



Kansas Respiratory Care Society

An Affiliate of the American Association for Respiratory Care

Mission: To educate, advocate, and promote the profession and practice of Respiratory Care

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Greetings fellow Respiratory Therapists!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with you this year as President of the Kansas Respiratory Care Society. As many of you know, the KRCS went through significant changes in 2011 including the adoption of new Bylaws and a complete restructuring of the Board of Directors. The organization is leaner (we went from a 21 member to a 13 member BOD) with renewed focus and energy, and I am hopeful that you will become a partner in our upcoming adventure.

January was a busy month for the KRCS with the first BOD meeting held on January 20th in Wichita. An orientation session was held for both new and experienced BOD members so that everyone received the information and resources they needed to be able to do a great job for the KRCS membership. The 2012 KRCS budget was completed and approved at the January meeting and we look forward to a financially stable year.

At the January meeting Wichita respiratory therapist Marshall Post was awarded the KRCS Practitioner of the Year award. Please look for pictures on our website and start thinking about who you might want to nominate for next year's award! The BOD also approved the selection committee's recommendation for the 2012 recipient of the Russ Babb Memorial Scholarship award. The winner will be recognized at the annual state educational meeting held in Topeka in April.

During RC week in October 2011, I issued a challenge to respiratory departments in Kansas to consider collecting items to be given to Karen Schell (Emporia Respiratory Therapist) to take with her when she returns to Ghana, Africa to continue her mission of providing healthcare resources to the Ghana people. Many of you responded, and in January, Karen and I travelled to Wichita to pick up the donations collected by the RT department at Wesley Medical Center (see more pictures on our website). We also travelled to the St. Rose Ambulatory and Surgery Center in Great Bend where respiratory therapists Brandi Gruber and Lori Vainer helped us load a trailer full of medical supplies and equipment. Karen Schell will leave for her second trip to Ghana in late April 2012 and we wish her the best of luck!

Our webmaster Curtis Kidwell is working hard to update the KRCS website so please give us feedback on how we can improve and make it useful for you. Contact information for your BOD representatives is on the website so please feel free to contact us by telephone or email if we can be of service to you or answer your questions.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Bollig