Annual Report
2010-2011

Renal Dietetic Practice Group

Renal Dietitians
a dietetic practice group of the
American Dietetic Association
OUR MISSION:
Renal Dietitians Dietetic Practice Group members are a valued source of expertise in nephrology nutrition.

OUR VISION:
Renal Dietitians Dietetic Practice Group is leading the future of dietetics by promoting and supporting ADA members working in nephrology practice.

OUR STRATEGIC PLAN:

• Promote and increase an engaged, diverse membership that is actively involved with renal nutrition
• Encourage quality nutrition care in Chronic Kidney Disease by providing opportunities for professional education and development of effective patient educational materials
• Define scope of practice and standards of professional performance for dietitians in nephrology practice
• Stimulate, support, encourage and disseminate nephrology nutrition-related research
• Impact regulatory and legislative issues related to nephrology nutrition
Members are the Renal Dietitians Dietetic Practice Group’s Greatest Resource!

**Member Benefits Include:**

- Subscription to the Renal Nutrition Forum (RNF), a quarterly peer reviewed publication
- Access to the members only section of the Renal Dietitians Web site: www.renalnutrition.org, which features current archived issues of the RNF, downloadable forms and applications, online CPE quizzes and recording for the, CPEU approved webinars, Certified Renal Specialist (CSR) Review, patient education handouts, and other topics of interest to renal dietitians
- Access to the Lending Library which enables members to check out current texts and other materials free of charge except for shipping costs. The library contains texts that are recommended for review for the Certified Specialist in Renal Nutrition exam
- Educational scholarships for advanced degrees and stipends for attending professional conferences. See Award-Grants-Scholarships at www.renalnutrition.org for details.
- Networking opportunities through the Area Coordinators, RPG events at the Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE) and collaboration on projects within the RPG and with the National Kidney Foundation Council on Renal Nutrition
- Opportunities for involvement in RPG projects such as writing articles or as a peer reviewer for the RNF, providing technical expertise on projects or suggestions for new projects
- And many others
2010-2011 KEY RPG PROJECTS

Awards:
2010 Outstanding Service Award recipient
Philippa N. Feiertag, MED, RD

Electronic Communications
• The RPG Web site, www.renalnutrition.org features a variety of professional resources, including the opportunity to receive RNF continuing professional education hours online
• RNF (current and archived) issues offered in electronic form
• A webinar section that is fully functional and completely online is interactive and accessible for recorded webinar purchases, handouts, webinar CPEU quizzes and online CPEU recording of hours
• Member eblasts on RPG timely topics
• Online membership surveys
• Web site with 14.5 CPEUs

Meetings with RPG Representation
• RPG Transitional Leadership Meeting
• ADA Leadership Institute
• ADA House of Delegates
• RPG Leadership Meeting at FNCE 2010

Public Policy & Reimbursement
• ADA Public Policy Workshop

Media
• Quarterly Renal Nutrition Forum Publication. Distributed to over 2400 members nationally and internationally
• RPG as part of ADA is an accredited provider of CPEU with the Commission on Dietetic Registration. In the 2010-2011 membership year, members had the opportunity to earn 14.5 CPEUs

Professional Development Project
ADA Nutrition Care Manual Webinar Workshop:
Webinar focused on new features and updates to the ADA Nutrition Care Manual – including renal nutrition information
Current Projects in Progress:
American Dietetic Association, the
American Kidney Fund, and Abbott
Nutrition
Project for healthcare professionals to
describe Medicare programs and services
for beneficiaries with kidney disease

ADA Publication with Diabetes Care and
Education (DCE) and RPG in development
“Making Choices: A Counseling Guide and
Client Education for the
Diabetic – Renal Meal Plan”

ADA Professional Development Online
Certificate of Training in development
RPG members assisted in review of draft
CKD modules for this online CPEU program

FNCE 2010 Activities
• Networking Membership Reception
  Breakfast
This networking breakfast event was held
at the American Dietetic Association
FNCE in Boston, 2010. Speakers included
Cathy M. Goddeke-Merickel, MS, RD, LD
who provided an update on the RPG web
site features
• RPG donated two FNCE student
  stipends, and funds toward the
  ADAF silent auction
• DPG Showcase Participation

Contributions
RPG provided funding to support the
ADA online MNT Provider newsletter

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Industry Sponsors
• Abbott Nutrition
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RPG Networks with:
• National Kidney Foundation Council
  on Renal Nutrition

Financial Outcomes:
• Revenues totaled: $163,828.00
• Expenses totaled: $76,139.00
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