



June 2003 Newsletter

June Meeting

This month's meeting will be held at North Austin Medical Center in the auditorium on the 2nd floor on Tuesday, June 10th, 2003. The meeting will begin at 11:45am preceded by lunch from approximately 11:15-11:45. Please RSVP by email address at rsvp@austin-cma.org. If you do not have access to email you may use the hotline at 860-8184, just leave a short message of the number of people attending. Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.00 per person.

The sponsors for this month's meeting are Heartland Health Care Center and Arden Courts Alzheimer's Assisted Living, two communities of HCR ManorCare serving the elderly. HCR ManorCare is an integrated provider of long-term nursing and subacute medical care, rehabilitation services, assisted living, and Alzheimer's assisted living.

Dr. Thomas Hill will be speaking on the "Current Treatment and Overview of Parkinson's Disease." He will discuss the clinical course and stages in the Parkinson's patient with emphasis on the medications used, complications expected, and treatment options in managing complications. He will review some of the newer trends in both medical and surgical therapy and the different patterns of dementia one sees in both Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Hill is a clinical neurologist in private practice located at Plaza St. David's, 1015 E.32nd Street. He has special interests in the management of Parkinson's Disease and Rehabilitation. He has been in practice for 25 years.

This program will have the usual CEUs (Nursing, CCM, CRC, CDMS, Social Worker and Home Health Administrators).

Conference Committee

The conference committee continues to meet about every 2 weeks. We visited the "Norris Conference Center" at Northcross Mall and really like the facilities. We have a tentative date set. Anne Hix and her "FOOD" team need to double check the catering issue then we will confirm the date at our next meeting on Thursday May 29.

The next meeting will be after the normal Tuesday meeting at NAMC immediately after the talk. Anyone who is interested in helping is welcome.

Membership News

The new 2003 membership directories are still available at the sign in desk at the meeting. DON'T FORGET to put in any change information at the desk. The 2nd edition will come out in Oct.

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A speedy recovery to Mary Uherek

The ACMA would like to send a SPEEEEEEEEDYYYYYY recovery Mary Uherek's way. Mary had surgery May 20th and is now home recovering. We all will be doing things to help her out from food to errands to whatever. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lee Bowman, she's keeping up with the HONEY DUE list.

Events of Special Interest

It's that time of year again, ****HOT WEATHER**** I received 2 "announcements" this month on the Family Eldercare FAN DRIVE. SO for everyone who is looking for a good cause this year it's the Family Eldercare's Fan Drive. See the notices below and follow suit.

ResponseLINK is a FAN of Family Eldercare

ResponseLINK, a national Emergency Response & Health Care Monitoring Company, is new to the Austin area but has already recognized the important work being done by Family Eldercare. That is why during the month of June, 2003 ResponseLINK will be donating 100% of their first month's monitoring fee of all systems installed in Travis and Williamson counties to support Family Eldercare's Summer Fan Drive.

Family Eldercare has provided life-saving fans to over 10,000 low-income Central Texans since 1990. Like the Summer Fan Drive, ResponseLINK makes it possible for people to live safely in their own homes longer.

Heather Walter of Family Eldercare remarks "It is great to have such interest and participation from companies like ResponseLINK of Central Texas who are serving the elderly and their families. We hope this level of commitment will make for the best Summer Fan Drive yet!"

You can call (512) 483-3575 for more information how you can help with Family Eldercare's Summer Fan Drive. Call Jim Sease at (512)407-9640 for more information about the ResponseLINK.

Wine, Wind & Song

Looking for a worthy project for your church, civic group or coffee club? Brighton Gardens, Grapevine Market and KGSR radio are joining forces with Family Eldercare to sponsor a fan drive that is fun, Fun, FUN!!!

How do you participate? Simply start now collecting fans (or money for fans) and then join us on Saturday, July 26 from noon until 4 pm at Grapevine Market to present your donation. There will be wine tasting, live music, and the KGSR crew will gratefully acknowledge your group or personal gift on the air from noon until 2 pm. For more information, call Michelle Hawn at 512.633.1994.

TO SUBMIT INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING NEWSLETTER:

If you have entries or suggestions for the newsletter, please e-mail **Lee Bowman** at newsletter@austincma.org or call at 512/836-1234.

Please send entries no later than the second Friday of the month for the next month's newsletter. All members are welcome to submit FREE announcements, job openings etc. Entries are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.