to the seminar solely for the benefit of obtaining seminar tuition discounts.
7. Dropped members will not receive education meeting notices, chapter mailings, Newline newsletter, or any other chapter membership services.
8. Each GWCS&HC member, including associate, retired and lifetime status members, will be required to complete an updated membership application each year.