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MEETING IN ALBANY ON APRIL 20, 2010

On April 20, 2010 LIACS once again joined forces up in Albany with other members from the New York State Association of Central Service Professionals and our Lobbyist, Celeste Morris. Ms. Morris and her team had made previous appointments with members of the Senate and the Assembly for us to meet with. NY has a legislative bill in the **Assembly A01014** and in the **Senate S3636** which will require individuals involved in the reprocessing of surgical instruments to have formal education, certification and therefore license throughout the state of New York.

We were met by Senator Jonathan Bing who is our Champion for this bill. Senator Suzi Oppenhiemer, who co-chairs this bill along with Senator Bing, is the Senate Chair of Higher Education and had made a large placard outside our meeting room. She came personally to welcome us to Albany, but unfortunately many of us were late and she had to return to the Senate before we got there. We met up with her later that day and she made a point to let us know how much she is in support of our efforts and will do what she can.

We split up and met with 25 legislators and Celeste Morris's people left literature for another 29.

One of the most influential people we had to get our message across to was Assembly Woman Deborah Glick who is the Chair of the Assembly's Higher Education Committee and she oversees professional licensing. We all grouped back together and as a force, we went to meet with her. She was extremely open to all of our questions and had had a few for us. The last time we met with her in December, she gave us questions for us to answer and we were able to not only provide those answers, but also offer more to the table. Mary Olivera demonstrated using a Laparoscopic Grasper how complicated and convoluted an instrument like this is to reprocess and where something can go wrong if steps are left out. We had documents to show how a patient was burned during a procedure which could leave her barren and unable to have children. Assembly Woman Glick was really glued to every word Mary was saying. At the end of the meeting, we all shook hands and Ms. Glick made it a point to say good bye to each of us and assure us that she will read all of the literature we left for her.

IT WAS A GREAT DAY IN ALBANY!!!!!!

It doesn't end here. We now have to do a calling campaign to reach out to all of the people we met with and to follow up and continue to gain their support, along with thanking them for meeting with us in Albany.

Our journey continues!

MOST VALUABLE PROFESSIONAL AWARD MELODY TRAVERSI!

Melody Traversi is the winner of this year's LIACS MVP Award. Melody won the Award last year as well. Congratulations Melody for all your work for LIACS.

There are many benefits to becoming an active member of LIACS, just one of which is our Annual MVP Awards.

Active Members are given points for attending LIACS meetings and participation in chapter activities. Those in the top spots were awarded cash prizes.

Check your current standing and, if you haven't already done so, please JOIN LIACS and attend our regular meetings and events to increase your chances of winning!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 11-12 **NYSACSP Annual Seminar**
Location: Niagara Falls, NY
- July 12 **Annual LIACS Golf Outing**
Location: Rockville Golf Outing in Manorville
- August 7 **LIACS Learn-Around**
Location: See website for details
- September **LIACS Certification Course**
Location: See website for details
- October 14 **Annual LIACS Seminar & Vendors Exhibits**
Location: Milleridge Inn, Jericho

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Check out our website for all information about your profession:

www.liacs.com



IN-COMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm excited to have an opportunity to serve the LIACS membership again. We have revamped the LIACS website thanks to the hard work of Uday Kolluri, Joe Amadeo and Larry Guittard. See their article for the new features on the website. May 1st is the IAHCSSM Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. If any LIACS members are planning on attending, please let us know. All LIACS members going to the Annual Meeting are invited to the LIACS Dinner on Tuesday night. The NYSACSP Annual Meeting is on June 11th and 12th in Niagara Falls. Anyone who has ever been to this meeting knows how awesome the topics are, as well as the after-hours networking. This will lead us to our Annual Golf Outing in July, which promises to be one of our best outings ever with the inaugural "LIACS Cup". The winning foursome will have their names immortalized in LIACS history. All of these activities tie into our MVP Contest, where the most active members can win up to \$1000 for meetings and other educational materials.

If this year is going to be successful, we still need everyone's help. We want to bring LIACS education to the individual institutions. Contact our new Program Committee chairperson, Denise Maxwell (dmaxwell@liacs.com), to volunteer a meeting space and let us know what topic would best serve you and/or your co-workers. We'll handle everything else. Not everyone can go to San Diego or Niagara Falls but we all need the CEUs so LIACS will bring the speakers to you.

April is the traditional changing of the Board. Larry Guittard, who served as our President, lead our organization to a possible third "Chapter of the Year" Award this year despite all of his personal challenges. His dedication to this profession is unmatched. I'd like to thank Lisa Carabott who has served on the Board for the past 2 years. She has opened her home, her heart and dedicated a tremendous amount of time to the organization. Lastly, I like to acknowledge Melody Traversi, Corrine VanNote, Kathy Froehlich, and Joe Amadeo, who will be remaining on the Board and I hope they can continue their appreciated commitment to our organization. This organization would not be as successful without them.

I'd like to welcome another dedicated professional back to the Board of Directors, Don Gordon. Don will be serving as our new 2-year Ex-Officio position. His experience and knack for putting in his "2 cents" will be welcomed. In addition, Uday Kolluri, who has already made a tremendous impact in our organization with the new LIACS website, and Denise Maxwell have stepped up their commitment to our profession. I hope they enjoy the experience and are able to continue to grow professionally with us.

2010/2011 is going to be a great year and I look forward to exceeding your expectations.

— Dan Bialt, *President*

Long Island Association for Central Service Join Us for our ANNUAL GOLF OUTING July 12, 2010

12:30pm: Lunch
1:30pm: Shotgun Start
6:00pm: Cocktails and Lobster Dinner
(Landlubbers: beef, pork and turkey will be available)

Rockhill Golf and Country Club
105 Clancy Road
Manorville, NY 11949

See www.liacs.com for registration forms and information.

OUT-GOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW! Has it been a year already? This past year has seen LIACS move in the right direction to maintain our strength and leadership as one of IAHCSSM's more active chapter's. It took the sacrifices of many people to get us to this point.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each member of my Board of Directors and all of the committee people for all their focused, dedication to help this profession move in the right direction. Their dedication and commitment, kept "raising the bar" that much higher as we pursued state-mandated certification and or licensure. Between offering our local seminars, NYSACSP seminars, and the N.E. Regional seminar, we have not sat back idle on your behalf. We rose to every challenge and sacrifice to bring you, our members and peers, first rate conferences that were measured against the best in the country. We could not do that without all the dedicated effort of your elected Board of Directors.

I would also like to thank many of our vendor's that are always so generous and dedicated to this chapter and profession for all their support, not only this past year, but throughout the history of this Chapter.

As we navigate through another year, we face many challenges and hurdles that must be overcome. I pass the baton to a very dedicated and focused leader, Dan Bialt. I am sure that Dan will maintain our speed and course and to keep us competitively strong as the Long Island Chapter of IAHCSSM. Thank you all,

— Larry Guittard, *Past President*

WEBSITE UPDATE

We have made great progress in revamping the website. Uday Kolluri and Joe Amadeo have taken over the redesign and it is fantastic! It is still a "work in progress", and there are changes being made constantly.

Some of the new features are you can now fill out your renewal membership application on-line and submit it. LIACS no longer charges for membership but you do have to fill out the application that is on the website and update your information. This works two-fold. It registers you as a current member but more important, it keeps your information current so you can receive all the details of this chapter and our activities. It is all too often that our mailings are returned as member's info is not updated.

You are now able to sign up to join a committee on-line.

The calendar feature has changed and when you "click" onto a date, the info is displayed and you can even get directions via Google Maps.

The photo albums have been redesigned also.

There is a "behind the scenes" feature for the Board of Director's to use to speed up info getting posted on the website.

So as you see, many things are happening with LIACS to help all of us navigate the information super highway.

Thank you,
Larry Guittard

LIACS GOLF OUTING

SAVE THE DATE: July 12, 2010

Our Annual Golf Outing will be held at Rockhill Golf Club in Manorville, NY. See the website for updates and directions. We will have a new tournament format, as well as, the anticipated "LIACS Cup". We'll also have other new activities and our traditional lobster tail dinner. Hospital teams and individuals are welcome.

LIACS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

LIACS would like to welcome our newest members:

Capitly Antonio Sr., NY Hospital Queens
Laura Beltran, Advanced Sterilization Products
William Carabott, Trinity Partners
Theodore Fabian, NY Hospital Queens
Andrew Gerlett, Sequoia Hospital (California)
Taramate Harry, NY Hospital Queens

Clive Inniss, Jacobi Medical Center
Uday Kolluri, United Biotech
Theresa Madden, NY Eye and Ear
Derick Simmons, NY Hospital Queens
Jessin Thomaskutty, MSI Surgical Solutions
Daniel Witherspoon, NY Hospital Queens

LIACS memberships are now **FREE** and the new on-line membership form makes it easy to join or renew your membership. No stamps, No checks, No hassles. You can also fill out the application and fax it to 718-975-5638 if you prefer. Our goal is to exceed 200 active members this year so we need you, your co-workers and your managers also.

LIACS 2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Title: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Hospital/Company: _____
Work Telephone: _____ Work Fax: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> New* <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	* If new member of LIACS, please let us know who recommended you to the organization:
	Sponsor: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Active Member (Hospital Employee) FREE	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member (Vendor) FREE
Are you a member of IAHCSSM? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> CRCST <input type="checkbox"/> CIS <input type="checkbox"/> CHL <input type="checkbox"/> FCS	Associate Members Only: Website Sponsor (1 Year): \$100 Newsletter Sponsor (4 Year): \$100 Total:

Activate your membership by:

- (1) **E-mail** the completed application to: **daniel.bialt@liacs.com**
- (2) **Fax** the completed application to: **718-975-5638, Attention: Dan Bialt**
- (3) **Mail** the completed application to: **Dan Bialt
26 Saxon Road
Centereach, NY 11720**
- (4) Associate Members sponsoring the Website and/or Newsletter please make check payable to: **LIACS**
- (5) Tell other CS Professionals to fill out the **Membership Application** on-line at: **www.liacs.com**

LINKING PARTNERS

Special Thanks to Our Linking Partners for your Support of LIACS. We really appreciate it! Please email us if you would like to become a Linking Partner.

CALLING ALL COOKS!!!!

Send us your favorite recipes for a cookbook the NYSACSP chapter is compiling to help raise money to fund the costs of a lobbyist in our efforts to get our bill for Mandatory Certification passed.

Send to:

Melody Traversi
15 Thorney Avenue
Huntington Station, NY 11746

