



ACHCA

American College of
Health Care Administrators

Connecticut Chapter

Chapter Communicator

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1. Welcome to our **newest and returning Connecticut Chapter Members:**

**Helen Byron; Amelia Fiore; Thomas Harris; Linda Langlais; Francis Okonkow;
Paula Smith; and Merisa Zilkic**

If you know any of these people and see them at a College or other event, please make sure to go up to them and say, **“Welcome to the College!” (with enthusiasm!!!)**.

Graced at this time (30-day Membership extension) are:

**Pullman & Comley LLC; Karen Daley; Jane DeVries; Craig Dumont; Jeanine
Hammitt; Patricia King; Randall Mathieson; Donna Orefice; Angela Perry;
Melinda Schoen; and Alan Sobol**

We hope that your Membership renewal is “in the mail.” Please let us know if there’s any way we can assist. Contact Katie Lasewicz at **860-442-4363**; klasewicz@beechwoodrehab.net.

We wish to note our National Business Affiliate Members who support the College:

**Celtic Consulting LLC
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Omnicare of Connecticut
Procure LTC Pharmacy
Pullman & Comley LLC
SigmaCare**

Thank you all!

2. Coming up on short notice... The Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators is pleased to announce a full-day seminar entitled, "**Building A Five-Star Leadership Team**" with nationally recognized presenter, **Ralph Peterson** of Ralph Peterson Consulting, LLC.

The event will be on **Thursday, April 27th** from **9:00 AM (Registration opens at 8:30 AM) until 4:30 PM** at **Zandri's Stillwood Inn in Wallingford, CT**. The location is just off of I91 in Wallingford with plenty of free parking!

A Program Announcement and Registration Information is currently posted to the Calendar page of our website and is attached to this email. **6.5 CEUs** will be awarded to Nursing Home Administrators for their attendance at the entire event.

Cost is \$ 75.00/person for ACHCA Member and Guests registering with an ACHCA Member. Remember that facility membership in CAHCF or LeadingAge CT is not the same as individual membership in the College.

AITs attend FREE, but you must register to attend.

Cost is \$ 150.00/person for not-yet-an ACHCA Member.

Registration is a commitment to pay. Our Survey Guarantee is in effect, and substitutions are allowed.

Questions? Contact Rick Brown at **860-290-9424**; rbrown@cahcf.org.

3. The **Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators**

At our Annual Meeting on March 8th, the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators elected two (2) Directors for two-year terms:

Linda Garcia, Beacon Brook Health Center
Marnie Talamona, Glen Hill Center

Congratulations to both!

Recognized for their advancement to Fellow, American College of Health Care Administrators were:

Andrew Goodsell
Russell Schwartz

Congratulations on a milestone achievement!

The highlight of the Annual Meeting was, of course, the 2017 Certified Nursing Assistant Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, and joining us this year **Wendy H. Furniss, RNC, MS, Branch Chief, Health Care Systems, State of Connecticut Department of Public Health**. Joining the Certified Nursing Assistant Hall of Fame are:

Dawn Barner, Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center
Ruth Brown, Touchpoints at Farmington
Marco Cambiasca, Beechwood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
Krystyna Kuron, Avon Health Center
Hyacinth Mallett, Westside Care Center
Mary Roberts, Valerie Manor

This event is ALWAYS an emotionally moving experience for everyone. Congratulations to all, and Rick has pictures up of all the Inductees on the Chapter's website at www.ctachca.org/cnahalloffame.htm. These are our heroes!

Hope you were there to enjoy it with us!

Our Event Sponsor was **Workers' Compensation Trust**. Thank you!

4. Did Connecticut have great representation at our **51st Annual Convocation & Exposition** on April 2nd through the 5th in St Louis, MO? YOU BETCHA!!!

At the **Certified & Fellows Luncheon** on April 2nd, **Russell Schwartz, FACHCA**, advanced to Fellow and **Mark J. Finklestein, CNHA, FACHCA**, became recertified as a Nursing Home Administrator. Fellowship is the highest level of Membership in the College. There are currently only eleven (11) Certified Nursing Home Administrators (CNHA) in the State of Connecticut and one (1) Retired Emeritus Certified (REC). Congratulations to Russell and Mark!

At the **Annual Awards Celebration** on April 4th, **Molly Savard, CNHA, FACHCA** was recognized with an **Eli Pick Leadership Award**; our friends at **Healthcare Services Group** were recognized with a **Business Partner Award**; and the **Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities** was recognized with a **Champion Award** for their long-standing collaboration with the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators on matters of importance to both organizations.

Nice job, Connecticut Chapter!



Pictured above is a group photograph of the Connecticut attendees at a baseball game (baseball is BIG in St Louis) between the defending World Series Champion Chicago Cubs and the St Louis Cardinals. The Cardinals won their home opener, but lost to the Cubbies on the night we were there. You can see the Gateway Arch in the background of the picture.

MORE PICTURES on the Pictures page of our website at www.ctachca.org.

YES!, your Chapter is working as quickly as possible to get your Convocation registration reimbursement checks to you. Please be patient.

5. Confirmed! We'll be back on the water again this year for our **Connecticut River Sunset Supper Cruise** with Lady Katharine Cruises leaving from Middletown, CT. Sometime in August. Stay tuned for details!

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