It’s Here!!! IHCA’s 65th Annual Convention & Expo Starts Monday!!

Pre-registration is CLOSED!

Pre-registration for convention is closed, but you can still attend if you have not registered! Just head to Peoria next week and register on site! View the Preliminary Program for information on all of our sessions and events!

**The IHCA office will be closed next week as our staff will be on-site in Peoria. We will have limited access to email. If you need assistance, you may contact the IHCA Registration Desk at the Peoria Civic Center by calling 309-680-3621.**

Items of Note

- **Session handouts will NOT be printed** this year. They will be made available online for all registrants prior to convention. If you are registered to attend, you should have received information on how to access the handouts. Information will also be available at convention.

- **Badge sheets have been mailed** to those facilities that registered before September 1. If you registered for convention after that or if your facility did not receive their badges in the mail, you may go to the Registration Desk at the Peoria Civic Center to have badges printed for you. **Attendees: please be sure to bring these badge sheets with you to convention!! You will need to show your badge sheet to get the rest of your convention materials when checking in!**

- If you have your badge sheet you may pick up the rest of your materials at three (3) locations Tuesday morning!!! You can visit the Registration Desk, the coat check room by the ballroom (in the 400s) or the table in the Triangle Lobby outside the main expo entrance. If you want to check in Monday afternoon, the Reg. Desk will be open 4-8 p.m. You can pick up your packet any time Tuesday or Wednesday at the Reg. Desk as well.

Check out the Convention section on www.ihca.com for more information!!

Annual IHCA Awards Information

- **Confirmation emails were sent to the administrator of each facility that had nominees.** If you did not receive a confirmation email and have questions about the awards, please contact Ashley Caldwell at acaldwell@ihca.com.

- **Click here** to view the full list of the 2015 IHCA Award Nominees!!

- **The IHCA Volunteer and Staff Awards** (all non-nursing award categories) will be presented at Opening General Session on Tuesday, September 15 in the Ballroom at the Peoria Civic Center. The session starts at 9:00 a.m. We ask that all nominees sit in the designated sections at the front of the room to help with the timeliness of the ceremony.
Nominees may collect their certificates of recognition at any time after Opening General Session by visiting Ashley Caldwell in the Speaker/Monitor Ready Room (Room 134). Any certificates that are not collected during convention will be mailed to the facilities at a later date.

The IHCA/LTCNA Nursing Awards will be presented at the Ovations Breakfast on Wednesday, September 16, at 7:30 a.m. in the Ballroom of the Peoria Civic Center. You MUST have a ticket to attend Ovations. Tickets are $30 each and can be purchased at the Registration Desk if you have not done so already. Each nominee receives a complimentary ticket to attend.

IHCA PAC/The Center PAC Golf Outing and 5k Information
A reminder for those who are participating in the IHCA PAC/The Center-PAC Golf Outing, lunch and registration will begin at 10:15 a.m. at WeaverRidge Golf Club, with a shot gun start of 11:30 a.m. The forecast looks like it will be a beautiful day for a round of golf and networking with your peers. Plan to attend the awards reception in the club house to see who receives the top golf foursome award and other prizes.

Attention all 5k runners/walkers! This year we are making it a little easier for you to pick up your packet before the race. From 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday outside of SMRR (room 134 at the Civic Center), you may pick up your swag bag and race bib for the race later that evening. This will help the time constraints of having to check in down by the river front and keep things moving on time. The opportunity for last minute sign-ups will be available as well. A few extra shirts were ordered so it will be first come first served! If you have any questions about the golf outing or the run/walk please contact Ashley Snavely.

Social Media!! Follow Us on Facebook and Twitter to Get All of the Latest Updates on Next Week’s Events!!
IHCA staff will be posting on Facebook and Tweeting throughout next week’s festivities. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter and get the inside scoop. Also—join us on social media by posting your own updates and using the hashtag #ChangingFaceofLTC!!

We’ll see you next week in Peoria!

Don’t Forget to Vote for Your Officers of the IHCA Board of Directors!!
Officers for the IHCA Board of Directors will be elected and installed at the IHCA Annual Business Meeting (to be held at convention on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in room 135 of the Peoria Civic Center).

The candidates for IHCA officers to be elected at the Annual Business meeting are:

- President: John Vrba
- Vice President: Rhonda Luther
- Treasurer: Sam Thompenson
- Secretary: Tom Annarella

You should already have received your Annual Business Meeting information and election ballots by email. If you are voting by absentee or proxy form, we must receive your form along with your ballot by tomorrow!! Otherwise, you can at the Annual Business Meeting. Contact Gina Alex if you have any questions.

September Observances

Sunday is National Grandparents Day: Since 1978, this day has recognized and celebrated both paternal and maternal grandparents. Visit www.grandparents-day.com for more.

Next Week is National Assisted Living Week: Organized by NCAL, this week has provided a unique opportunity for residents, families, staff, volunteers, and the surrounding community to come together to organize activities and events that honor assisted living residents since 1955. Visit www.ahcancal.org/ncal for more info.

Next Week is National Environmental Services Week: This week-long observance was started in order to recognize environmental services teams as essential personnel in the execution of infection control cleaning protocols, patient safety goals and customer satisfaction. Show your environmental services staff how much you appreciate them! Click here for more.
September 20 – 26, 2015 is National Rehabilitation Awareness Week: Organized by the National Rehabilitation Awareness Foundation, this week is a great time to educate the masses about the benefits and impact of rehabilitation.

This month is Healthy Aging Month: Healthy Aging® Month is an annual observance month designed to focus national attention on the positive aspects of growing older. The mission is to encourage local level Healthy Aging® events that promote taking personal responsibility for one’s health... be it physically, socially, mentally or financially. Click here for more.

AHCA/NCAL Information

September 13-19, 2015 – National Assisted Living Week®

Next week is National Assisted Living Week!!! This year’s theme, suggested by NCAL members, is “Nourishing Life: Mind, Body, Spirit.” This theme celebrates the countless ways assisted living caregivers nurture the whole resident. Communities across the country work each and every day to ensure that the lives of their residents are fully nourished in each and every way. Conversely, residents nourish the lives of team members and volunteers by, with the support of loved ones, sharing their inspiring lives. For more information, click here.

NCAL Now Accepting Photos for the Faces of Assisted Living!!

NCAL is accepting photo submissions for Faces of Assisted Living through October 31. Honor the individuals residing in assisted living communities by sharing those everyday moments or special occasions. When you submit a photo, consider telling us a little more about the resident pictured: something they said that stuck with you, what they did when they were younger, or their favorite things.

Submitted photos with completed image release forms may be featured on AHCA/NCAL’s Facebook page, on Twitter and in future publications. Follow the submissions with the hashtag #FacesofAL.

Intent to Apply Process Opens Next Week

The Intent to Apply (ITA) process for the 2016 National Quality Awards opens next week on September 15, 2015. Though submitting an ITA is not mandatory, it can be very beneficial for facilities choosing to participate in the Quality Award process. Members who submit an ITA payment will gain specialized benefits during their application process. A primary benefit is the reduced application cost to members. Click here for more information.

IHCA Member Spotlight

Interested in Seeing Your Company or Facility Featured in Our IHCA Member Spotlight?

IHCA is proud of our diverse membership and all of your successes and accomplishments. Has your company recently celebrated a milestone? Accomplished a goal? Undergone a major change? Do you have positive stories or news to share? Would you just like to get your name out there among your fellow IHCA members?

If you would like to see your company or facility recognized in Members Only--Associate Members, Facilities, Corporations alike--contact acaldwell@ihca.com.

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