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Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2009 and the year's first edition of the Chapter Officer E-Newsletter. The goal of this newsletter is to help keep you and your fellow chapter members abreast of the latest news and deadlines from INS. In addition, you'll find tips on chapter management issues, notes on upcoming meetings and INS programs, and highlights from INS chapters around the nation.

Many of you had the opportunity to work with Erin Herzog, our Membership Services Manager, who did a fabulous job not only with the chapter program but with our membership department as well. Erin has left INS to take an exciting position with an association in Florida. We will all miss Erin and her many talents and contributions.

I am pleased to announce that we have replaced Erin with someone who is no stranger to INS. Jason Beal was a solid fixture for 10 years at INS Headquarters, working in both our meetings and membership department. Some of you may have even worked with him in his role as Chapter Liaison. A relocation took Jason to the Chicago area for three years, but he is back in the area and will be rejoining the INS team in February. We are happy to have him back and look forward to his contributions.

As Erin had indicated on many occasions, the link between local chapters and INS Headquarters is important. Together we can build our membership, strengthen our educational programs, and increase INS' exposure throughout the nursing community. INS is looking forward to working with all of our chapters and we are grateful for your support and dedication to INS and the specialty of infusion nursing.

INS CHAPTER MEMBERS = INS NATIONAL MEMBERS

INS ended 2008 with more than 5,900 members on our membership rolls— the 5th consecutive year of

growth. While INS membership is not required, we strongly encourage members to join both the local chapter and INS at the national level for the different benefits associated with local and national affiliation. We continue to increase the number of benefits available to our members and are excited about the new items that will be added in 2009.

As chapter officers and National Headquarters, we can work together to build our membership on both the local and national level. Contact National Headquarters at any time for a complete list of INS members in your area. National members are added every day, so this list changes all the time. In addition, chapters are asked to share local membership lists with INS Headquarters so we can inform non-National members about the benefits and services associated with national membership. This is a win-win program for chapters and for INS!

GARDNER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Infusion Nurses Society (INS) established the Gardner Foundation to provide scholarships for INS members wishing to pursue careers in infusion therapy and to promote infusion nursing research and education programs. Through our scholarship program, INS and the Gardner Foundation seek to recognize and honor infusion nurses who are dedicated to advancing the delivery of quality infusion therapy.

Visit the [INS Web site](#) for additional information and be sure to pass along this information to your chapter members.

Remember, the deadline for submission is February 1.

GARDNER FOUNDATION DONATION

Have you thought about making a donation to the Gardner Foundation in your chapter's name? It's a great way to show your support to the specialty and help your infusion nurse colleagues as well. Simply make out a check payable to the Gardner Foundation and send it to us in care of INS, 315 Norwood Park South, Norwood, MA 02062.

IV NURSE DAY – January 25, 2009

Increase awareness of the valuable infusion nurses in your facility. [Order](#) gifts for staff, colleagues, and friends that reflect this year's theme: "IV Nurses—With You Every Step of the Way."

Infusion nurses are critical members of the healthcare team, and we are proud to have a day set aside specifically for us. Be sure to pass along the word to everyone you know. And most of all – enjoy your day!

INS WEBINARS

Did you know that INS has developed and presented seven different webinars over the past year? And did you know that each of these webinars has been archived and can be accessed at no charge by INS members? Don't miss out on this unique and exciting educational opportunity. Log on to the [INS Web site](#) and see what we have to offer. Be sure to alert your chapter members as well.

"THE NURSING SHOW" PODCAST

INS President Cora Vizcarra is featured on a new podcast of "The Nursing Show." She discusses her career

path, the history of infusion nursing, and the value of infusion nurses in all practice settings. Listen to the podcast [here](#).

UPCOMING NATIONAL INS EVENTS AND DEADLINES

January 25, 2009 – IV Nurse Day

February 1, 2009 – Gardner Foundation Scholarship Deadline

March 15, 2009 – Advanced Registration Deadline for INS Annual Meeting

May 16-21, 2009 – INS Annual Meeting and Industrial Exhibition in Nashville, TN

Complete details on all of these programs can be found online at www.ins1.org. Log on today to see all the benefits of membership with the national organization of INS!

Thank you for your continued support.