



# SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

## President Message Spring 2010

Hello PADDNN,

FINALLY, spring has sprung! Hope everyone finds an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather.

Our March meeting was a great success. We had a terrific turn out to celebrate PADDNN's 10<sup>th</sup> year. Cyberonics, generously sponsored this meeting and provided excellent speakers for the day. Dr. Shah-Neurologist from the Central Region, presented on the topic "Refractory Epilepsy; Treatment Options" and Dr. Acharya- Hershey Medical Center's Epilepsy Program Director, provided education on "Brain Talk, Management of Epilepsy". Both were very interesting speakers and provided the audience with new insights and information. The PADDNN By-Law revisions were finalized, and presented along with our new organizational chart, for member review. Copies of both, as well as meeting minutes, are available at online @ [www.paddnn.com](http://www.paddnn.com).

Our current membership (at last count) was 170 strong, which is another record breaker for PADDNN. We have developed postcard mailers and together with the Membership Committee Chairs are developing a list to distribute these, in effort to reach new nurses and organizations specializing in the I/DD field. We have also created an Associate PADDNN Membership, for professionals working within the I/DD field. This membership allows professionals in the I/DD field to attend our programs and share in the information. However in maintaining PADDNN as a *NURSING* organization, associate members will not be offered voting privileges, are not to represent PADDNN as officers or committee representatives, and will not be provided CEUs. We would however, like to share the information with coworkers who may benefit from PADDNNs educational offerings in support of persons with I/DD.

Our March meeting was also a celebration of 10 years of PADDNN success and so...we ate cake!

Our June meeting is ready to go and we hope to see many of you in Erie, Pa on June 9<sup>th</sup>. You will be receiving a flyer with details very soon, so stay tuned. Thanks to Amy Will and the Education Committee for your hard work and dedication in preparing for June.

Save the date for PADDNN's annual educational conference on October 13, 2010 at the Eden resort in Lancaster, PA. The Education Committee has been busy preparing for this event as well, and several conference call meetings have taken place. Our speakers are aligned and we are working on CEUs, so hope to see you there.

Don't forget DDNA's Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada is quickly approaching. For more information or to register, visit [www.ddna.org](http://www.ddna.org). Hope to see you in Reno! Several of PADDNNs officers will be traveling to the DDNA Conference in Reno and will have much to share upon return.

# News from DDNA

## **Important information for DDNA Chapters**

Please forward the following information to members as soon as possible

### **Formation of national DDNA Committees**

You may be aware that DDNA has developed committees to address specific issues faced by the association or address practice standards for DD nursing. All DDNA chapters must identify at least one DDNA Committee on which your chapter would like to serve or participate. Besides making a Committee selection, service requirements/expectations include:

- Provide the name and contact information for the chapter member who will serve;
- Chapter participant must be available to the committee by e-mail and phone on a regular basis;
- Chapter participant must be available to "meet" with committees by phone or internet-conferencing on quarterly basis (minimum)
- Chapter participant must be available to complete assigned tasks between "meetings/conferencing and submit work when requested
- Chapter participant must notify chapter President/Chairperson and the DDNA office if unable to meet the requirements outlined

Kim Cahill and Jack Toomey will be attending the Chapter Leadership luncheon in Reno, where we will be discussing this topic.

**In order for PADDNN members to** share information at the luncheon, please send any comments or information to be presented to [kimc@theadvocacyalliance.org](mailto:kimc@theadvocacyalliance.org) by MAY 1, 2010.

The above communication indicates the intent and required commitments to serve as a network representative to the national organization. The committees being formed by DDNA include: Certification, Membership, Education/Conference Planning, Network Support, and Ad Hoc. If you have an interest in serving as a national committee representative for PADDNN, please notify Kim Cahill, so DDNA can be made aware at the meeting in Reno. (I think you have my email address down by now....lol!).



### **Best Buddies Bike Ride/Fundraiser**

#### **Hyannis Port with Other Options, Too**

Hi you know me. My name is Jack Toomey past President, and Second Vice President of PADDNN. You probably did not know that I am and have been the team captain for Best Buddies Team PA which is entered in the June 5, 2010 Audi Best Buddies Challenge: Hyannis Port.

As team captain I am trying to actively recruit people to join Best Buddies Team PA. If you like bike riding and have family or friends in the Boston area, combine a visit with an awesome bike ride for a great cause. Or if you know someone that likes bike riding and has family or friends in the Boston area let them know about this ride. There are three options for bike riders—100 miles, 50 miles or 20 miles. All three options offer full support for you and your bike. Tom Brady the event's chairperson will be there.

Not a cyclist? Participate in a 5k run or a 3k walk led by Olympic gold medalist Carl Lewis. The run and walk start at the beachside finish in Hyannis Port.

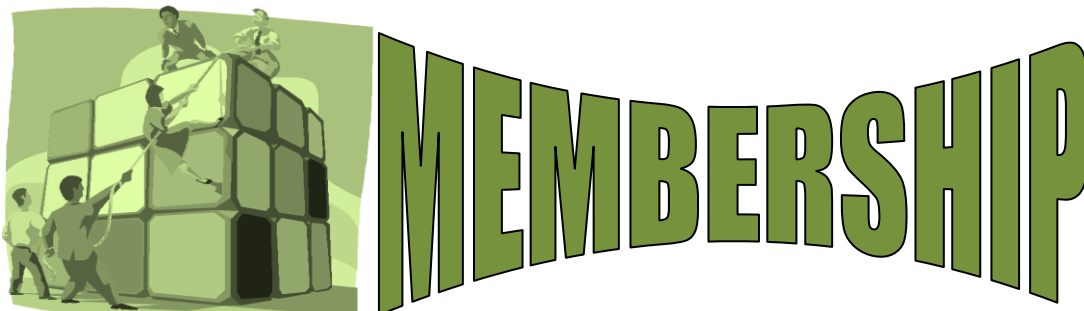
Come celebrate with a lobster/clam bake, open bar and a concert by KC and the Sunshine Band after you finish your ride, run or walk.

See Audi Best Buddies Challenge: Hyannis Port on the web for more information about the June 5, 2010 event.

Did you know Best Buddies has a presence in all 50 states with more than 1,500 chapters and has accredited international programs on 6 continents with additional programs under development? Did you know that Best Buddies enhances the lives of approximately 700,000 people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) than any other organization of its kind? Best Buddies helps build friendships and finds jobs for people with I/DD in their local communities. Did you know that people with I/DD participate in all Best Buddies activities including this event?

If you cannot participate in this event as a member of Best Buddies Team PA, perhaps you can give some financial support in my effort to help Best Buddies to continue its work for people with I/DD. You can donate easily and securely by going to the Audi Best Buddies Challenge: Hyannis web site; click on the donation button in the upper right hand corner and follow the directions from there. Of course, your contribution is tax deductible.

Please feel free to contact me about this at either [jtoomey@pmhcc.org](mailto:jtoomey@pmhcc.org) or 215-546-0300 Ext. 3662. Thanks for considering participating in or contributing to this worthwhile cause.



Do you know someone who may be interested in PADDNN Membership? Copy and share the Individual membership form on the next page and help spread the word about our professional organization throughout your region!



**Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities  
Nurses Network  
Individual Membership Form**

**Membership year runs from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010.**

**Please check one box below:**

- Annual Individual Membership is \$30.00.**
- Annual Individual Membership for Retired Nurses is \$25.00.**
- Annual Individual Membership for Student Nurses is \$25.00.**

**Membership is for the individual and is not transferable (if a nurse leaves your organization their membership goes with them.)**

**Please complete form and submit with payment.**

**(This form and your canceled check is your receipt of payment.)**

**\* \$20.00 service fee for any returned check.**

Please complete (*print*):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Licensure/Credentials: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this address home \_\_\_\_\_ or work \_\_\_\_\_?

Employer/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: PADDNN**

**SEND TO: MELODY WOLF**

**315 STANTON STREET**

**SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, PA 17702**



## PADDNN GOLF SHIRT ORDERS

There have been requests for PADDNN Shirts. I am willing to take the lead on this project, but will place orders only for those who submit a

request so as to be cost efficient.

The shirts are Black golf shirts, 50/50 cotton /poly blend. The PADDNN logo will be on the left side of the chest. I have found a vendor who will take orders by the piece and size, so if you are interested email your response with size by June 30, to [kimc@theadvocacyalliance.org](mailto:kimc@theadvocacyalliance.org).

Indicate Men's or Women's sizing.

Price is \$22.50 for sizes S-XL.

\$25.00 for sizes 2XL to 5XL.

I will circulate an email to those who respond with a yes regarding payment arrangements before the order is submitted first week of July. All orders must be prepaid. I would like to have them available at the PADDNN annual conference. If you are not attending the conference, shipping will be extra.

# Hope to see Everyone in Erie on June 9