



NVSHHP NEWS

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This is the Real Deal !

by

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I know some of you are thinking “Oh, another Nevada Pharmacy organization. Who is organizing this one? Is this the one I should join or just another fly by night group?”

OK, so I’m writing to tell you NVSHHP is the “real deal”. There is no better time or group to meet the needs of Nevada pharmacists and technicians in health systems. This is a Nevada pharmacist organized group. NVSHHP recently received affiliation status with ASHP as the official Nevada state chapter. Nevada was one of two states in the country that did not have an ASHP affiliate. Now we do. This is the only game in town for Nevada pharmacists who practice in health systems.

NVSHHP is dedicated to:

- helping you help patients make the best use of their medications
- provide networking and educational opportunities with peers
- advocate for pharmacy with legislative and special interest groups
- honoring and supporting our members

A small group of pharmacists have this organization going again, you can learn about some of the great programs already organized by reading this Newsletter. However, it will take a much larger group to sustain it. All of us know the importance of a good professional organization. If you have hesitated to join, please do so no longer.

Nevada has grown much since I moved here 28 years ago. So have the number of health system pharmacists. However, each of us needs to actively participate to fully take advantage of what this organization can offer. We also each need to take our turn in leadership rolls and assume some responsibility to make it work. If you have any experience working with pharmacy organizations please volunteer to do something. If you haven’t volunteered before, try it, you might like it. Email Julie Rodgers, chair of the nomination committee at julie.rodgers@va.gov and make a difference.

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 * Current Membership: 67 *
 * Pharmacists: 51 *
 * Technicians: 5 *
 * Students: 12 *
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## Nevada Pharmacists and Technicians Celebrate Pharmacy Week

We all hope all of you had a fabulous Pharmacy Week!

The VA Southern Nevada Health Care System (VASNHS) provided patient information on different topics such as medication safety, traveling safely with medications, vaccinations, using antibiotics wisely, preventing medication errors, and medication safety during hospital stays.

VASNHS Pharmacy residents also participated in a project called "Vial of Life." Vial of Life is a compilation of medical information that can assist emergency personnel in administering the proper medical treatment. The "Vial of Life" is designed to speak for the patient when the patient cannot speak for himself/herself. To find more about this project, you can log onto [www.vialoflife.com](http://www.vialoflife.com).

The VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System (VASNHCS) set up a booth in the outpatient pharmacy waiting area. Each day a different topic was highlighted. Pharmacists, residents and students discussed various topics such as vaccinations, cholesterol, diabetes, hypertension, and smoking cessation with patients.

They gave out freebies like pens, mugs and materials related to specific disease states. The pharmacists held a pot-luck lunch in appreciation for their pharmacy technicians.

How did you celebrate? Let us know. Send us your Pharmacy Week story (with pictures, if you have them) and we will post it on the website! [nvshp@yahoo.com](mailto:nvshp@yahoo.com).



VA Las Vegas residents Thu Tran and Jeff Mandel celebrate pharmacy week..

## Nevada Pharmacy Technicians Achieve Certification

NVSHP would like to congratulate the following individuals for successfully passing the most recent Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam.

Rosario Imperial, CPhT VA Southern Nevada Health Care System (Las Vegas)

Cindy McIntosh, CPhT VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System (Reno)

Ellen Moore, CPhT VA Southern Nevada Health Care System (Las Vegas)

Anita Tomicic, CPhT VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System (Reno)



Congratulations! Your hard work and dedication has paid off. If we failed to mention a Nevada Technician please send a note to [nvshp@yahoo.com](mailto:nvshp@yahoo.com). We want to be sure they are recognized.

## The CE Corner

We have had some really exciting continuing education programs since the last newsletter. A special "Thank You" to Larry Pinson, Executive Secretary, Nevada State Board of Pharmacy for providing the Law CE at the Reno and Las Vegas events. Thank you to **Scott Mambourg** and **Jeff Rosenblatt** for coordinating the industry sponsorship.

- ◇ The Reno Law CE event was held at the National Automobile Museum during Hot August Nights. In addition to the law CE presentation we had Ron Planeta, Chief Probation Officer Douglass County talk on community awareness of illicit meth use. The over 150 attendees enjoyed free admission to the museum during the event and a wonderful buffet catered by the Sienna Hotel and Casino.
- ◇ The Las Vegas Law CE was held at Bahama Breeze and had 20 in attendance.
- ◇ ASHP Advantage in conjunction with the Nevada Society of Health-System Pharmacists (NVSHP) hosted an ACPE-accredited educational program and dinner entitled "**Evidence-based Strategies for Improving Patient**

**Outcomes: Optimizing Antithrombotic Management of Acute Coronary Syndrome".** Dr. Wendy Cantrell gave an excellent presentation. This free educational event was held at Panevito Ristorante on Wednesday, September 26,

## NVSHP Business Meeting and USN Reception in Las Vegas

- ◇ We are all very excited as December 2 is rapidly approaching! We hope to see you at our business meeting at the Venetian. We will be installing our newly elected Board members and discussing topics pertinent to the organization.

Date: Sunday, December 2nd

Time: 5-7pm

Location: The Venetian Congress Center - Level 3 San Polo Room 3403

- ◇ NVSHP and USN will be hosting a reception during the ASHP Mid-Year meeting. We hope to see you there!

Date: Monday, December 3rd

Time: 5:30-8pm

Location: The Venetian Congress Center - Level 1 Casanova Room 603

## NVSHP Election Update

- ◇ **REMINDER:** Mail in your ballot! Elections are currently under way to elect a new NVSHP Board and your vote counts! Election deadline is November 30, 2007.
- ◇ **Represent Nevada in the ASHP House of Delegates.** The House of Delegates meet at the annual meeting, usually held in June. In 2008 the annual meeting will be in Seattle, WA. A delegate serves for 2 terms, we also elect alternate delegates. NVSHP will be holding elections soon. Contact Julie Rodgers ([julie.rodgers@va.gov](mailto:julie.rodgers@va.gov)) if you're interested in running. NOTE: The election is open to ALL ASHP members in Nevada. Information enclosed.

## News and Notes

- ◇ NVSHP is officially a 501c6 non-profit organization! We received our non-profit status approval on September 18, 2007.
- ◇ Our new website is currently in development. In an effort to keep website expenses to a minimum we will be maintaining our own website. We are in need of a few good web masters!! Dreamweaver training will be provided! If you are interested please send an email to [NVSHP@yahoo.com](mailto:NVSHP@yahoo.com).
- ◇ The University of Southern Nevada College of Pharmacy Career Fair and Senior Interview Day took place November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the USN campus. Friday, there were several companies from Nevada and California displaying their information to USN students and faculty. Saturday provided an opportunity for the seniors in the Class of 2008 to interview. The USN COP Career fair is a wonderful local coalition for students to explore their career opportunities.
- ◇ Many of you have heard that our past Interim President, Meg Gordon recently relocated to Los Angeles. The Board selected Diana Higgins to be the Interim President until December 2007.
- ◇ Newsletter editor position is OPEN! Interested in producing a quarterly newsletter? If this sounds like something that would interest you please contact NVSHP!
- ◇ **Give us your input!** What recurring or new topics do you want to see addressed in the Newsletter? Please contact NVSHP and provide your suggestions!
- ◇ Future editions of the newsletter will be sent to NVSHP members only. Don't miss out! Complete the enclosed membership form and mail today!

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*WISHES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!*

*Need a New Years resolution?*

*Commit to becoming a member today!*

*Membership application enclosed.*