

LeadingAge Wyoming Newsletter

President's Report



The 2017 Wyoming Hospital Association and LeadingAge Wyoming Convention began with the Pledge of Allegiance with the flags being presented by the Honor Guard Legion of Sheridan.

It started off the convention with a feeling of unity as topics were discussed that affected healthcare coverage everywhere in Wyoming. Especially in these times of trial and unrest in our country, it was important to the leaders of LeadingAge and the WHA to begin the meetings with a reminder of why these associations work as hard as they do- to protect the citizens of Wyoming and offer affordable healthcare and top notch facilities.

One of the featured speakers on Wednesday was popular author CJ Box. He spoke about his passion for the American West and experiences that have inspired his novels. As a Wyoming native, he has accumulated a knowledge of what is important to Wyoming citizens and what they need in their lives.

All attendees enjoyed his colorful remarks and fun anecdotes and the opportunity to meet a Wyoming native who made it big writing about the state he loves.

Senator Eric Barlow, representative for Campbell County, was a last minute addition to the line-up of speakers. He conducted a question and answer session about healthcare issues he knew had come up around the state. It was an informal forum in which LeadingAge and WHA members could come together to brainstorm solutions that would benefit the state.

Author of more than a dozen books on personal success and organizational effectiveness, Joe Tye, was also on the panel of speakers. One of the big take-aways from Tye's presentation was for everyone to take the pickle pledge and eradicate toxic emotional negativity from workplace situations in order to better meet the needs of healthcare consumers.

Barbara Gay from LeadingAge gave an update on the new LTC survey process for SNFs.

We are always honored to have the Department of Health, Healthcare Licensing and Surveys branch give updates to our members. A special Thank You to Laura Hudspeth, Pat Davis and Bill Alexander for their time and expertise.



Pat Fritz from Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation gave an update on the National Nursing Home Quality Care collaborative.

The Annual Meeting was a success due to your attendance and participation. If you have any comments, or suggestions, please feel free to let us know.



**JoAnn Farnsworth Receives 2017 Daniel J. Lex Award
for Service in Long-Term Care**

JoAnn Farnsworth of Weston County Health Services was awarded the 2017 Daniel J. Lex Award for Service in Long-Term Care.

JoAnn received the award at the LAW/WHA Annual Meeting held in Sheridan.

JoAnn has been employed by Weston County Health Services since August 2001. She became LTC Director in December 2003 and Quality Director since May 2015.

JoAnn is looked upon by many others for information within the

state as well as out of the state. She has been involved with the Nursing Home Advisory Group for the Wyoming Department of Health since its inception for over 10 years.

According to her nomination form, when JoAnn was directly involved in the Weston County Health Services Manor as Administrator she would take residents on outings, make sure they were able to see their families and knew each resident well. There are so many instances where she took it upon herself to make sure residents were part of the community.



LeadingAge Wyoming Elects New Board Members



Rick Schroeder was presented with his outgoing chairman plaque during the annual meeting. Rick has been the Chairman for LeadingAge Wyoming for the past 2 years and we want to thank him for his leadership.

The 2018 board of directors of LeadingAge Wyoming have been appointed.

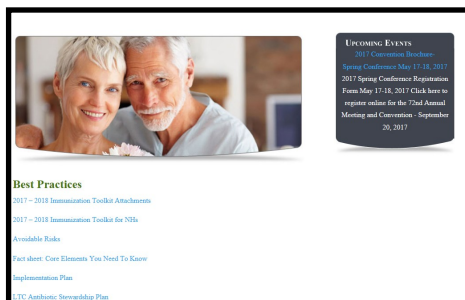
- Chairman—Nancy Bunot
- Chair-Elect—Shane Filipi
- Secretary/Treasurer—Bryan Merrell
- Past Chairman—JoAnn Farnsworth
- Director—Chris Szymanski
- Director—Jill Hult
- Director—Brenda Gorm
- Director—Malenda Hoelscher

LeadingAge Wyoming Website

In our ongoing effort to keep our members updated on current events and trends, we have added a “Best Practices” tab to our website.

If your facility has any best practices, papers, etc. they would like to share, please send them to us and we will add them to the website.

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LAW Calendar:	
National Family Caregivers Month	11/1-11/30
LeadingAge Annual Meeting New Orleans, LA	10/29-11/1