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Next meeting

Half day Seminar
And AGM

See you there !

In your envelope:

- Newsletter.
- Flyer / Brochure for 1/2 Day Seminar & AGM
- Nomination form for Committee

President's Message ★

Dear Members,

Here we are, halfway through 2009, and what a great year we have had. Membership of DSNA is growing, attendance at our educational events is also increasing, and with members asking to host educational events next year's education calendar is nearly full.



The 16th May saw us at the Canberra Surgicentre for our country half day educational seminar, "Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Anaesthetics and Complications for Day Surgeries." Ailsa Stevenson and her team organised a very interesting and thought provoking educational morning with a great touch of country hospitality.

Concord Hospital DOSAC hosted our second Monday evening educational session, "Bariatric Surgery." This was a very informative evening with many questions and interaction between speakers and delegates. Thank you Winnie and the Concord DOSAC team for a great educational evening.

The committee have been busy organising our half day educational seminar and AGM to be held at the Independent Theatre, North Sydney. We have organised an interesting and topical program, with an update on Diabetes by Therese Cameron and The Diabetic Perioperative Patient by Dr. David Elliot. We have asked Rhonda Branz to speak about national registration for nurses, which is being introduced in 2010. This is both exciting and challenging, and has an impact on all nurses – so mark this date in your diary.

The AGM is your opportunity to have a say, so if you have any items for the agenda please send them to Lillian Stibbs, lillian.stibbs@sah.org.au by 8 August 2009. You may also consider joining our dynamic committee. Next year is a conference year, with preparations well under way and educational events organised, making this is a great time to be part of our DSNA team.

We are looking at the challenges our members face with national registration, and your committee is working on developing a portfolio with record keeping information, to be available for our members on the website. We are also putting together information packs to help our members understand their obligations with these new regulations.

We are always on the lookout for articles for 'Day Surgery Australia' journal. If you have something you would like to share with your colleagues, there is an editorial team to assist you. It may be that you would like to showcase your unit, or perhaps you have done some research you would like to publish.

I look forward to meeting you either in July at the IAAS conference in Brisbane, in August at North Sydney, or at our final educational evening for 2009 which will be on 26th October at President Private Hospital in Kirrawee.

Yours sincerely, Patricia Goh - Email: pgoh@aestheticdaysurgery.com.au

N.S.W. Day Surgery Nurses - doing a great job in a challenging setting.

Dates for your Diary ★

First & Final Reminder - Membership renewals are now due

22nd AUGUST	Half Day Educational Seminar including AGM	8.30 AM to 12.30PM	The Independent Theatre 269 Miller Street, North Sydney
26th OCTOBER	Educational Evening Endoscopy	630 for 7PM	President Private Hospital Kirrawee

Flyer to follow

Hello, from the Editor's desk ★

Hi All, Do hope you are enjoying this invigorating winter weather at present.

We have been busy holding educational forums for day surgery nurses and we have had a great response from the membership.

The Canberra half day workshop featuring Facio maxillary surgery and Anaesthetics was hosted by Canberra Surgicentre on Saturday the 16th May. It attracted a full house from Canberra, surrounds and Sydney. We would like to thank Ailsa Stevenson and the Canberra team who planned the day. The topics were very interesting, especially the demonstration Nasendoscopy performed by Dr Peter Vickers. Dedicated Surgicentre staff member Peter Murray volunteered as the patient.

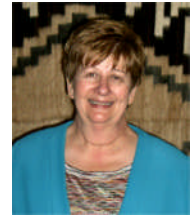
The food and refreshments were delicious and appreciated by everyone. Also thank you to the trade who supported the day. **Capital Medical Supplies, The Hipac Group, Medical Devices, Molnlycke Health Care and Multigate Surgical Devices.**

I will be posting some photos and presentations on the website, so visit and use the website to increase your knowledge base.

The Monday night educational meeting on the 1st of June at Concord Repatriation General hospital was also a must do. Members who don't come to these meetings are really missing out on updating their day surgery information and of course the networking speaks for itself. Bariatric surgery was the theme and Dr Craig Taylor gave us an insight into what he and his Concord team are achieving with patients who are morbidly obese and who opt to have gastric band surgery. Thank you to Winnie Tan and her staff who organised the evening. It was a successful event. Once again we were supported by trade. Thank you so much to **Fairmont and Johnson and Johnson.**

So, if you have missed all the educational meetings so far this year, don't despair, there are two left. The next half day seminar will be held on the 22nd of August at the Independent Theatre in Miller street North Sydney. Your registration brochure is enclosed. A great program has been arranged, hope to see you there. This meeting will also host our annual general meeting and election of committee members for the ensuring year. So if you would like to make a difference and contribute to the running of our association please mark this date in your diary now and come along on the 22nd August. Next year will be our conference year and already we are starting to organise venue and program content, so hopefully it will be an interesting and rewarding year.

Cheers for now, Christine Crooks. Editor / Publishing, DSNA NSW Inc. Christine.Crooks@sswahs.nsw.gov.au



For your Amusement ★

Jerry is recovering from day surgery when a nurse asks him how he is feeling.

"I'm OK but I didn't like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say," asked the nurse. "OOPS!"

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation.

As he was about to be given the anaesthetic, he asked to speak to his son.

'Yes, Dad, what is it?'

'Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife.' !!!