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### **DIETARY MANAGER OF THE YEAR**



**Bonnie Hollingsworth, State President presenting the Dietary Manager of the Year award to Mary Ellen O'Connor.**

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Dietary Manager of the Year award to Mary Ellen O'Connor.**

Congratulations to Mary Ellen O'Connor who was awarded the Dietary Manager of the Year award. Mary Ellen has been the Dietary Department Director at Forest Hill Health and Rehabilitation Center since June, 2004. Mary Ellen practices excellent financial management, while delivering a product and services that are appreciated by our customers. She encourages her staff to try new things, learn, and grow in their current roles, or expand their horizons. Mary Ellen was and continues to be the driving force behind the Center's fine dining program.

Mary Ellen has been recognized for the fine work that she does at our Center. In July, 2005, she represented our company's Atlantic Coast Region consisting of nearby facilities at the National Dietary Managers Convention in Washington, DC.

In 2007, she was nominated for the Department Head of the Year Award through Health Facilities Association of Maryland. She is also an active officer in the Maryland Dietary Managers Association, currently serving as President of the Metro District.

She has shared her skills and talents with other Centers in our organization. She is frequently called upon to assist at other Centers with the orientation of new dietary management staff, or provide her expertise to work through other operational issues. She is highly thought of by Regional and Divisional directors in our parent organization.

Mary Ellen is a key member of our management team.

She works very well with other departments and is a strong proponent of teamwork within the facility.

Brian H. Klausmeyer,  
Administrator

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**MISSION**

**THE DIETARY MANAGERS ASSOCIATION IS AN ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONALS DEDICATED  
TO ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN THE FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY.**

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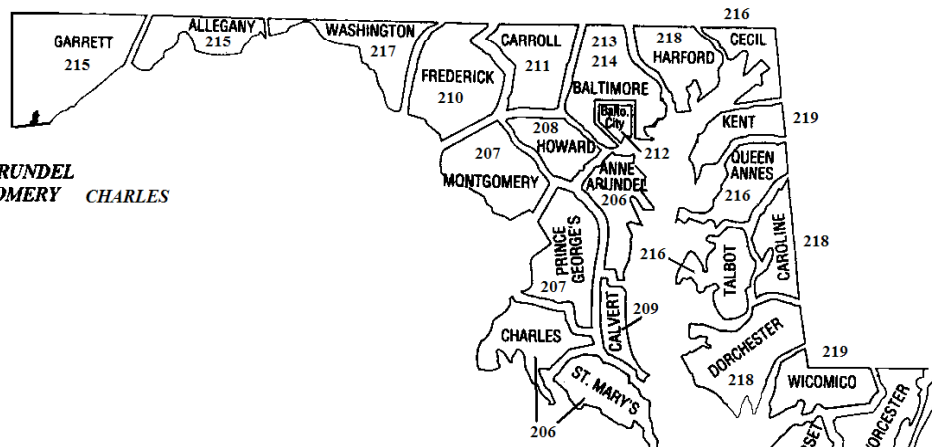
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*The Fall workshop in Ocean City was a huge success. I want to thank everyone for attending and would love to see more attend next year. We got a lot accomplished while in Ocean City. Membership voted on the updated By-Laws. You will be receiving a copy in the near future. The speakers at the workshop were superb. We are looking for speakers for next year; please me know if you know someone that could fill that position. The auction was very successful and the auctioneers did a great job. I want to thank everyone who donated snacks , sodas, door prizes, auction items and whatever else I might have left out. Anyone who would like to be a part of the donations, please contact Doug Crowl or myself. We can use most anything for donations. The Crab Feast was wonderful. We will be doing this again next year as an optional event. Start planning for the Fall Workshop for next October. We are now working on the Spring Workshop to be help in April at Baywoods of Annapolis. Donn Rudiger will be our host. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and I will see you next year.*

*Bonnie Hollingsworth, CDM,CFPP,DTR  
Maryland State President*

## VENDOR OF THE YEAR

Maryland Dietary Manager's Vendor of the Year award was presented to John Devaney and Solution Sales and Marketing at the fall workshop on October 5, 2009, in Ocean City. John and Solution Sales were recognized for supporting Maryland D.M.A. through participation at the fall meetings for the past several years, providing a location, meals and assisting with speakers at their facility in Glen Burnie for the spring workshop in April, and giving presentations and providing meals at several district meetings. Bonnie stated that John was invaluable in assisting her with set up for the spring meeting. It is an honor to have vendors like John that support our Association. Solution Sales may be reached at 410-760-8911. They broker for well known boards such as Dinex, Sara Lee, Viking Seafood, and Pierce Chicken.





Bonnie Hollingsworth presenting John Devaney, recipient

***GOALS FOR 2009-2010***

- 1. Continue Vendor participation e.g.: Sponsoring Maryland DMA*
- 2. Continue to gain recognition and awareness for CFPP in Maryland.*
- 3. To retain and recruit current members of MD/Delaware and D.C. Members.*
- 4. To increase Membership by 3%.*

### **3 Fahrney-Keedy Cooks Graduate from CURA Culinary College**

By Glen Sergeant



Graduates of CURA Culinary College sport their honorary chef coats and knives. In front from left, are Lana Arvin, Maryland Dietary Manager, Ted Tobia, and Nancy Burger. In back, from left are Doug Schreiber, CURA Hospitality District Manager; Jay Shell, Fahrney-Keedy President/CEO, and Bob Lytle, Fahrney-Keedy Administrator.

Nancy Burger and Lana Arvin, who are cooks at Fahrney-Keedy, plus Ted Tobia, CDM,CFPP, Director, are among the most recent graduates of CURA Culinary College. They all completed 32 hours of intensive course work over a year's time in Huntingdon, PA.

Ted spoke about the course and its purpose. "It is an outstanding program. It's not just about teaching; it hones the skills that students already have in several areas: the basics of handling knives and kitchen equipment, catering

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The course teaches better ways to prepare certain foods and to work in a kitchen. Techniques learned can then be demonstrated for others on the staff who work in other areas of meal preparation and serving, Ted said. He said he plans to send the other two cooks on the Dietary staff to receive the training.

CONGRATULATIONS, TED!

### **MESSAGE FROM MD. SPOKESPERSON**

**C. Wayne Kuhn, CDM,CFPP**

***I did present a request to the Maryland board for support of my attendance to go to the Nationals DAY AT CAPITOL. My hope is to meet with congressional staffers to lobby for support in our cause to have the CDM become part of the Federal Regulations. My emphasis will be that if a Nursing Assistant is Certified, then why are we not expecting a Dietary Manager who may also be a department head to be certified. I also will be continuing my efforts to have the CFPP also be accepted as part of MD sanitation regulations.***

***Did you know.....***

***Delaware and Washington D.C. are now part of the Bylaws for Maryland. These members can run for office. Hope to see " I will serve " forms from them.***

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN DMA

**28 YEARS**

Tom Beck

**23 YEARS**

Beverly Hampton- Washington DC

Cordella Keys-Maryland

Vanessa Purnell- Maryland

Laura Lynch-Maryland

Sara Ruffner-Maryland

Lynford Wilson-Maryland

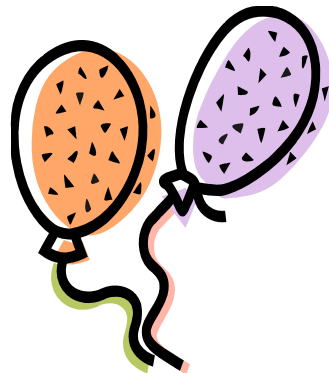
**22 YEARS**

Jolene Campbell- Maryland

Clara Warren-Maryland

Linda Hearn-Maryland

**21 YEARS**



**ADMINISTRATOR THE YEAR  
JOHN ALBERT**



**Bonnie Hollingsworth presenting John Albert the Administrator of the Year award.**

**21 YEARS**

Betty Beaumont- Maryland

Daniel Parks-Maryland

Karen Nelka-Maryland

**20 YEARS**

Janice Feizenberg-Maryland

Kim Kauffman-Delaware

Susan Hardy-Maryland

Emma Wise-Maryland

Oma Athey-Maryland

Jean Davenport-Maryland

Cathy Boyd-Maryland

the Administrator of the Year award.

John Albert has been employed at Tall Oaks at Reston, assisted living for 18 years. Tall Oaks at Reston is a community that houses 155 assisted living, Alzheimer's and dementia residents. John is currently a Licensed Assisted Living Administrator.

John belongs to the Alzheimer's Association, along with many local community administrators. He is a hands on administrator, always giving support and encouragement to staff and management.

**CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN !**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2009

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July 4-8 2010 50th DMA Annual Meeting and Expo, Chicago, IL