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News from Inside the UOA Central Office

- **Yes, there will be a closing banquet at the annual conference!!** Due to a printing error, the August 13 **Cocktail Party, Banquet and Dance** were omitted from the Tentative Conference Program included in the spring *OQ*. Cocktails will be available at 5:30 p.m., followed by the banquet and dance from 6–11 p.m. So, pack your party clothes for this event, and we'll see you on the dance floor!
- As announced in the March issue of *The Insider*, nine candidates for three positions on the **UOA Board of Directors** have answered seven questions to illustrate their skills, experience and aspirations. To read the responses, e-mail director@uoa.org. Your votes are important to the UOA. Remember, ballots are due in the UOA office June 1.
- The **2002 United Ostomy Association Annual Report** is hot off the press. A copy is being sent to every chapter in the May Chapter Mailing. Included are achievements in the areas of youth, advocacy, leadership and education and our financial position. We are proud that our audited 2002 operating budget shows that 75 cents out of every dollar is spent on programs—an admirable percentage. Call the UOA office at 1-800-826-0826 for additional copies.
- Remember the exciting line-up of 28 chapters that paraded across the stage at the 2002 annual conference? These generous chapters were recognized for their contributions to the Chapter Participation program during the opening session, on the Wall of Honor and in the *Ostomy Quarterly*. Based on the contributions to the 2003 **Chapter Participation Challenge** received thus far, we expect an even larger group to join the parade in Las Vegas. In addition, chapters that donate \$100 or more will be entered in a drawing to win one of two limited-edition wildlife photographs by award-winning photographer Thomas Mangelsen. Deadline is June 1, so act fast to join the parade.
- Remind all young adults in your chapter to drop what they are doing now and register to attend the **Young Adult Conference** scheduled July 17–19 in St. Paul, MN. Program details and registration form can be found at: http://www.uoa.org/events_yan.htm.
- Attention all runners *and nonrunners!* **Nu-Hope Laboratories** will again sponsor the **UOA Fun Run** at the national conference in Las Vegas on Tuesday, August 12. But this year there is a twist. Those runners who wish to participate will be asked to solicit donors to sponsor their minimum entry fee of \$25. Participants may enter in three classes: runners, walkers and couch potatoes. The latter will earn their t-shirt by submitting the entry fee and registration form and then proceed to sleep through the event. Special recognition will be given to those who raise the largest amount, the chapter with the most entries, the chapter with the most couch potatoes, etc. Submit your entry form and donation at the Nu-Hope booth in the exhibit area. Snooze or cruise, you will be supporting the many programs of UOA that serve ostomates and earning a t-shirt to boot.
- Thanks to the generous time and technical assistance of UOA member Dick Taylor, FL, we now have available to chapters both a video and a CD-ROM of **slides of the 2002 Youth Rally** in Boulder, CO. The slides are set to music and highlight the many joyful activities and friendships made at this summer camp for 11-17-year olds. The video is great for chapter meetings, events and get-togethers. To request a *free* 2002 Youth Rally video or CD, please contact rustad@uoa.org or call 1-800-826-0826. Indicate whether you would like a videocassette or a CD-ROM.
- UOA chapters are very generous in **sending unused ostomy supplies** to F.O.W. who in turn sends them to foreign countries in need. In addition, the Friend Ship, anchored in Long Beach Harbor, receives ostomy supplies from California chapters and delivers them overseas with other medical supplies. The Long Beach Chapter of UOA has become very creative in sharing their supplies in different ways by donating them to home health nurses for patients who may not be able to buy ostomy products or who have not yet received theirs from their supplier, to the local nursing school to use in training, and to new chapter members who are exploring different options. Thinking of others is the way of UOA.
- The pesky **Polyp Man** is at it again in 2003. The Ad Council, creators of such memorable public service campaigns as Smokey the Bear and the Crash Test Dummies, continue its partnership with the American Cancer Society to encourage people to “Get the test. Get the polyp. Get the cure.” The 2003 colon cancer prevention campaign will focus on African American and Hispanic/Latino populations who face disproportionate colon cancer incidence and mortality rates. For additional information about the campaign and the Polyp Man Tour, call 1-800-ACS-2345.
- The Central Office reports the following **statistics and member needs** for April:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Care Guide Sales: 364 copies• Phone Calls: 1,143• E-Mail Inquiries: 346
