



## Knoxville District Dietetic Association

*Knoxville area's link to nutrition and good health*

**General Membership Meeting**  
**March 5, 2008**  
**7:30-9:00 am**  
**Knox County Health Department**

Thank you to Katie Kavanagh-Prochasak, PhD, RD for her very informative talk on Infant Overfeeding: Research and Medical Perspectives. Unfortunately, Dr. Neil Feld was unable to attend due to his professional duties.

**Treasurer's Report: Leslie McAmis** [Mkeleco@chartertn.net](mailto:Mkeleco@chartertn.net)

- Budget proposal for 2008-2009. The budget will be voted on and hopefully approved at next meeting. If you object to the budget or have questions please contact Leslie.
- A proposal for \$100-150 was made to include money for more community outreach projects.
- Money will no longer be allocated for the printing of directories as they will now be available on our website.
- Karen Wetherall thanked the members for increasing the budget for webinars/teleseminars.

**Secretary's Report – Sandy Altizer** [kddard@yahoo.com](mailto:kddard@yahoo.com)

- Minutes approved.
- Please contact Sandy if you have not received the KDDA related e-mails.

**President's Report: Mendy Cobb** [mcobb@bmnet.com](mailto:mcobb@bmnet.com)

- Good TDA meeting. Good representation from KDDA. Attendees talked with 8 legislators. There is a big concern about how to increase ADA membership. ADA and KDDA must align regarding membership.
- Voting for the TDA board was very poor. Only 17% of the membership voted in the elections.
- ADA membership drive will be starting soon.
- TDA needs money to help fund a lobbyist. Nan Allison was our previous lobbyist however due to time constraints she is no longer to assist with the position. TDA is looking for a replacement.
- There are great opportunities for leadership positions available. Please get involved.

**Nominating Chair: Beth Booker** [bbooker@covhlth.com](mailto:bbooker@covhlth.com)

- President Elect – Karen Wetherall, Becky Spurgeon
- Secretary – Jessica Barth, Erin Chadwell
- Nominations – Lori Stowell, Beth Booker, and Melissa Hansen-Petrik
- Need 30 days for elections. Ballots will be out soon – be sure to vote!

**CPI Update: Heather Pierce:** [hpierce@bmnet.com](mailto:hpierce@bmnet.com)

- Still looking into changing the location of the update to The Faculty Club at UT. Topics/ideas/vendors are still welcome. Please contact Leah Kittle or Heather Pierce if you have ideas regarding topics and speakers

### Member Initiatives:

#### Membership:

- Welcome to 2 new members: Donna Mullholland, RD @ Children's Hospital and Mary Ellen Sherry. Also, welcome to new employee Sara Fisher with the Knox County Health Department Healthy Weight Program.

#### Directory: Nicole Colella

[njc116@aol.com](mailto:njc116@aol.com)

- Please pick up directories if you have not done so.

#### Scholarships/Awards: Becky Burnett

[generalpts@aol.com](mailto:generalpts@aol.com)

- Awards banquet is May 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 pm at Blount Memorial Hospital Auditorium.
- Award winners need to contact Becky for names and addresses of those you would like to invite.

#### Historian/Librarian: Rebecca Spurgeon

[Rebecca.spurgeon@dcinc.org](mailto:Rebecca.spurgeon@dcinc.org)

- There will be no more teleseminars

#### Career Guidance: Melissa Hansen-Petrik

[phansen@utk.edu](mailto:phansen@utk.edu) – no report

## Public Initiatives:

**Dial-A-Dietitian:** Courtney Howell-Johnson [Cort\\_37777@yahoo.com](mailto:Cort_37777@yahoo.com)

- Calls for February: 15 calls

**Ask-A-Dietitian:** Lee Murphy [leemurphy@hotmail.com](mailto:leemurphy@hotmail.com) – no report

**Quality Assurance:** Denise Wood [dwood@covhlth.com](mailto:dwood@covhlth.com)

**Website:** Teresa McCusker [tmccusker@stmaryshealth.com](mailto:tmccusker@stmaryshealth.com)

- Check out the website at [www.discoveret.org/kdda](http://www.discoveret.org/kdda)
- KDDA ink pens are still available for \$1.00. A pen was given to each legislator at TDA.

## Policy Initiatives:

**Legislation:** Darla Henderson [dhenders@mc.utmck.edu](mailto:dhenders@mc.utmck.edu)

- Successful trip to Washington, DC for the Public Policy Workshop. 3 people from TN attended. They contacted 7 out of 9 legislators with 2 face to face meetings. Thanks to KDDA for showing support for this meeting.

**President Elect Report:** Siri Datar Khalsa-Zemel [sdkhalsa@utk.edu](mailto:sdkhalsa@utk.edu)

**The next KDDA Meeting will be:**

**April 22, 2008, 3:30 – 5:00 pm**

**Nutrigenomics: From Research to Application**

**Melissa Hansen-Petrik, PhD, RD, and Lou Brooke, RD**

**Cherokee Health Systems (new facility on Western)**

## Unfinished Business:

- National RD Day luncheon has been cancelled.

## Announcements:

- Do not forget to celebrate National Nutrition Month! Look for advertising and promotions all month long. Siri and Virginia will be on Style this coming Monday –be sure to tune in!
- Please remember Carolyn Holt in your thoughts as her mother recently passed away.

## Job Openings:

- Check out the website!!!!
- RD position available for a Clinical Dietitian with the Covenant Weight Management Center . Shift Hours: 8A -5PM Monday – Friday with a need to for flexible scheduling to cover classes in the morning and evening. Requirements: Bachelors Degree and One (1) year ADA approved experience or MS in Nutrition plus six (6) months ADA approved experience. Licensure Requirement: Registered with the American Dietetic Association. Must successfully complete registration exam (RD) and maintain credentials through continuing education. Duties: Is a member of a dynamic team to provide a medically supervised diet to our clients. Works with a nurse practitioner and master's prepared exercise physiologist to assess and prepare an overall plan of care to reduce weight and improve the health of the client. Provides once a month follow up individual educational and counseling sessions to clients over a 6 month period. Documents assessments and diet plan on the client's medical record. Teaches group classes in area of expertise. Excellent opportunity to assist in the continued growth of a new program and creative problem solving. Represents the service at Health Fairs and at Corporate Wellness events. Apply online at [www.covenantcareers.com](http://www.covenantcareers.com). For more information contact Shirley Reinemeyer.

Shirley Reinemeyer RN, MSN

Manager, Covenant Weight Management Program

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(865) 531-5243 Program Main Number

- The Fort Sanders Diabetes Center will have a full-time RD position available. Responsibilities include providing outpatient diabetes self-management training in an ADA-Recognized program. Contact me if you are interested.

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- Fresenius Medical Care has an opening for a full time RD, licensed in TN to work in their dialysis units. For questions call Susan Leach at 687-3436 To apply send your resume to [Sue.Dooley@FMC-Na.com](mailto:Sue.Dooley@FMC-Na.com)

- Oak Ridge National Laboratory has a part-time job opening for a RD to work starting 8 hours per week. A Registered Dietician will perform individual consultations for eligible employees at Oak Ridge National Laboratory for employees that are identified as having health management issues. The person will also give small and large group lectures, run support groups and other educational programming as needed. Areas of special concern are obesity, hypertension, elevated cholesterol, diabetes and digestive disorders. Must be a licensed Registered Dietician in the state of Tennessee and be a member of the American Dietetic Association. Must have knowledge and experience with counseling clients with weight management, cardiovascular/hypertension, elevated cholesterol, diabetes and digestive disorders. Employees will schedule their own consultations with the Registered Dietician. Initial work is expected to be 8 hours/week with occasional small group sessions. Joan Lawson, Wellness Program Manager, Oak Ridge National Laboratory -- Office: 576.9120, Pager: 417.0700

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Altizer, RD, LDN