



# The Insider

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## News from Inside the UOA Central Office

- Nothing is more satisfying than announcing good news about our great volunteer leaders! At the UOA National Conference in Louisville, **Ival Secrest**, membership secretary for FOW-USA, received the annual **FOW Service Award** for his long-time volunteer activities in collecting and distributing ostomy supplies to third-world countries. Ival is a member of the Southeast Arizona UOA Chapter where he edits their newsletter.
- **Ken Aukett**, UOA past president and current co-chair of the National Conference Planning Committee, received the **Archie Vinitsky Award** from the **International Ostomy Association (IOA)** last month in Portugal at the IOA World Congress. This award, IOA's most prestigious, represents outstanding voluntary service at the international and/or regional level in support of IOA activities. Ken served as IOA president in 1991, regional president of the North and Central America and Caribbean Ostomy Association from 1990-94, was a developer of the IOA Web site and the 20/40 Focus, editor of the *IOA Handbook* and is a frequent author and speaker in the international arena. Well deserved, Ken!
- Also at the IOA World Congress, **Linda Aukett** was elected **president of the North and Central America and Caribbean Ostomy Association**, entitling her to a seat on the IOA Executive Committee. Di Bracken of Canada was elected as the new IOA president, Dr. Vladimir Kleinwachter, Czech Republic, is the new vice president and Gene Zapf from Canada is treasurer. The 2007 IOA World Congress will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 23-27.
- **UOA's 43<sup>rd</sup> National Conference** will take place in Anaheim, CA **August 3-6, 2005**, at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel. Put "**A Conference with a Sunny Attitude**" on your calendar now! Chapters will receive the logo for this event in the October chapter mailing, and newsletter editors can find it online at: [http://www.uoa.org/chapters\\_webhelp\\_logos.htm](http://www.uoa.org/chapters_webhelp_logos.htm) We look forward to hosting you in UOA's home state!
- Three UOA chapters were recognized at the National Conference with **The Blue Ribbon Award** for their innovative local programs. **The Ft. Worth, TX Chapter** was honored for developing, producing and funding the new Visitor Program Training Video and companion workbook. **The Ralph Kaye/San Antonio, TX Chapter** was selected for a WOC(ET) Nurse Recognition Night; and **Chicago's North Suburban, IL Chapter** was recognized for Regional CCFA Symposium Support. Honorable mentions were given to the Minneapolis, MN Chapter; the Burlington County, NJ Chapter and the Chico, CA Chapter. Congratulations for outstanding work!
- This week, all chapter presidents were sent suggested **materials to use in implementing the new Direct Member Billing method** going into effect in December 2004, "B" Quarter. Included were samples of the new chapter membership application, model invoices and renewal forms, preprinted payment envelopes, rosters of active members in Microsoft Word and Excel and a draft model of the revised printout. All chapters must respond by October 25 to let us know what supplies they require.
- UOA has received a **\$2,500 grant** from the St. Lukes Health Initiative in Phoenix, AZ, to expand the printing and distribution of UOA **patient care guides in Spanish** in the Phoenix area. We plan to work with local UOA chapters to identify the appropriate agencies that can assist with distribution.
- The **Young Adult Network (YAN)** has announced a new **Phone Visiting Service** to meet the needs of young adults across the country. Interested phone visitors will be trained and certified upon passing an exam and then matched with callers of similar diagnosis, gender, age and surgery. For details, contact YAN Visiting Chair Hope Brent at [fashionhope@hotmail.com](mailto:fashionhope@hotmail.com)
- The **Teen Network** is happy to appoint **Jamie Julius** as its **Poet in Residence**. Jamie is a 14-year-old Youth Rally camper from North Carolina who has been sharing her poetry with other campers. You can read her outstanding work on the Teen Network Web pages at [http://www.uoa.org/teen\\_TOCstories.htm](http://www.uoa.org/teen_TOCstories.htm) and Youth Rally pages at [http://www.uoa.org/events\\_youth.htm](http://www.uoa.org/events_youth.htm)
- UOA is featured in July and August in the **2005 Colondar**, a 12-month calendar of young female colorectal cancer survivors. The Colondar is the newest project of The Colon Club, a nonprofit dedicated to educating the public about colorectal cancer in innovative ways. You may recall another project by the founder of the Colon Club, Molly McMaster, the Colossal Colon, a 40-foot long, 4-foot tall crawl-through model of the human colon that has been traveling around the U.S. since 2002. The Colondar is available for \$15 at [www.colondar.com](http://www.colondar.com).