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Upcoming Events...

2006

- APHA 134th Annual Meeting and Exposition, Nov. 4-8, 2006, Boston, MA

2007

- SCPHA 2007 Annual Meeting, May 21-25, 2007, Myrtle Beach, SC

Advertise in The Bulletin and on SCPHA's Website...

See Page 7 for advertising rates and deadlines, etc.

At the June Governing Council Meeting, it was recommended by The Futures Committee and approved by Governing Council to solicit and accept ads for *The Bulletin*. Advertising is open to SCPHA members, businesses and non-profit organizations.

Message from the President

by Mary Fechtel



Dear Fellow Members:

“Where In the World Is Public Health?” is the topic we have chosen to focus on this year for educational training at our Annual Meeting and the Winter Conference, as well as at other times throughout the year. However, we cannot continue to move forward looking at world issues until we have taken care of issues on our home fronts. Let’s not forget what we are about. We are first and foremost Public Health Employees! Whether your calling is environmental, health or support for either of these causes, the least important is the most important. Without each and every one of you, the cause is useless.

You think that only one cannot make a difference, but a child’s life journey begins with the first footstep. As a

group (the Association), our voices will be heard and movements noticed. We can advocate for those who are less fortunate or do not have the means. Please do not miss the opportunity to educate yourselves and others when you are offered the opportunity. Many of our State agencies offer us excellent opportunities, and they are our partners; but we have to make it known that we advocate for Public Health – not only as a living, but as a calling and passion.

Begin your day with a smile and let someone know you care, just a little bit more everyday. It will not cost you anything, but will do much to relieve someone else’s pain. Let the enraged driver go first, be the first to say I’m sorry (even if it isn’t your fault) and you will feel better all day. Plan to do a little more each day to make this world a better place and you surely will leave it a better place than you found it. Make it your personal goal to make sure that some older person you know gets to the doctor to get that flu shot or lend your ear to someone who needs a friend. Take the time to let an elderly parent know that you care. We only pass through this world once – and every day is a gift. We can make a difference to those around us and in other parts of the world, but our first step in renewing hope in PUBLIC HEALTH begins with YOU and ME. Please do your part to keep the flicker of hope burning for someone else. *Smiles to you.*

New Guidelines for Newsletter Entries

All future entries to *The Bulletin* must follow new guidelines:

- Written entries only
- Submitted electronically
- Formatted in a Word document
- Times New Roman, 12 pt. font size
- Photos must be in jpg
- Summarize and condense news from another source
- Send to Katy L. Wynne at wynnekl@dhec.sc.gov
- Questions – call (803) 545-4464 (Columbia)

News on the National Front

APHA

The American Public Health Association (APHA) will be implementing an exciting new initiative to promote Affiliate membership at the 2006 Annual Meeting this November in Boston, Massachusetts. Currently, about 15% of APHA members are also members of their Affiliate. We are hoping that this opportunity-supported by APHA leaders from the Joint Task Force on Membership and the Committee on Affiliates- will help to improve these numbers.

The project that will debut at the Annual Meeting includes a booth in the exhibit hall of the Convention Center devoted to Affiliate Membership. This booth will give APHA Annual Meeting attendees the opportunity to join their local Affiliate on site, using either a credit card or a check to pay the affiliate's annual dues. By mid-December, affiliates should expect a list of new members, and by mid-January, a check from APHA with the dues from all new members. APHA will advertise this benefit in The Nation's Health, the all-member newsletter and other available outlets.

Regional News - SHA

Richard Funderburk, SHA Representative

The next Annual Meeting will be held with the Georgia Public Health Association during the first week of September 2007. This meeting will be held in Savannah, Georgia, at the Savannah Riverfront Hotel. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us there. Let me encourage you to join SHA and take advantage of the many benefits this membership offers.

Local News/SCPHA Section Reports

ATOD

by Debee Early

The ATOD Section's officers for the 2006/2007-year are:

- *Chair* – Debee Early
- *Vice Chair* – Leslie Hipp
- *Secretary* – Elizabeth Peters
- *Member at Large* – JoDee Doua
- *Member at Large* – Curtis Gary
- *Past Chair* – Cheryl Long

Committee representatives are:

- *Program Committee* – Elizabeth Peters
- *Legislative Committee* – Debee Early
- *Membership Committee* – Cheryl Long
- *Mid-Year Program Committee* – Leslie Hipp
- *Public Health Month Committee* – To Be Determined

The ATOD Section is conducting a project, called "Help Us Pamper Our Clients." The project will entail collecting packages of Kleenex and various sizes of children's diapers to be utilized by the children in the four SC ATOD women's shelters/centers. When women come into the shelter, they are allowed to bring up to two children under the age of five. Usually, they arrive with nothing. Diapers in various

sizes have been identified as well as Kleenex tissues as needed for each of the facilities. Drop off locations will be announced soon. More information on this project will be forthcoming.

Other objectives of the ATOD Section will include increasing membership and focusing on two youth issues, underage drinking and smoking/tobacco use. Presenters for plenary and workshops for the annual meeting are being discussed.

ATOD meeting dates have been set for Thursday, November 16, and Wednesday, December 6, 2006. If you have issues, concerns or projects you would like for this committee to review, please contact Debee Early at the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (L/RADAC).

Health Administration

by Beverly Patterson

The Health Administration Section's Committee Representatives for the 2006/2007 year are: Continuing Education-Jerry Paul; Legislative-Vivian Baxter and Marian Nanney; Membership- Marie Horton and Jackie Watson; Program-Mike Turner; Public Health Month-Colleen Donovan and Marian Nanney; Public Health Information-Beverly Patterson; Winter Conference-Richard Funderburk and Jan Cooke; and Fundraising-Jerry Paul and Colleen Donovan.

As one fundraising activity, the Health Administration Section has decided to hold a garage sale (tag sale) in conjunction with the DHEC Health Regulation Deputy Area's "GrEAT" event. Soon, new and gently used items will be collected for the sale. For a community project, the Health Administration Section will be partnering with Stewart Carter to help disadvantaged students at E. E. Taylor Elementary meet basic needs. Personal hygiene products, soap, and shampoo are needed for the 95% of students who live below the poverty level and are without these basic items. Health Administration Section members will be collecting these items, as well as taking donations for clothing, undergarments, and socks for children in grades K-6. The Section would also like to help the school obtain a used washer and dryer to help these children keep their clothes clean.

If you are interested in participating in the Health Administration Section, the next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2006 at 8:30 a.m., 2nd floor conference room, DHEC Heritage Building, 1777 St. Julian Place, Columbia, SC.

Health Education

by Barbara Bodie

The Health Education Section will meet on the following dates at the American Cancer Society located at 128 Stonemark Lane in Columbia from 11:30 am-1:30 pm.

- December 6, 2006
- February 7, 2007
- April 4, 2007

During the month of October, the Section plans to send a letter, handwritten invitation, and membership application to all South Carolina Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES) who are not currently members of SCPHA. The mailing will go to approximately 140 potential members!

During November and December, the Section will be completing a community service project. Project details will be determined in October. Look for an email soon about opportunities to get involved in the project!

Management Support

by Gloria McCurry

The Management Support Section met on August 22 and started off the year with a bang. They are sponsoring a raffle for a chance to win \$100.00 of gasoline with the drawing to be held on October 16 in conjunction with a bake sale. Proceeds will be used to support the sections community projects for the year. The following is a list of community projects that the section will be doing for the year.

- **October 2006** - Provide a Grab Box for a senior center or adult daycare. The box will be filled with large print crossword puzzles/word find puzzles, socks, slippers, lip balm, hand sanitizer, facial tissue, writing tablets, combs, brushes, pens, packages of greeting cards, etc.
- **February 2007** - Provide Valentine boxes for the children at Sistercare.
- **April 2007** - Adopt-a-family at Easter
- **April 2007** - Provide an ice cream social for the children of Hannah House
- **Collect toiletries for Sister Care** - This is an ongoing project, so it will never be too late to bring your items. If you travel a lot and frequently stay in hotels, gather up all of those complementary products and donate them to this very worthwhile cause. Also, when shopping, pick up a few of those travel size or sample products. Look for the collection boxes nearest you.

The Management Support Section thanks you for continuing to support our projects throughout the year as we work together to help South Carolinians in need. For more information, please contact Gloria A. McCurry at mccurryga@dhec.sc.gov

Nursing

by Michelle Myer

The leadership of the SCPHA Nursing Section met in August to plan for the upcoming year's events. The section is planning, in collaboration with the SC Nurses' Association and the USC Center for Public Health Preparedness, to present one Nursing continuing education opportunity during the year to section members and others interested. Topics under consideration include Pandemic Influenza, ESAR-VHP (if you do not know the acronym, this training might be perfect for you!), Sheltering or practicing under the Nursing Compact.

Meetings of the Nursing Section will be held on the 2nd Wednesdays of October 2006 through May 2007, from 1-2:30 p.m. The meetings will be held in Columbia, with availability for conference call participation for members who are unable to travel. A CEU offering is planned for April 2007 to coincide with Public Health Month.

We are pleased to have 84 members in the Nursing Section. Those volunteering for statewide committee assignments include:

Awards Committee: Carol Cason

Continuing Education: Tammy McKenna

Display: Shea Rabley

Legislative: Bob Barnwell

Membership: Carolane Bagnol

Program: Susan Watts

Public Health Month: (unconfirmed) Brenda Martin

Winter Conference: Judy Alexander

For more information about the Nursing Section, please contact Michelle L. Myer, section chair, at myermil@dhec.sc.gov

Obituary

During the past week we received news of the sudden and much unexpected death of a Dear Public Health colleague from the State of Arkansas, Dick Jones. Dick was with us two years ago at our annual meeting in Myrtle Beach. He passed away of a massive heart attack on September 21, 2006. As those who met Dick in Myrtle Beach know, he loved life and he loved to be with fellow Public Health Professionals. We have lost one of the Good Guys.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial donations be made to the University of the Ozarks College Scholarship Fund or the American Heart Association. In addition, memorial donations may also be made to the Southern Health Association or the Arkansas Public Health Association.

For those who want to send a card to the family, they should be sent to: Pam Jones, 10 Mockingbird Lane, Clarksville, AR 72830

SCPHA News

Contributed Papers 2006-2007 Calendar

by Sarah Gareau and Lorie James

September 1 – October 1:

The Contributed Papers Committee will be recruiting new committee members. To become a member, please contact one of the co-chairs listed below. Members will be responsible for reviewing research/study abstracts that will be submitted for the Annual Meeting.

October 16:

Tentative date for Contributed Papers Committee Meeting.

November 1:

Call for abstracts. If you would like to receive the call, please email Sarah Gareau or Lorie James (addresses are listed below).

February 1:

Deadline for submitting abstracts to Contributed Papers.

February 19:

Committee review deadline.

March 1:

Winners' names will be submitted to SCPHA.

May 23:

Contributed Papers Oral & Poster Presentations held at the SCPHA Annual Meeting.

To receive more information or to become a committee member, please contact Sarah Gareau (gareaus@gmail.com) or Lorie James (Ljames@gwm.sc.edu), Co-Chairs.

Representative Bobby Harrell Receives Legislator of the Year Award

by Vivian Baxter and Linda Danielsen

Representative and Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell was presented with the Legislator of the Year Award by the South Carolina Public Health Association (SCPHA) for his efforts to pass the Students Health and Fitness Act of 2005.

“Each year, the Douglas E. Bryant Award is presented to one legislator who has demonstrated significant commitment to the health of the public in South Carolina” said Joe Kinney, 2006 SCPHA president. “Representative Harrell was especially deserving of this award because of his outstanding efforts in getting *The Student Health and Fitness Act of 2005* signed into law. With this new act, South Carolina has become a leader in school health and in helping to reduce the obesity epidemic among children.”

The *Student Health and Fitness Act of 2005* establishes 30 minutes of physical education and/or physical activity for students in grades K-5 for a total of 150 minutes per week. The act also establishes facilities and equipment standards, SCE food service and vendor policies for nutritional value, curriculum standards and funding for school nurses.

Speaker Harrell stated “I am privileged to receive this honor and for the recognition of the importance of the new law. *The Student Health and Fitness Act of 2005* can combat obesity by starting with our children, reduce health care costs for South Carolina businesses, and, ultimately, help save lives.”



Doug Bryant, Speaker Bobby Harrell and President Joe Kinney



Representative David Mack, President Joe Kinney, Speaker Bobby Harrell, Representative Floyd Breeland, Doug Bryant



Representative David Mack, President Joe Kinney, Speaker Bobby Harrell, Representative Floyd Breeland

Mary Fechtel, Otis Outing, and Vivian Baxter



*Dan Young, SCAHPERD Executive Director
Dr. Dick Hohn, SC Physical Education Assessment Program
Speaker Bobby Harrell
Dr. Josey Templeton, Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness*

Convention Committee

by Jan Cooke

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

“Where in the World is Public Health?”

The 2007 Annual Meeting will be at Springmaid Beach Resort and Conference Center, Myrtle Beach SC from Tuesday, May 22nd through Friday, May 25th. Please hold this week and start saving your money, as this will be a Program you won't want to miss!

The Convention Coordinators and the Convention and Program Committee Chairs are in the planning stages already to plan a fantastic annual meeting in 2007. President Fechtel has chosen the theme: “Where in the World is Public Health?” Program, Awards, Exhibits and Entertainment are already thinking about decorations and activities to coincide with this idea. You definitely want to be a part of this excitement.

The hotel will offer the same reasonable rates as last year. Registration will increase slightly to help cover the cost of providing a meeting of *international* proportions.

The Convention Chairs this year are as follows:

- Coordinators:** Jan Cooke, Richard Funderburk, JoAnn Palmer & Dennis Thompson
- Entertainment:** Wesley Bolding, Beth Hensen, Edd Hiott & Pete Riddle
- Exhibits:** Marie Horton & Vicki Zelenko
- Marshals & Pages:** Jackie Moore
- Program:** Priscilla White, Susan Fulmer, Heather Jones & Megan Weiss
- Properties:** Christine Mayer & Tammy Thomasson
- Registration:** David Thomas & Paulette Hannon
- *Early Bird:** To Be Determined

All of these committees need your involvement, ideas and assistance in developing the best annual meeting we've ever had! Please contact the Chair or Co-Chair if you can volunteer some time towards one of these groups. The more you're involved, the more you will gain in return as a participant. There will be more details to come in future publications. Also check the website for updates.

Announcements

Marshals & Pages Needed

If you have an interest in helping others, this is the committee to join. Your help is needed at the SCPHA Annual Meeting held in May of each year. As a marshal, you will assist others in all aspects of the conference while enjoying the atmosphere and meeting new people. Great job for networking! So, come and be a part of this worthwhile endeavor. Join today! Please contact Jackie Moore, chairperson, at moorej@dhcc.sc.gov

National Health Education Week

National Health Education Week will be celebrated October 16-20, 2006. The National Center for Health Education (NCHE) has announced that the theme will be **Healthy Kids: Creating Safe**

Communities and Schools. Partnership plans with Health Education organizations are being discussed.

Continuing Education Opportunities for Health Educators

The 2006 SC HIV/STD Conference will be held October 25 - 27, 2006, in Myrtle Beach, SC. A Conference brochure is available at <http://schiv-stdconference.org>

The **79th Annual SCAHPERD Convention** will be held November 9-12, 2006, in Myrtle Beach at the Kingston Plantation and Resort. More information can be found at www.scahperd.org

Additional continuing education opportunities can be found on the SCPHA website www.scpa.com under the “Latest News” tab.

Membership Committee News

by Garrett Gardner and Brandy Harrington

Many of our current members will be retiring in the near future. In order to keep the association growing, we need to recruit new members. The saying “the children are the future” also holds true for the association. We need to recruit new faces that will see to it that South Carolina Public Health Association will be all it can be. This is where you, current members, come in to play. The membership committee is challenging all members of the association to recruit new faces. The member who has the most recruits between this Bulletin and Thanksgiving will be awarded a cash prize of \$75. Who could not use extra cash around the holidays? In order to get credit for your recruits, make sure to write REFERRED BY and your name at the top of their application form. Please view our website, www.scpa.com, to obtain the most information regarding the goals and objectives of the association to help you recruit new members.

We also need willing members to serve on the membership committee. If you would be willing to donate a little time to serve on our committee, we would love to have you. Please send your contact information to Garrett Gardner at gardnegd@aol.com or Brandy Harrington at harrinbn@dhcc.sc.gov. We both thank you very much for your willingness to serve on the membership committee.



*Laughter...
it does a heart good!*

Resources for Public Health Educators

The US Department of Health and Human Services has available a CD format of "Tools for Improving Health Literacy: Resources for Health Professionals" that includes content on "Quick Guide to Health Literacy," "Action Plans to Achieve *Healthy People 2010* Health Communication Objectives 11-1, 11-2, and 11-6", and a "Health Literacy Power Point Presentation." If you would like more information about this resource, please contact:

Susan Fulmer, DHEC
Phone: (803) 898-0679.

2006 Disability and Health State Chartbook

Available at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncehd/dh> or contact D&HChartbook@cdc.gov

CALL FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

2007 National Health Education and Health Promotion Conference, "*The Changing Face of Health Education and Health Promotion*," sponsored by the Directors of Health Promotion and Education (DHPE), Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), June 7-9, 2007 in Seattle, Washington. Online submissions at www.sophe.org Deadline is Friday, October 20, 2006.

Treasures Only Tag Sale – Coming November 6th

by Joan Carter

The Silent Auction Committee of SCPHA will have a "Treasures Only Tag Sale" on Monday, November 6, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the training rooms of SC DHEC at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Unlike our annual Silent Auction, the treasures for sale will be at an already set price – or what we call "a real steal." To claim your treasure, you only need to be the first person to claim the item by completing the tag attached to the treasure. No bidding required—just buying! There will be a little of everything and something for everyone. Of course, there may be additional treasures

added throughout the day, so you should plan to visit more than once to make sure you don't miss out on a REAL TREASURE! And don't forget to tell others about what you found and send them on down to discover the treasures for themselves.

Mark your calendars and come on down, because the "*Prices Will be Right!*"

P.S. If you would like to donate a treasure or so of your own for this sale, please contact Mary Glover at (803) 898-3621, Linda Jacobs at (803) 898-3745, Phillipine Outing at (803) 898-0786 or Joan Carter at (803) 545-4224.

Mark Your Calendar! "Preparing Your World for Pandemic Flu"

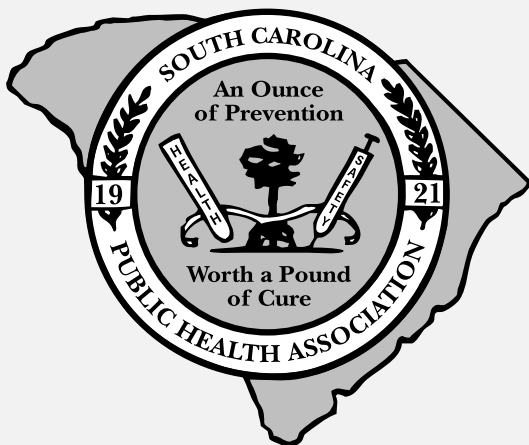
The theme this year for the Winter Conference is "Preparing Your World for Pandemic Flu." The Planning Committee hopes to touch on the personal as well as the professional perspectives as we explore this topic. As Public Health workers, we are being taught what to do in a crisis situation. What is not being addressed is how we will deal with this situation in our personal lives when it occurs.

The conference will be held at the South Carolina Hospital Association – William L Yates Conference Center, 1000 Center Point Road, Columbia SC, 29210. We will meet over two days this year, Tuesday, January 30 – Wednesday, January 31, 2007. The first afternoon will be a plenary session starting around 1pm. Wednesday will offer both break out sessions and large group activity to conclude the day.

Registration for attending both days will be \$40. Tuesday only registration is \$15 and Wednesday only will cost \$30. Besides hearing some dynamic speakers, learning more about how to respond and obtaining CEU's, you'll be provided a break on Tuesday and a continental breakfast and lunch on Wednesday!

We hope you'll reserve this time right now on your new 2007 calendar and make plans to join us for this outstanding conference! Look for more information about registration to be posted on the SCPHA website at www.scpa.com.

SCPHA Save the Date!



SCPHA 2007 Winter Conference

January 30-31, 2007

to be held at the South Carolina Hospital Association, Columbia, SC

More Information to Come...

SC Medicaid Program to Offer Colorectal Cancer Screenings

by Katy L. Wynne

More than 50,000 South Carolina Medicaid recipients are now eligible for free screening for colorectal cancer (CRC) through a program administered by the SC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The agency announced that it is among the first major health plans in the state to offer the screenings as a disease prevention tool. CRC accounts for about 12% of all cancer cases diagnosed in South Carolina each year. About 900 residents a year die from the disease, making it the second deadliest cancer in the state behind lung cancer.

Colorectal screening will now be available to all recipients aged 50 to 64, and high-risk, eligible recipients aged 40 to 64 (high-risk based on medical and/or family history). With the use of screening through colonoscopy, cancer and pre-cancerous polyps associated with CRC can be found and removed. When found early, the chance of being cured is very good.

Despite an initial state investment in the colonoscopy program, estimated to be about \$1.7 million, DHHS expects to reduce overall CRC treatment costs by as much as 30% through early detection of the disease. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates deaths caused by CRC could be cut by as much as 60% if everyone over the age of 50 were screened for CRC.

In July 2006, DHHS released to all SC providers the Medicaid Bulletin that describes the services that became effective on or after August 1, 2006:

- reimburse providers for a screening colonoscopy;
- modify coverage guidelines for the flexible sigmoidoscopy to remove previous requirements of a positive result on the digital rectal exam or hemocult test; and
- discontinue coverage of the digital rectal exam Procedure Code (S0605).

The CRC covered services and frequency limitations will include: Hemocult Test (1 per year); Flexible Sigmoidoscopy (1 per 5 years); and Screening Colonoscopy (1 per 10 years).

SC DHHS Director Robert M. Kerr touted the new service as “exactly the type of program we need to see more of in South Carolina.” Kerr stated, “It shows that upfront investments in detecting and preventing diseases can pay real dividends to our recipients, and to the Medicaid program as a whole.” The SC Medicaid Program has charted an ambitious and challenging course that includes promotion of preventative care services across the state, resulting in improved health of South Carolinians and dramatic cost savings for the state as a whole.

Medicaid health care providers can receive Medicaid bulletins through email by signing up at <http://www.scdhhs.gov/dhhsnew/QLEbulletins.asp>

Sources:

SC DHHS Medicaid Bulletin, *Modification of Preventative Care Services For Covered Cancer Screenings*, July 28, 2006. Kost, B., SC DHHS News Release, “S.C. Medicaid to Offer Colorectal Cancer Screenings,” July 31, 2006.

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Advertising is open to SCPHA members, businesses, individuals and non-profit organizations. The schedule for newsletter ad sizes and rates is as follows:

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(10.0% discount for 4 issues)

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Full page (7.5” x 10”)	\$200	\$640
Half page (7.5” x 5”)	\$125	\$450
One-Quarter page (3.5” x 5”)	\$75	\$270
Business Card (3.5” x 2.5”)	\$25	\$90

Advertising Deadlines

Issue	Ad Reservation and Art Deadline
Winter	December 1
Spring	February 1
Summer	June 1
Fall	October 1

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On the Association home page with a link to your site \$300

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Formats: JPG, TIFF, PSD (Photoshop), Freehand EPS, Illustrator EPS or Pagemaker 7.0 (Windows). Please include all fonts, placed graphics, pictures, etc. Graphic files should be 300 dpi or higher in resolution (600 dpi or higher for bitmaps) for print advertising.

Policies: All ads submitted for Newsletter and Web subject to approval of publisher and will be reviewed by SCPHA and/or its management company. If there is any question about acceptability, ads will be reviewed by either the Futures Committee and/or the Executive Committee prior to acceptance/publication. Advertiser agrees to indemnify SCPHA against claims resulting from unauthorized use of any advertising.

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