



The NCCAP Newsletter

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Meet Peter Illig, NCCAP Chief Executive Officer

Dear Members,

Greetings! It is with great enthusiasm that I pen my first words to you as your new Chief Executive Officer. Having just returned from the 2017 Symposium in my hometown of Buffalo, NY, joining NCCAP is in many ways both a personal and professional homecoming.

Having worked across healthcare sectors domestic and globally I am excited to apply my unique mix of legal, management and external relations functions to advance the mission of NCCAP.



You have my commitment that NCCAP will be revitalized with Good Governance and Best Practices to ensure the highest quality of education and certification for Activity Professionals.

You, as members, possess the subject matter expertise necessary to lead and influence the mosaic that is the Activity Profession. My initial task is to listen to you, the Board and our partners to understand the needs and opportunities for growth. The objective is to re-assert NCCAP as the

recognized leader in providing best-in-class educational content and certification for quality of care and quality of life.

Please feel free to reach out to share your thoughts, concerns and suggestions with me. I look forward to serving you and our overall profession.

With kind regards,
Peter J. Illig, Esq.
Chief Executive Officer
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NCCAP 'Call to Action'-Stay tuned!

NCCAP is happy to announce the 3rd 'Call to Action' in November 2017! This special meeting will be open to anyone who would like to come and participate in a major brainstorm session. Attendees will spend the entire day discussing issues, concerns or ideas that would impact the activity profession.



Date, time and location will be announced soon! Make sure you RSVP as soon as the info becomes available because space will be limited!



Over the past few years, NCCAP has been working diligently on going “green.” At the 2017 NCCAP Symposium, attendees got to experience a “greener” event. With the utilization of EXPOPASS, attendees had the ability to utilize their mobile device to explore the symposium, download

& view handouts, view speaker information and also check in at each session, at the palm of their hands. NCCAP is happy to announce that utilizing this application was a great success and there are plans for it's use in the future.

There has also been some “chatter” about a new database. NCCAP is happy to announce that after months of research and collaboration and input from the members, we have partnered with MEMBER CLICKS that will provide everyone with a “one stop shop” for everything NCCAP. One of the great features of this program is the ability to apply and renew certification online. NCCAP is working very closely with MEMBER CLICKS to make sure that every aspect of this program is user friendly and are striving to have it in place by late fall.

ADC Track 6 Deadline Has been Extended!

Many of you have been waiting for this announcement. The NCCAP board has extended the evaluation period for Track 6 until June 30th, 2018.

The requirements remain the same.

Requirements:

1. Mepap 1 and 2 must have been completed between 2002-present, verified by submitting a certificate of completion, signed by the instructor.
2. Six years (12,000 hours) of current activity experience within the last 10 years.
3. Forty hours of continuing education- 20% (8 hours) of which specifically addresses activity documentation.
4. Pass NCCAP exam

If you meet the above criteria;

1. Complete the current NCCAP application
2. Complete the ADC Track 6 form
3. Submit the required documentation per NCCAP standards



4. Submit the appropriate fee(s)
5. You will then be notified by NCCAP concerning the exam.

Please go to the NCCAP website for all official information. If you have any questions, please email nccapboard@nccap.org

NCCAP's Theme for 2017-"I Was Here"

At the 31st NCCAP Symposium in Buffalo, NY, attendees got to view a video that showcased residents and activity from around the country. The theme of the video was "I Was Here" which actually was a song written by Beyonce. The lyrics of the song talks about leaving your mark on the world and letting the world know you were here.

As Activity Professionals and educators we have so many chances to share so much of our own uniqueness with those around us. Touching lives, enriching souls and helping those we serve live a little bit longer and also to help them live a full life.



NCCAP has decided to use "I Was Here" as a theme for the upcoming year and would like to request that you submit a video or a photo to vicepresident@nccap.org. These will be utilized on social media to showcase what you do as professionals in this great big world.

As always, NCCAP thanks you for our hard work and dedication to those we serve.

NCCAP Symposium Connections...

by Sherry Barzak

Earlier this month during the Symposium, there was originally a Niagara Falls tour which was cancelled due to lack of sign ups. So on the first night of the Symposium, these ladies from Bermuda confronted me about wanting to go.



I looked at them and told them I will try to get a group of cars to take them. Luckily, I was able to get a group together from Indiana and West Virginia to help. It was a neat opportunity because we brought many cultures together to experience an amazing United States landmark. The laughs, giggles, even dancing with joy and words like 'Look at that!' were the things that made the trip so well worth it. I asked the Bermudians why this was so important to them since their country is surrounded by water. They explained to me that this was very different- it was 'breathless'.

I enjoyed this trip to the Falls much more than when I was a kid experiencing it for the first time. And to think I learned that Bermuda doesn't have white or brown sand, they have pink!

It was great making these connections- I'll not forget the friendships I made from Indiana, West Virginia, and other people from throughout the US. And of course, best of all, I'll not forget the friendships we made from Bermuda!

Nursing Home Resident Hits Grand Slam Playing Micro Fantasy...



Micro Fantasy prediction contests were recently introduced to residents at The Oaks of Brecksville, a short and long term rehabilitation facility, during the broadcast of a Cleveland Indians baseball game. Micro Fantasy prediction contests allow participants to predict the results of game action during live sports events using a mobile device or computer.

One Oaks of Brecksville resident led the first half of the Micro Fantasy contest and placed second overall. But winning didn't matter. Just being in the contest was a grand slam!

“It was thrilling to witness the excitement between the residents as they engaged with each other and the new technology,” stated Marie Day, Activity Director at The Oaks of Brecksville. “Many residents rooted for each other and cheered, until the final play determined the winner.”

The latest version of the Micro Fantasy mobile app is currently available for download through the Apple App Store and Google Play. An online version is also available on microfantasy.com.

“Micro Fantasy prediction contests are a great activity for all ages,” said Micro Fantasy Founder and CEO Joel Crites. “I was excited to personally introduce our contests to the residents at The Oaks of Brecksville, and it was very fulfilling to see how much they enjoyed them.”

For more information about Micro Fantasy prediction contests, visit microfantasy.com or email joel@microfantasy.com.

Six Month Free Membership to Caregiving 101!



Please take a moment to engage in this survey. It is made up of 40 questions and will only take 10 minutes. You will then receive a free six month membership to www.caregiving101.com with access to all of the activity lesson plans and videos. There are over 1000 content items on the site by category which are updated weekly. Participants will receive their log in credentials for the www.caregiving101.com site within three weeks of completing the survey via email.

If someone is already a member, your membership will be extended free for six months upon completion of the survey when using your current account email as the verification email. Here's the link to the survey:

<https://app.icontact.com/icp/sub/survey/start>

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