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Important Dates to Remember

OU Neonatology Conference – October 2, 2008
 Airway Clearance Seminar (Rose State) – October 9, 2008
 OSRC Fall Seminar – October 16-17, 2008
 RC Week – October 19-25, 2008
 Lung Health Day – October 22, 2008
 Daylight Savings Ends – November 2, 2008
 World COPD Day – November 19, 2008
 Great American Smokeout – November 20, 2008
 Board of Directors Meeting – November 21, 2008
 AARC National Congress – December 13-16, 2008
 2009 OSRC State Seminar – June 10-12, 2009

Fall Seminar in Tulsa

Make plans now to attend the OSRC Fall Seminar, which will be held October 16-17, 2008 (Thursday and Friday), at the Cherokee Casino & Resort in Tulsa, OK. A tracheostomy workshop will be held on Thursday afternoon, and the keynote speaker on Friday will be Oklahoma Lt Governor, Jari Askins. The annual OSRC Business Meeting will take place during lunch on Friday, at which time the results of the OSRC elections for 2009 officers will be announced. A total of 9 CEUs are available to those who attend both days. For brochure and registration information, please visit the OSRC website. Hotel information can be found at: www.cherokeecasino.com.



OSRC Members Get “Tee’d Off” at Annual Seminar

Over 40 OSRC seminar participants had the opportunity to get **TEE’d OFF** for the first time in several years. Thanks to the Alex Brown of SLEEP REMedies and other sponsors, RCPs and their friends had the opportunity to play in an OSRC golf tournament for the first time in many years. OSRC seminar participants and vendors



had a great time playing the links course at Rose Creek in Edmond, OK. This is a very challenging course but fortunately we had plenty of health care providers standing by in case of trouble. Hats off to Dahl Brown who won awards for the longest drive and closest to the pin along with being on the winning team. The OSRC BOD and Seminar Committee would like to sincerely thank Alex Brown for all his hard work in making the golf tournament a reality. Be sure to watch for info about the golf tournament at next year’s annual seminar.

Many thanks to Alex Brown, SLEEP REMedies and the following golf sponsors:

- DeVilbiss Healthcare
- Fisher & Paykel
- CPAP Solutions
- Respironics
- Midwest Regional Sleep Lab
- ResMed
- The Sleep Clinic

2009 State Seminar

Our thanks to everyone who attended the OSRC State Seminar at the Reed Center in Midwest City. We were privileged to have AARC President Toni Rodriguez as our keynote speaker. Plan ahead now to attend the 2009 Seminar – the dates will be June 10-12, again at the Reed Conference Center. Don’t forget to mark your calendars!

Website News

The OSRC has recently expanded its website to allow for more information. Pictures from the state Summer Seminar held last June at the Reed Center are posted. The calendar of events has been updated, and new help features have been added:

- A *site map* which gives an index of the site
- An advanced search feature, available through the site map, allows for more detailed searching
- “Monitor for Updates” – some pages now allow you to enter your e-mail address to be notified of changes.

As always, links and info for educational offerings, e-mail list to receive news updates, contact information for OSRC officers, job postings, and archived copies of the OSRC Newsletter are available.

Our plans for the future include adding online voting for OSRC elections, as well as online registration and payment for OSRC events. Please visit the OSRC site often! The address is still: www.okrespiratorycare.org.

Respiratory Care Week

Respiratory Care Week is celebrated on the last full week in October. In conjunction with this event, Lung Health Day is observed on Wednesday of RC Week. This year, RC Week will be Oct 19-25. For ideas on ways to celebrate RC Week at your hospital, school, or facility, please visit:

www.aarc.org/rcweek/.

Autry Technology Center Wins Oklahoma’s First Sputum Bowl!!

Congratulations to Autry Technology Center! The RC Program received “Good Press” mention from



the AARC on June 30, as well as the following article which was published in the Enid News & Eagle:

Autry Technology Center’s respiratory therapy students are state champions.

The first-year medical students beat teams from across the state, including Tulsa Community College and Rose State College, along the way to their first-place finish in the academic quiz bowl. Most other teams had first- and second-year students. Because Autry’s program is in its first year, all Autry students are in their first year of the program.

“Besides winning bragging rights for being best in the state, our students won a \$4,000 award to help fund their attendance at the Association for Respiratory Care Conference in Anaheim, Calif., in December, where they will compete with teams from across the country,” said Deryl Gulliford, program director.

“We are proud of our champions. Respiratory therapy is a tough program and it’s an accomplishment for our students to win against teams from more established programs,” said Jim Grantz, clinical director. “Autry is proud to be training some of the best future respiratory therapists, many of whom will practice right here in our community.”

AARC International Congress



This is the ultimate RC educational offering anywhere, anytime. This year the Congress will be held in Anaheim, CA, December 13-16. Our delegates,

Karen Hart and Lezli Heyland, will be representing the state of Oklahoma at the House of Delegates this year. Please visit the AARC website for advance program information. The 2009 Congress will be held in San Antonio, TX – the dates are yet to be announced.

AARC Disaster Relief Fund

Did you know that the AARC maintains a fund to aid our fellow members who are affected by natural disasters?



AARC Members in Texas and Louisiana are eligible for assistance from the Disaster Relief Fund for AARC members. South Texas members affected by Hurricane Ike, especially those in the Galveston area, can tap into

the fund for a small grant to help with living expenses while dealing with the situation.

The AARC is also seeking donations to the fund, as resources become depleted from the wide-spread areas and number of members recently affected. Earlier this month, the AARC activated its Disaster Relief Fund for victims of Hurricane Gustav and has already distributed monies to over 19 members in Louisiana.

“Being impacted by a natural disaster is something that can happen to any of us. Although the financial support available through the fund is limited, we let our colleagues know we care,” said AARC President, Toni Rodriguez.

The Fund becomes available to members when the President of the AARC activates it for official federally declared disaster areas. It is for members who sustain property loss or damage during the disaster. Since its inception, the Disaster Relief Fund has distributed over \$55,000 to over 140 AARC members.

AARC members in the officially declared disaster areas who have experienced significant property loss or damage as a result of recent hurricanes may apply for a grant of up to \$500 for assistance. Applications will be reviewed at the AARC executive office in Dallas, and will then be sent on to the president of their state society for verification and a recommendation of action.

In 1992, the AARC established a Disaster Relief Fund based on action by its Board of Directors and House of Delegates. The Fund, which may be activated at the time of any federally declared disaster, was established in an effort to assist members of the AARC who may experience property loss or damage in a natural disaster. It has been used following hurricanes in Florida and Hawaii, earthquakes and fires in California, flooding in the Midwestern states, tornadoes in the Southeast, and, of course, during the Katrina disaster. The Disaster Fund is open from one year from the date of the disaster

For more information, please visit the AARC at: www.aarc.org/headlines/08/09/ike/ .

Great American Smokeout

The “Great American Smokeout” is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, and is observed the third Thursday of November. On November 20, smokers are encouraged to quit for one day. For information and resources, please visit: www.cancer.org .



Need CEUs?

Don't forget to check the OSRC Website regularly for information regarding educational offerings. The CEU page also has information on the CRCE requirements to maintain your Oklahoma Respiratory Care License.

Fall Back



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 2. Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour Saturday night!

Want to read this newsletter in

Color?

Go to:

www.okrespiratorycare.org/news



See you at the Fall Seminar!

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