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RIPA Reporter

The Newsletter of the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association

From the President



Sandy Rosa

Greetings All,

Gone are the lazy days of summer and with the cool weather and the kids back to school, comes the increased activity in the pharmacy. October is National Pharmacists Month and every time one of your patients thanks you I hope you remind them of this and thank THEM for celebrating with you. Part of the joy in our profession comes from the daily interactions we all have with the people we serve.

In this issue we showcase our annual award winners, (and what better time than National Pharmacists Month) all of whom epitomize the best the profession has to offer. All of our members do amazing things and we can learn something new from each one of them. Do you know any amazing pharmacists? Why not invite them to be members so that they can share their achievements and be recognized for the professionals they aspire to be. The value of the Association is in our members, so let us build an Association that all pharmacists, in all practice settings, can be proud of.

October is also the start of the season for flu shots. Many stores are holding flu shot clinics, so encourage everyone to get their shot; there is plenty vaccine for all. Although RI is only one of six states not allowing pharmacist to immunize, we hope to finally get legislation passed this year. The specter of a pandemic flu and stepped-up bioterrorism preparedness with heightened concern for public health safety will aid us in our efforts. We will be asking each of you to contact your state representatives in order to educate them on this important issue.

It is also election time in Rhode Island, so everyone get out and vote for the candidates who will best serve you, the hard-working pharmacist. While we are celebrating Pharmacy Month with our patients, remind them to vote YES on Question #4, the Higher Education Bond. The benefits to the state and to the profession are many; a new building for the College of Pharmacy, increasing enrollment and allowing more Rhode Islanders to enter the profession, increased research dollars and partnerships with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, improving the overall RI economy, and finally, improving the health of our citizens

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through the efforts of our highly trained and professional pharmacists. So, get out and vote on November 7th! Your future depends on it.

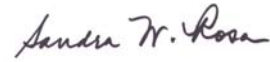
This is just a start on some of the goals we have set out for ourselves, there is a lot to do but if we all pitch in we can get

it done. Look for upcoming events and developments on our soon to be new and improved website. We are working very hard to make it more informative and user friendly.

Finally, get out and enjoy the beautiful New England fall with family and

friends. Let the fresh air clear your heads so you can find new ways to improve the profession and move it forward into the future.

Sincerely,



Sandy Rosa, President



Rhode Island Pharmacist Association Council of Administration Installed

On Friday, June 23, 2006 the RIPA installed its governing body at the Potowomut Country Club. r-l: Sandra Rosa - President; Kelly Orr - President-Elect; Scott Lancellotta - Past President; Jeff Newell - Treasurer; John Grossomanides - Secretary; Jef Bratberg - Director; Linda Carver - Director; Jennifer Newell - Student Representative; Dan Rowan - Director

Vote Yes on 4 – Higher Education for a Healthy Rhode Island

This November 7th, Rhode Islanders have the opportunity to approve Question 4 and \$65 million for the building of a new state-of-the-art facility for the URI College of Pharmacy. Voting yes on Question 4 is a vote to advance the pharmacy profession in Rhode Island, to improve the health of Rhode Islanders, and to improve the health of our state's economy.

A new facility for the College of Pharmacy will enable URI to educate a graduating class size of 125 pharmacy students per year. Currently, the College is able to accommodate 90 students per class year in a building that was intended for a maximum class size of 45.

The URI College of Pharmacy is dedicated to improving the health of Rhode Island communities. A new

pharmacy building will allow more students and faculty to participate in the College's award-winning "Brown Bag"



program, which gives Rhode Island's seniors the most up-to-date, comprehensive information about medication use, potential harmful interactions, and affordability options.

Existing URI College of Pharmacy and industry partnerships already benefit the overall economy in Rhode Island, contributing to workforce development, pharmaceutical discovery and analysis,

and drug product formulation in accordance with federally-mandated good manufacturing practices (GMPs). A new state-of-the-art pharmacy building will make it possible for URI to attract even more federal research dollars and partnerships with pharmaceutical and biotech companies.

In short, approval of Question 4 and a new URI College of Pharmacy facility will serve to further the mission of the Rhode Island Pharmacists Association, and unite all pharmacists in the state for professional development and advancement. So on November 7th, "Vote Yes 4 Higher Education and a Healthy Rhode Island".

For more information and to volunteer to support Yes On 4, visit <http://www.voteyes4higher.org/>.

2006 RI Pharmacists Association Honors Outstanding Pharmacists



Sara and Leah Lancellotta talk about their Dad, Outgoing President Scott Lancellotta with Brooks Pharmacy before presenting him with the most important award of the evening...a hug for a job well done!!



Dick Yacino with the Department of Health presents Charlie Raiola of Brooks Pharmacy with the Bowl of Hygiea for his years as a pharmacist, independent store owner and mentor to many many pharmacists



Al Martinelli from Pharmacists Mutual presents Jef Bratberg with the Young Pharmacist of the Year Award for his work with Bio Terrorism and Hurricane Katrina victims



Heather Larch presents Ginger Lemay, both with Brooks Pharmacy with the Elan Pharmaceuticals Innovative Pharmacy Practice Award for her work with getting the Medication Therapy Management program up and running at Brooks locations around the country



President Sandy Rosa presents Nancy Tortolani of the URI Outreach Center with the Guido L. Pettinicchio Award for her work in assisting hundreds of RI senior citizens understand the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan.



Richard Yacino with the Department of Health presents Susan Delmonico, Director of Regulatory Affairs with CVS with the RIPA Pharmacists Service Award for her service as Chair of the Board of Pharmacy



Jack Hutson presents Gerry Levesque, Director of State Government Affairs with Astra Zeneca with the RIPA Non-Pharmacist Service Award for his years of sustained support of the RI Pharmacists Association



Outgoing President Scott Lancellotta presents Pat Alger of Brooks Pharmacy with the RIPA Pharmacy Technician Award for her commitment and decision to her patients. Sadly, Pat passed away suddenly on September 16, 2006. She will be terribly missed by her family, friends, co-workers and her patients.



President Sandy Rosa presents Joan Crawley of the Pawtucket Senior Center with the Charles Hachadorian Award for her work with the Medicare Part D implementation.



Heather Larch presents Trisha Morin with the RIPA Student Service Award for her service as President of the Academy of Student Pharmacists

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ON NOVEMBER 7TH / VOTE YES ON QUESTION 4!

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