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News from Inside the UOA Central Office

- UOA is happy to announce the formation of a new **Teen Network** for teens with intestinal or urinary medical challenges. The Network will be launched in January to provide information, mutual aid and support systems to improve the quality of life of teenagers. Services will largely be delivered through a special kid-centered section of the UOA Web site, including a message board, information resources, interviews and announcements of new products and services. Special programming will be added to the annual conference as well. The Teen Network will be chaired by mother and daughter/Youth Rally counselor and camper team Jude and Cheryl Ebbinghaus. We are counting on UOA chapters to assist in recruiting potential members of the Teen Network.
- Are you looking for holiday gift ideas or fundraising opportunities for your local chapter? Consider buying one of the **wildlife photographs by Tom Mangelsen** that UOA is auctioning on eBay. Hundreds of fabulous photos have been donated to UOA by the Mangelsen family for fundraising activities. To date, UOA has auctioned more than 100 photos, representing close to \$15,000 in income shared with the Buford Foundation. Photo prices generally represent a 50 percent savings over the retail price. Several chapters have purchased a photo to use in a raffle or auction for their holiday parties. To view our current auction, go to www.ebay.com, then type "Mangelsen" in the search box on the upper right. We are running two-three auctions per month beginning on a Thursday and ending ten days later on a Sunday.
- ¿Habla Español? Do you have Spanish-speaking members in your community who are looking for **ostomy information in Spanish**? UOA has translated the six *Fact Sheets on Colostomy, Urostomy, Ileostomy, Sex and the Female Ostomate, Sex and the Male Ostomate, and Sex and the Single Ostomate* into Spanish. These are available at no cost from the UOA office, 1-800-826-0826 and will soon be available to print from the new UOA Web site.
- UOA members located along the Canadian border may be interested to know that the **UOA Canada, Inc. Annual Conference** will take place August 14-16, 2003 at the Bessborough Hotel in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Contact Bev Fry at bevfy@the.link.ca for details.
- The **UOA Long Range Income Development Committee**, chaired by Brian Bowden, met recently to design UOA fundraising strategies. Nonprofit organizations always need additional income to operate and offer their programs and services, and UOA makes every effort to be creative and productive in its fundraising initiatives. For the 2002-03 fiscal year, UOA will conduct its Annual Year-End Campaign this November. In December, members and donors will receive a free UOA memo pad that replaces the return address labels sent in previous years. We listened to our members when they told us they already receive enough labels. We thank our donors for their generous response to our spring campaign, and we are grateful to the Income Development Committee for their talent and dedication.
- UOA is very pleased to announce that we have received a **\$5,000 grant from the Pacific Life Foundation** of Newport Beach, CA, to cover UOA Youth Rally expenses. We will receive the check at a special grants reception this January.
- The *Ileoanal Reservoir Guide* has been reprinted to match the format and size of the UOA care guides. Copies are available from the Central Office for \$3.50.
- The **Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America** and UOA are discussing joint projects of mutual benefit. UOA members are encouraged to access the 13 free brochures on CCFA's Web site (www.ccfa.org) covering such topics as ulcerative colitis, Crohn's, medications, surgery, information for women, parents, teachers, children and teens. We also encourage you to contact your local CCFA chapter office to obtain local meeting schedules.
- The Central Office reports the following **response to member needs** for September:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telephone Calls: 1,329• E-Mail Inquiries: 618• Chapter Members, "D" Quarter: 25,384• New Association/Professional Memberships: 131

- The Central Office staff sends our best wishes to you and your families for a very **Happy Thanksgiving**. If you are traveling for the holiday, have a safe journey. If not, enjoy the comfort and traditions of the season in your own home.