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## Message from the NYSSRC President

I can't believe we are in the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the year already. Time is surely marching on whether we care to march along or not. Your Board of Directors held 3 meetings; one in January, April and the other in June. The AARC held its Capitol Hill day in March during which time, Sheri Tooley, Cherie Wilder and Ron Jacobs visited and met with NY's Congressional and Senate members. The biggest item on the agenda was HR 941, the Respiratory Therapy Initiative Bill that would recognize payment for respiratory therapists, especially in the home setting. The bill has several sponsors and we are currently trying to get a Senate version of the bill also introduced. Lobbying efforts never really stop and all members of the NYSSRC are encouraged to contact their representatives to support this important piece of legislation. You can do this through the AARC's Capitol Connection...just go to the AARC's website: [www.aarc.org](http://www.aarc.org) to gain access.

Educationally speaking, the Central Region offered its Winter Workshop in January, the Northeast Region held a very successful Albany Teaching Day in February and the Western Region also conducted its annual Niagara Falls Conference in April. In June we conducted the following meetings and activities: the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Respiratory Care Managers/Educators Conference (aka the Rocking Chair Conference), the annual golf outing of the Northeast Region and the Hudson Valley Region's annual conference. In July, the Northeast will hold its annual Track Conference and don't forget about the NYSSRC's annual meeting, The Turning Stone Symposium, in September.

NYSSRC elections will be held this fall and active members will have the opportunity to nominate and elect a president-elect, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and delegate plus each region will be electing a director. Think about nominations and participating in this election. As always, the NYSSRC website: [www.nyssrc.com](http://www.nyssrc.com) will have details about all meetings, events and activities and if you have any specific questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

The year is going fast, maybe too fast. While we are all busy with our careers, professional activities, families and whatever else is on the plate, please take time to appreciate the small things life may send your way. You'll be surprised at what you might get to experience.

My very best always,

Ken Wyka, MS, RRT, AE-C, FAARC  
President, NYSSRC  
NYSSRC President

# **New York State Society for Respiratory Care, Inc.**

## **The 2011 Board of Directors Meetings Schedule**

### **1. NYSSRC BOD Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 12:00pm to 4:30pm  
Turning Stone Casino Resort, Verona NY.

## **2011 EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS AROUND THE STATE**

### **Annual NYSSRC Symposium**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual NY State Symposium of the NYSSRC will be held at the Turning Stone Resort and Conference Center in Verona, NY on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. Online registration will be available June 2011. 10 CRCE's pending.

The 2012 Annual Symposium is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Turning Stone Resort and Conference Center in Verona, NY

### **Regional Meetings:**

#### **Central Region:**

- The New York State Fair booth will be manned in large part by the members of the Central Region from Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> thru Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to man the booth, please contact CNY Regional Director Joe McDonald at [mcdonaj@upstate.edu](mailto:mcdonaj@upstate.edu) if you can volunteer some time.

#### **Northeast Region:**

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- 2011 Saratoga Track Conference is being held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.
- Additional information inquiries should be directed to NE Regional Director Linda Mazur- Riordan at [L.mazurriordan@hvcc.edu](mailto:L.mazurriordan@hvcc.edu)
- Watch for upcoming events on our website [www.nyssrc.com](http://www.nyssrc.com).

#### **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Managers/Educators:** (formerly the Rocking Chair Conference)

- June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Winterclove Inn, Roundtop, N.Y.
- An Annual Event/ Meeting of the NYSSRC and NJSRC

## **NATIONAL MEETINGS**

### **Summer Forum**

Managers and Educators meet for new ideas and strategies in respiratory care.  
July 18–20, 2011 Vail, Colorado

### **The AARC 55<sup>th</sup> International Respiratory Congress**

2011 - November 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Saturday to Tuesday in Tampa, Florida  
2012 - November 10-13<sup>th</sup>. Saturday to Tuesday in New Orleans, Louisiana  
2013 – November 16-19<sup>th</sup>. Saturday to Tuesday in Anaheim, California

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