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# President's Message

### Strategic Plan and More! John Sullivan



It is hard to believe that it has been close to 2 months since we met in Sun Valley. I wanted to say thank you for a great conference. It is always great to see and connect with friends and colleagues during this time. We are looking forward to another great year. Since Sun Valley we have held our **strategic planning** session and our 1<sup>st</sup> official board meeting. Below is a summary of our focus areas and goals listed under each which came from the strategic planning session.

### **Advocacy and Leadership**

- 1. Promote legislative involvement and action among our members
- 2. Advocate for laws, regulations, and standards that improve patient care
- 3. Provide a unified stance on legislative and advocacy issues facing our profession today
- 4. Promote the advancement of pharmacy practice across the continuum of care
- 5. Promote the improvement of the health and well-being of patients by optimizing medication therapy outcomes across the continuum of care

#### **Collaboration**

- 1. Continue to engage and advance our relationship with the Idaho Board of Pharmacy and the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy, as well as with other pharmacy and non-pharmacy organizations across the state
- 2. Promote inter-disciplinary teamwork in improving the care and outcomes of patients

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### 2018 – 2019 ISHP Officers and Directors:

President: John Sullivan

President-elect: Chris Oswald

Past President: Rob Wills

Secretary/Treasurer: Elaine Nguyen

Executive Director: Caroline Merritt

Administrative Affairs: Cassie Perdew

Education: Lindsay Crawford

Programs: Tyler Osgood

Legal & Public: Katie Erickson

Professional Affairs: Andrea Winterswyk

Student Representatives: Meridian – Lindsey Catlin

Pocatello - Naomi Veloso

Technician Representative: Kathleen O'Dell

ISU College of Pharmacy Representative: John Holmes

Central Idaho Regional Representative: Elizabeth Duncan

Northern Idaho Representative: Vacant

Newsletter Editor: Kent Quickstad

Website Chair: Vacant

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All of these Officers and Directors can now be reached at one place!

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The mission of ISHP is to promote the highest levels of pharmacy practice by our members



ISHP Spring Meeting

Saint Alphonsus Boise

April 6 & 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

### **New ISHP Board Members**

The votes are in and ISHP is pleased to announce the new Board Members that were inducted during the Business Meeting in Sun Valley.

**President-Elect:** Chris Oswald

Secretary/Treasurer: Elaine Nguyen

**Education Chair:** Lindsay Crawford

Administrative Affairs Chair: Cassie Perdew



Please thank our new Board Members for their commitment to both ISHP and pharmacy practice in Idaho!

### **Website Update**

Over the summer, ISHP refreshed our website to update the look and consolidate the information available for current and prospective members. Check out <a href="www.ishp.wildapricot.org">www.ishp.wildapricot.org</a> to see the site and provide your feedback. Don't forget to like us on Facebook, as well!



We also have a new continuing education platform. ISHP recently transitioned from Learning Express to World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA). WCEA will allow us to expand our online CE opportunities that we offer our members. If you haven't already, please visit <a href="http://www.wcea.education/lps/pharmacy-ishp-assoc-p50">http://www.wcea.education/lps/pharmacy-ishp-assoc-p50</a> to register for the new platform.

Reminder – If you have not claimed your CE credits from Sun Valley, you have until November 26th to get these done thru WCEA.

# Give to IPREF This Holiday Season

As you are making your charitable contributions this holiday season, don't forget the **Idaho Pharmacy Research and Education Foundation (IPREF).** The mission of IPREF is to advance the practice of pharmacy through research and education to improve health outcomes of Idaho residents. Your donations are distributed through IPREF grants to help Idaho pharmacists turn their ideas into research projects. Donations are tax-deductible and can be made online <a href="here">here</a>.



### **President's message** (Continued from page 1)

### **Engagement and Education**

- 1. Improve communication with our membership through the website, social media, and other mechanisms
- 2. Engage our membership in education and leadership opportunities
- 3. Support and recognize Idaho pharmacists and technicians in their efforts to improve patient car and advance pharmacy practice

### **Sustainability**

- 1. Examine our current educational fee structure to ensure value to membership
- 2. Grow and maintain and engaged and diverse membership
- 3. Develop and maintain policies, procedures, and bylaws that allow for our continued growth and development
- 4. Expand current revenue resources

The board has already begun work in several of these areas and I am excited for the team that has been brought together. They are eager to learn and improve upon what our organization has accomplished over the past several years. If you have interest in a particular area and want to find out how to get involved please send a note to the ISHP email and we will get you connected. If you would like to see the full Strategic Planning document, we have it posted on our website which can be accessed at:

https://ishp.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/2018%20Fall%20Conference/Pharmacists% 20Slides/ISHP%20Strategic%20Plan%202018-2019.pdf

During the second weekend of November I was provided the opportunity to participate in the **ASHP State Affiliate Presidential Retreat in Dallas**. This was a well-attended event with great discussion. The focus of the meeting was on member engagement and retention along with table discussions on topics dealing with state affiliate issues which included finance, organization structure, continuing education, member retention, and legislative issues to name a few. It was great to hear how ISHP is doing great in some areas and to identify areas we can focus on to improve on what we have today. There was also a presentation on the Pharmacy forecast and from PTCB who is offering more opportunities for technician certifications and looking to partner with state affiliates to help provide educational opportunities.

I look forward to the coming months, our primary focus will be on legislative day, bylaw and policy review, and vendor appreciation. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve this great organization.



John

John at the ASHP Presidential Retreat in Dallas. Look close, blue shirt near the center of the back row

### **ASHP House of Delegates Call**



ASHP has released its official call for delegates to the 71st session of the ASHP House of Delegates, the ultimate authority in establishing the professional policies of the organization. Each year, Idaho elects one representative to serve a two-year term to the ASHP House of Delegates (HOD) and to represent the ISHP on proceedings impacting the pharmacy profession nationally.

Delegates choose one <u>two-day Regional Delegate Conference (RDC)</u> to discuss proposed professional policies before the June HOD at the end of April or early May. Typically, the Idaho delegates attend the Phoenix RDC, but delegates will determine which dates and location work best for their schedules.

The House of Delegates will meet in person on two separate occasions at the 2019 ASHP Summer Meetings in Denver, CO. The tentative schedule is:

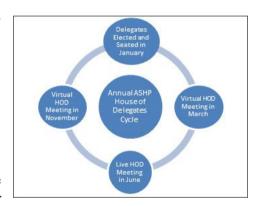
- 1. First Meeting: Sunday, June 9, 2019 (2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.)
- 2. Final Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 (4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.)

Additionally, there will be two virtual House meetings in March and November 2019.

Nominated ASHP members will be added to the ASHP Delegate Ballot for Idaho and will be voted on via electronic ballot in December/January. ISHP opened delegate nominations at the ISHP Membership Meeting during our Annual Fall Meeting in Sun Valley during which Arielle Arnold was nominated.

For more detailed information about the expectations of the delegate, please review <u>ASHP's House of Delegates webpage</u> or

<u>contact us</u> with questions. To nominate an ASHP member or to self-nominate, please submit the nominee's full name and email address via <u>email</u>.



Nominations close Friday, December 7th, 2018



ISHP
Sun Valley 2019!
October 11, 12 and 13, 2019

It's always a good idea to block out your calendar early for the ISHP Fall Meeting!

Next year we will be returning to Sun Valley, but a few weeks later than usual. We have listened to you and we too feel the concerns regarding the expense of attending a meeting in Sun Valley. Working with the resort, we however were able to get room rates for you and meeting room rates for ISHP at a lower price by pushing back our meeting a few weeks. Another advantage of these dates is that some of you (i.e. government employee types) have the Monday after the meeting (Columbus Day) off. A day to recover! Bring a warmer coat as it may be a bit cooler. Hope that you can join us next fall in Sun Valley.

# **Congratulations to the Award Winners Sun Valley 2018**

### **Posters**

Thank you to all who participated in our Fall 2018 Poster Competition! A special thanks to our volunteer judges for contributing their time to help out this year. Much work goes into running this competition and the dedication of the judges to evaluating each project is very much appreciated!

- Arielle Martin
- Josh Ingram
- Scott Rouse
- Lindsay Crawford
- Kathleen O'Dell
- Kris Lark
- Kasidy McKay
- Lindsey Catlin
- Naomi Veloso

We had an excellent turnout for the 2018 poster competition, with a total of 19 projects submitted. Everyone is a winner, but we judge them anyway! Results of the poster competition were:



### Students:

**First - James Berain** – Idaho State University - *High-risk opioid prescribing when multiple prescribers are involved* 

**Second - Trager Hintze, Justin Almond, Erin Berry** – Idaho State University - *Quality improvement initiative: utilizing student-pharmacists to establish a medication reconciliation program* 

**Third - Erin Berry, Kryston Carling** – Idaho State University - *Evaluating naloxone-based misconceptions among university healthcare students* 

#### Residents:

**First - Ianitza Bankova** - Boise VA Medical Center - *Impact of a direct oral anticoagulant (DOAC) population management tool and pharmacist intervention* 

**Second - Kylie Hutchison** – St. Luke's Health System - *Appropriate use evaluation of intravenous acetaminophen in general surgery patients* 

**Third - Kat Liu** – Boise VA medical Center - *Safety and effectiveness of direct oral anticoagulants in the obese Veteran population* 

#### Pharmacist:

**First - Cassie Perdew** — Boise VA Medical Center - *Use of clinical video technology to conduct clinical pharmacy appointments in Veterans' homes* 

### **Clinical Skills Competition**

The Clinical Skills Competition (CSC) is an interactive, team-based analysis of clinical scenarios for hospital and health-system pharmacists sponsored by the ASHP Foundation. The purpose of the Clinical Skills Competition is to encourage and recognize excellence in clinical skill development for student pharmacists. The ASHP/ASHP Foundation Practice Advancement Initiative (PAI) is focused on advancing patient care and transforming pharmacy practice by further integrating pharmacists into patient care teams as the health professionals who are responsible and accountable for patients' medication-related outcomes. The PAI recognizes that the competition enhances student pharmacist's skills in collaborative practice with other providers in direct patient care.

The winning team members from each participating College of Pharmacy will receive complementary registration for the ASHP Midyear Meeting to compete at the national level competition held in Anaheim, CA, December 1-2, 2018. Funds from the Idaho Pharmacy Research and Education Foundation (your raffle tickets!) will be used to assist in travel and lodging for the meeting.

We had multiple teams participate this year:

- 1. James Berain and Taylor Smith
- 2. Kaylee Moretto and Kristin Cleverdon
- 3. Heather Shannon and Rebekah Dunkley

### **Student Leadership Award**

Presented to outstanding student leaders for their meritorious service and leadership including: Service to the profession of pharmacy; Contributions to pharmacy programs; Interprofessional development; and Service to the community. We had FOUR student demonstrating excellence in leadership selected for this award in 2018:

Kaylee Moretto Megan LaCrone Heather Shannon Clint Housley



# **Excellence in Research or Quality Improvement Award**

The Excellence in Research or Quality Improvement Award is given to pharmacy lead investigators based on their work demonstrating an impact on pharmacy profession, innovative design and project implementation, creative practice concepts, and other merits including achievement of publication, etc. The project must have been completed in the last 5 years. The Awards Committee has selected four outstanding projects this year to recognize for Excellence in research:

**Principal Investigator: Brooke Ewals** 

Evaluation of Hospitalist Rounding Implementation in a Community Hospital

**Principal Investigator: John Holmes** 

Community Pharmacy-based Influneza Screening, Testing and Treatment

### Principal Investigator: Jessie Litke

Team: Laura Spoutz, Danielle Ahlstrom, Cassie Perdew, William Llamas, Katie Erickson

Impact of the clinical pharmacy specialist in telehealth primary care

### **Principal Investigator: Eric Peterson PharmD**

Team: Arielle Arnold (Martin), Kaylee Moretto, Scott Rouse, Kyle Roberts, Christopher Oswald, Paul Pomeroy Evaluating the impact of pharmacist driven urine culture follow-up in the emergency department

### Technician of the Year Award

The ISHP Technician of the Year Award is presented to an outstanding technician in recognition for their commendable: Service to the profession within health-system pharmacy; Contributions to pharmacy programs; Cooperation with the entire health care team; and Service to the community.

# Technician of the Year Joyce Rambo St. Luke's McCall

Formally nominated by Heidi Galyardt Supportive statements provided by Andrea Brooks and Darcy Reese

Joyce is an excellent pharmacy technician who has really embraced the world of medication backorders and decreasing drug spend for St. Luke's McCall. She has worked at this hospital for over 30 years originally working as an LPN. She made the transition to pharmacy technician and immediately accepted the challenges that come with medication supply. She is constantly seeking ways to bring in needed medications while always looking for ways to save costs.

Being the lead pharmacy technician, she is constantly ensuring that everyone is educated to our ordering system and ways to decrease spend. We recently hired a new pharmacy technician and Joyce made sure to fully educate her on how to find backordered medications and ways to save money. She has started to keep an ordering binder that gives information and helpful



tips on medication ordering. She wants to make sure that her drive to find the best products while reducing costs continue in the next generation. A couple of years back, she began heavily scrutinizing every medication that was ordered from our supplier and making sure that we were ordering in the best product at the right price. There were many times that she sent back medication when a cheaper and better alternative were available. She took on this initiative without me asking her. She saw the need and the potential savings and felt that something needed to be done. In the beginning, she tracked all of the savings and within a few short months it was in the hundreds. Fast forward a couple of years and it is likely now in the thousands!

Joyce has also taken on the initiative to try to move medication around within the health system if a costly medication is about to expire. She stays on top of high-priced medications that are considered slow movers. She often reaches out to other hospitals within the health system to see if we can rotate stock. Her most recent win was sending down a case of premixed oxytocin to Boise because we would not be able to use it before it outdated.

Joyce has majorly impacted the city of McCall by being one of the members that started our local animal shelter called McPaws. She is constantly volunteering her time for McPaws...whether it is walking the dogs, putting up giving trees in businesses, helping organize the Winter Carnival parade, or Bark in the Park. This also inadvertently helps the hospital as she is often rallying other employees at the hospital to join her in her volunteer efforts for McPaws. This not only helps McPaws, but also brings employees together outside of work creating stronger employee relationships. She is a very compassionate person and this shows in her drive to help McPaws.

### Pharmacist of the Year Award

The ISHP Pharmacist of the Year Award is presented to an outstanding pharmacist in recognition for their commendable: Service to the profession within health-system pharmacy; Contributions to pharmacy programs; Cooperation with the entire health care team; and Service to the community.

# Pharmacist of the Year Anna Christopher St. Joseph RMC

### Nominated by Paul Driver

Anna has been a strong supporter of ISHP for many years. Though she has not formally held office within ISHP, she has promoted membership in the organization at her institution at every opportunity. She encourages membership in both ISHP and ASHP as part of advancement in the department. Anna contributes service to the profession by being a preceptor to pharmacy students from Washington State University COP and to technician training programs in Lewiston. Working in a smaller rural hospital has created opportunity for Anna to become proficient in multiple areas in pharmacy service. She works to share this practical knowledge and skills with trainees in addition to her expertise in clinical and administrative strengths. Anna's cooperation with the entire healthcare team is evident in her chairing the Nursing/Pharmacy committee, active involvement in medical staff committees (Tissue Surgery, P&T, Pediatric, Cancer and Anesthesia) and many ad hoc committees throughout the hospital such as High Reliability and CPR committees. Her knowledge of the pharmacy and departmental operations was instrumental in providing timely and important information to all committees involved on drug shortages, new therapeutic and budgetary concerns as appropriate. Her service to the community is demonstrated by her routine blood donations and active involvement in the Relay for Life activities held annually in the valley, while balancing her commitment to family and friends.

# **Leadership Award**

# Rob Wills St. Luke's Health System

Completing his second term as ISHP President, ASHP honored Rob with the 2018 ASHP Leadership Award. Over the past year, Rob continued to guide ISHP as we grew, strengthened our relationships with our pharmacy partners, implemented new programs and improved the financial footing of our society. ISHP has fostered under Rob's continued leadership.



### ISHP Excellence-in-Service Award

The ISHP Excellence-in-Service Award is presented to a member of ISHP who has contributed significant and commendable service to ISHP including: 1) An ISHP member over a period of time of greater than 10 years; and 2) Selfless contribution to the Society and pharmacy profession in a way that is long-standing and at a level above that which is normally expected of the member.



# Excellence in Service Barbara Mason Boise VA Medical Center

Nominated by the Awards Committee and confirmed by the ISHP Board of Directors

We would like to nominate Barb Mason for the ISHP Excellence in Service Award. Throughout her career, Barb has championed a forward thinking "why not?" approach to pharmacy practice. She encourages students and graduates alike to challenge their routine, take risks and not be afraid to fail. Achievement of any project is possible with the support of this innovative, inspiring, and sometimes rebellious pharmacist! She helps to create opportunities for pharmacists in Idaho (and beyond) to be involved in many interdisciplinary activities, from provider education to direct patient care activities. The impact Barb has had on Idaho pharmacy can be seen at every hospital and many different community health entities, including work with Idaho Alzheimer's Steering Group, the Idaho Cancer Awareness, Screening, and Prevention Alliance, and Idaho Medicaid. Her lifelong dedication to the personal and professional development of young pharmacists is evident by her continued encouragement to students to remain involved in professional organizations, setting an example by her own commitment to leadership. This is evident by her achievement of Fellow status through ASHP and her plethora of other leadership positions and memberships held in multiple pharmacy affiliations. She has been a member of ISHP for nearly 30 years, and has precepted and/or mentored posters at fall ISHP meetings since 1992, and held her first leadership position with ISHP in the same year. Barb has been ISHP President-Elect, President, Past President, Director of Organizational Affairs, Chair of Council on Education and Manpower, Poster Session Co-Chair, and repeatedly served as a poster judge. In 1999, Barb Mason created the IPREF to recognize and support pharmacy research in Idaho. She has defined the concept of "selfless contribution" to me in the most humble and awe-inspiring way.



# **ISHP Honorary Lifetime Membership**

Kent Quickstad
St. Luke's Health System

Nominated by Paul Driver and Rob Wills: Confirmed by the ISHP Board of Directors

Honorary members: Persons who shall be elected by unanimous vote by the Board of Directors from among individuals who are, or have been, especially interested in, or who have made outstanding contributions to pharmacy practice. Two or more active members of ISHP must submit nominations for honorary membership. Honorary members may vote or hold office if otherwise eligible for active membership. No dues shall be required of honorary members. Honorary members shall be elected for life.

The ISHP Board of Directors wanted to recognize Kent for his many years of service to ISHP and to the pharmacy profession in Idaho. After obtaining a BS in Zoology from the College of Idaho in 1980, Kent graduated from the ISU College of Pharmacy in 1983. Since that time, he has been a staple of pharmacist practice at St. Luke's in Boise working in the Central Pharmacy, the Adult Intensive Care and Critical Care units and recently as the lead pharmacist of the IV admixture area. At St. Luke's he has promoted pharmacy excellence through his leadership of the IV Team, as a member of the Treasure Valley and System CPR Committees and to the nursing staff as a provider of communications about new medications and pharmacy history. Kent has also recently completed the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of his Adult IV Drip Chart Guidelines – a reference that is used throughout the St. Luke's System.

Kent has been an active member of ISHP for over 30 years serving as chair of several councils and as a two-year President from 1995 thru 1996. He has been a consistent presence at ISHP meetings, editor of the quarterly ISHP Newsletter since 1995, and a mentor for many Board members throughout the years. In 1992 he received the ISHP Excellence in Research Award jointly with Shirley Reitz. He has been the recipient of other ISHP awards including Leadership Award (1996), Pharmacist of the Year (2001) and the Excellence in Service (2006). Overall Kent personifies an ongoing commitment to pharmacy practice through his volunteering and professionalism. He continues to be an example of what makes ISHP and Idaho pharmacy special.

# **ISHP Honorary Lifetime Members**

Since ISHP was founded in 1956, there have only been 10 individuals selected as Honorary Lifetime Members:



| ???  | Don Ness      | 2006 | Bob Endo       |
|------|---------------|------|----------------|
| 1981 | Louis Jeffery | 2007 | Harold Driver  |
| 1997 | Mick Markuson | 2010 | Mike Carnley   |
| 1998 | Leo Nickasch  | 2012 | Sam Hoagland   |
| 2001 | John Wiltse   | 2018 | Kent Quickstad |

# Dates to keep in mind:



January 21 - Legislative Day at the Capitol TBD (January/February) – ISHP Sponsor Appreciation Reception April 5 & 6th – ISHP Spring Meeting – Saint Alphonsus, Boise October 11, 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> – ISHP Fall Meeting – Sun Valley

# **Sun Valley Programs/Education and Trivia**

Tyler Osgood and Lindsay Crawford

Thank you everyone for such a great fall meeting in Sun Valley. We received such positive feedback about the speakers and topics presented. **Trivia was a huge hit among pharmacists, students and vendors!** If you weren't able to make it here's a taste of what trivia had in store for participants:

- Do you know what endocarditis, Mike Krzyzewski, and Edward Kennedy Ellington all have in common?
- How about what is more expensive, a year subscription to Netflix's basic package or one oral 10 mg dose of phytonadione in tablet form.
- Do you think you can figure out the movies/TV shows on the right?

Turns out the pharmacy students are pretty good at this and squashed the pharmacists. If you haven't got your fix, rest easy; there will be more.

During the fall meeting business lunch, **Lindsay Crawford was sworn into her role as Programs Chair.** Lindsay works at the VA as a telehealth pharmacist. You may recognize her as the emcee for the Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 tobacco cessation workshops! She's already been a wonderful addition to the team and will provide a great source of energy for the upcoming 2019 conferences. We also want to extend a huge thanks to Kasidy McKay for all her hard work during her term as Education Chair.

As a reminder, the Spring Meeting will be April 6-7 at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. A needs assessment survey to determine the topics for this upcoming meeting will be hitting your inboxes soon – so please keep an eye out! This is to ENSURE we are including topics that you want to learn about.

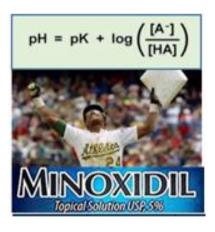
Thank you for your continued support. See you in April,

# Tyler and Lindsay

(OK – Just in case you haven't figured them out - for the trivia answers just scroll on down to the next page).









Past President's Reception

Sun Valley 2018



### Importance of ISHP on New Practitioners and Residents

### Leslie LaMontagne 2018-2019 I-LEAD Fellow



When I first moved back to Idaho for my PGY2 oncology residency I was nervous on how I would integrate myself into pharmacy in the state of Idaho since I didn't go to pharmacy school here. Then I attend ISHP's Annual Fall Meeting at Sun Valley. At the CE sessions I discovered that the education provided at Sun Valley was on par with what I had seen from

bigger state ran organizations. I also saw an opportunity to network with pharmacists, technicians and industry partners from all over the state. What I also liked about the ISHP meeting is the family type of feeling, it seemed like everyone knew each other and spent time during the breaks catching up on their lives. That is not something that I have seen at national or other state conferences that I have attend.

One of my favorite experiences that I have had thus far as a part of ISHP is helping in the creation of I-LEAD and participating in the I-LEAD program. Through the first leadership session I-LEAD has shown me the great impact that I can have in the pharmacy I work in on a daily basis even though I am currently not in a leadership role. Through I-LEAD I will have the opportunity to participate in several of the ISHP committees. This experience will give me a better sense of what it takes to run an organization and how I can help in ISHP's mission of promoting the highest levels of pharmacy practice. I believe that becoming an active member of ISHP at this point in my career was one of the best decisions that I have made. This is due to the networking opportunities that have been provided thus far, the continuing education that has been provided at the conferences and



the newsletters which have helped me keep up to date in the practice of pharmacy.

2018 – 2019 I-LEAD Fellows in Sun Valley



### Trivia answers

Trivia master Tyler Osgood has provided us with the answers from those questions presented on the previous page. How many did you get right?

Do you know what endocarditis, Mike Krzyzewski, and Edward Kennedy Ellington all have in common?

### Dukes (Duke's criteria, head basketball coach at Duke University and Duke Ellington)

How about what is more expensive, a year subscription to Netflix's basic package or one oral 10 mg dose of phytonadione in tablet form?

Oral phytonadione

And name that movie:

### **Technician's Corner**

#### Kathleen O'Dell

# Happy Fall!



I hope all of you are enjoying the cool fall weather and are gearing up for the Holidays which are right around the corner already. For those of you who weren't able to attend our fall conference in Sun Valley- we missed you! It was a great time, as it always is, jam packed full of great continuing education classes and great networking with lots of technicians and pharmacists around the state. I would like to congratulate Joyce Rambo as she accepted the Technician of the Year award! Such a great honor.

Even though we have just wrapped up our fall conference, we are already honing in on our **Spring Meeting** that will be happening in Boise April 6th-7th. **If there are any topics you feel would be a great class for technicians to attend, please don't hesitate to email myself or the Board!** 

**Don't forget:** If you attended the fall conference, please log on and take your post-tests and surveys to make sure you get your CE credit!

Finally, as I enter my last year as the Technician Representative, just keep in the back of your minds that we will need someone to take my place! This has been a great experience and I am happy to answer any questions that any of you may have regarding the responsibilities you would hold as being the Representative. It is an awesome opportunity and you get to represent Idaho technicians and pharmacists with some really great people!

I hope you all have a great holiday season, and I will see you at the spring conference!

Kathleen

# From the ISHP Office - Executive Director's Message

#### **Caroline Merritt**

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual Fall meeting in Sun Valley. The ISHP Education Committee put together a great program with tracks for pharmacists, technicians, and students. With 12 hours of Pharmacy CE and more than 175 attendees, the meeting was a great success. In addition to the educational opportunities, there was also plenty of time for networking and getting to know your fellow pharmacy professionals through receptions and even a trivia session.

If you've never attended an ISHP conference, please consider doing so in 2019. Save the date for our ISHP **Spring Meeting April 6 & 7, 2019 at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise**. We'll be back in Sun Valley for

our 2019 Fall Meeting on October 11, 12 & 13th. Our conferences and the sponsorships we receive from our industry partners support the work of ISHP all year long, so we encourage you to participate.

Our Fall Conference was our first meeting with our new continuing education platform, the World Continuing Education Alliance (WCEA). While we're still adapting to the new platform, WCEA will allow us to meet our members' needs for individual study. As an ISHP member, you have complimentary access to thousands of CE programs through WCEA. Visit our website and register for your WCEA account today.

Thanks for your continued support of ISHP!

# Caroline



# ISHP - Sun Valley 2018











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