

# SDPA SUMMER NEWS

July 2008

## 33RD ANNUAL SDPA CONFERENCE

Can you believe that summer is in full swing already? They say time flies when you are having fun and so it is my hope that is exactly what you are doing. Please don't forget that along with that fun you should be making plans to attend the SDPA FALL CONFERENCE.. We had such a great response from various SDPA members in wanting to be a part of our 2008 SDPA Conference Planning Committee. This year's planning committee of 27 members is excited about holding our conference at a new venue. I was impressed with this year's committee and their innovative ideas which resulted in the development of this year's program featuring dynamic topics and speakers. **Don't miss out on our 33rd Annual South Dakota Perinatal Association Conference on September 18-19, 2008, Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center, Pierre, SD.** The block of rooms are available at this time under the SD Perinatal Association Conference. To book your room, you can either call 605-224-6877 or email them at [reservations@pierreramkota.com](mailto:reservations@pierreramkota.com) before August 31, 2008. Rooms are \$72.95 up to 1-4 people. Credit card will need to be used to guarantee room.

**Thursday evening tour:** On Thursday evening, September 18th, we will have transportation provided to the State Capitol. We will have tour guides who will provide us with a one hour tour of our beautiful State Capitol. Dress is casual (bring comfortable shoes). We will then go back to the hotel for a nice dinner, cash bar, socialization, and door prizes!

**SDPA Website:** SDPA is utilizing its website even more this year by posting our SDPA Scholarship form, Pioneer Award Nomination form, and the March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award application. For those of you who do not want to pay for your registration by personal check we have **SOMETHING NEW THIS YEAR**—We will have the registration form available online where you will be able to pay via debit or credit card. Check out our website at [www.sdperinatal.org](http://www.sdperinatal.org).

**SDPA Scholarships:** The SDPA Financial Adhoc Subcommittee met and decided to offer 10 scholarships up to \$350/recipient to this year's SDPA conference. You do need to be a SDPA member before you can apply. That's not all, SDPA is also offering two scholarships to a national conference up to \$1500/recipient. How do you apply? Go online at our website [www.sdperinatal.org](http://www.sdperinatal.org). Deadline is July 31, 2008. All recipients will be notified during the first week of August.

**2008 Pioneer Award Nomination:** The Pioneer Award recognizes the efforts of those who break ground in caring for new families and educate others about the South Dakota Perinatal Association's mission. Please feel free to nominate someone that you feel that is very deserving of this award. Last year's Pioneer Award recipient was Dennis C. Stevens, MD. To nominate this year's recipient, complete the nomination form online and submit.

**March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award:** *The March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award recognizes the registered nurse who exhibits compassion for his/her patients and families, and a commitment to nursing. This nurse serves as an advocate or role model within the health care setting for other nurses and medical professionals and participates in community or organizational activities. Nominee does not have to be a SDPA member.*

### CRITERIA:

- The nominee is a registered nurse practicing in the maternal/child health field for a minimum of 2 years and currently practicing in South Dakota
- The nominee exemplifies a commitment to his/her patients and their families.
- The nominee demonstrates a solid understanding and knowledge of nursing practices.
- The nominee serves as a role model, advocate, leader, etc.

**Nomination Process:** Nominator must complete a nomination form by July 31st and submit it to: Amy Carter, South Dakota March of Dimes, 1000 N. West Ave. Suite 230, Sioux Falls, SD 57104 Phone: 605-334-8203

[acarter@marchofdimes.com](mailto:acarter@marchofdimes.com) Nominee will be notified in August 2008 and will receive a year membership to the SD Perinatal Association as well as his/her registration fee paid for the 2008 SD Perinatal Association conference September 18-19 in Pierre.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 605-333-5210. Have a great Summer! See you in September!  
Kris Mark, Executive Director