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October will be here before we know it. CONNECT 2019 is going to be so exciting! The Auxiliary has new things planned for our members and all the registered spouses and guests. To give everyone more time to enjoy the entertaining, relaxing, and fun things that we have planned, some of our meeting times have changed. We will have a full schedule in the next newsletter, but we wanted to let you know a couple of things now so you can make your travel plans.

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

- Auxiliary Board of Directors' Meeting 9:00am to 11:30am
- Auxiliary Annual Business Meeting 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Everyone should make plans to attend the Annual Business Meeting so that the membership can discuss and vote on the important change that we told you about in the previous newsletter. Also, if you usually attend the other two meetings, please be sure to plan accordingly.

See you at the Auxiliary's 100th Anniversary Celebration.

To the valued members of the Auxiliary –

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Auxiliary for its 100 years of support. Among your many contributions, your scholarships have helped thousands of students attend college over the decades. The Auxiliary has also been successful in promoting the PHCC Association. Your volunteer members work hard to promote public awareness of this vital industry.

I urge everyone to join the Auxiliary in celebration of their 100th year and salute them in their efforts. Join them today!

Congratulations –

Ken Nielsen National PHCC Association President



Legislative Conference Report

by President Ann Rivers

The Legislative Conference was held this year on May 7 and 8 at the Hyatt Regency, Washington, DC. The keynote speaker was Carl Cannon from Real Clear Media Group. There was a good turnout for the event. The issues that were presented to local Congressional Staff were for Association Health Plans, unfair utility competition and infrastructure improvement.

The Association Health Plans would help improve health care access and affordability for small businesses and their employees and families. This would allow them to have more healthcare options.

The PHCC expressed to Congressional staff our support of fair competition by requiring total separation between publicly-owned or investor-owned utility companies who could have a market advantage over small, private businesses.

The PHCC also supports infrastructure spending to help rebuild our deteriorating water and sewer systems in the United States. Many of them are very old and in need of repair. The current administration has asked for infrastructure funding in the upcoming year's Federal budget.

There was a reception held on Tuesday night in the Capitol, and several Congressional leaders came and spoke. On Wednesday, Rep. Tom Souzza from New York was the featured speaker at the PHCC Congressional Breakfast. After the breakfast, everyone convened for the annual photograph on the Capitol steps. Then it was off to meet our state representatives.

After a long and productive day, the group reconvened for the closing reception and discussed the day's events. In addition, we welcomed our new Director of Legislative Affairs, Mark Valentini and said a fond farewell to Mark Riso who was leaving for new beginnings.

Auxiliary Membership – <u>IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION</u>

Auxiliary membership dues payments are behind because of a glitch in the membership invoicing system. A significant number of members were not billed for 2018 and/or 2019. If you haven't received an invoice, please contact myself, Kathy Tindall at vicepresident@phccnationalauxiliary.org or Membership Secretary Sandy Stack at membership@phccnationalauxiliary.org, so we can get our system corrected. Your support is truly appreciated and needed in helping us remedy this situation as soon as possible.

We currently have three levels of membership -

Junior (30 and under) \$ 50 Regular (31-64) \$100 Senior (65 +) \$ 50

If you are not being invoiced at the correct level, please let us know. Also, if you are a Life Member and would like to continue to contribute, please contact us. If you are receiving this newsletter and have not paid your dues for 1, 2 or more years and would like to rejoin, we need you back. If you are not a member yet, please join now.

Think of it, for less than the price of a nice dinner, you can lift your industry, your business, and perhaps the life of a young man or woman considering an industry career path. Yes, your Auxiliary membership dollars work almost as hard as you do! But they'll do nothing if you don't continue your membership. In truth, our strength is your strength, and we're much stronger together. Help us build greater recognition of the esteemed and vital p-h-c profession in conjunction with the National PHCC Association.

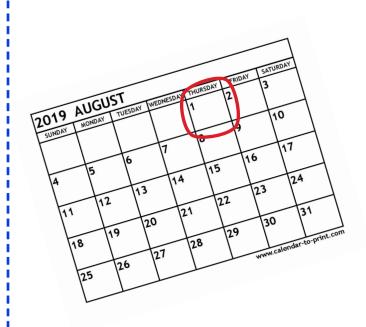
Personally, I wouldn't exchange my experience with the Auxiliary for anything. The value is beyond words. The Auxiliary concentrates on scholarships, PHCC logo awareness, networking with industry peers, family and friends and building and marketing our industry along with the National PHCC and our industry sponsors.

This year is the Auxiliary's 100th Anniversary, and there are lots of new, exciting things to experience at the upcoming Convention. We truly need your support both as a member and as a volunteer. Please consider volunteering your talents and time to help our organization continue to grow and prosper. We depend on volunteers like you to step up, and I promise you will not be sorry. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at vicepresident@phccnationalauxiliary.org or my cell is 609-947-3242. I would love to hear from you!

Auxiliary Silent Auction—Unique Items Needed

This year at Connect 2019, the Auxiliary will be starting their 100^{th} Anniversary year. We will be having our silent bidding auction inside the Trade Show at the PHCC National Convention. This will take place on Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. We are asking for donations as in the past, but this year since space is limited we are looking for unique and quality items. An idea for this is to go in with other members, State and Locals, combining your donations to make this auction a great event. We already have a Travel Experience to Beaufort, SC and a beautiful quilt, so put on your thinking caps and join in the fun. Please let me know if you are able to donate as soon as possible. You can contact Kathy Tindall by email at vicepresident@phccnationalauxiliary.org or phone at 609-947-3242. Be sure to attend the Trade Show and visit the Auction to bid on all the wonderful items.

We truly appreciate your support for the Auxiliary and our Auction.



Deadline Reminder

Applications for

- Larry Dore Member of the Year Awards
- Robert M. Cox Awards
 are due by August 1, 2019.
 Rules and applications are available
 HERE.

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