



# The Rec-Room

## NJ Edition

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#### Kim's Corner

Welcome to Kim's Corner. This is the place where I'd like to speak directly to the Rec-Room

subscribers and share in recent experiences! I just recently had the pleasure of presenting for the NJAPA conference this year, the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. It is always so exhilarating to meet activity professionals throughout the state! NJAPA really does a fabulous job at orchestrating these conferences. Until joining the board last year as the legislative chair, I didn't realize how much work really goes into planning and implementing these conferences. It is quite impressive!

Once again, I had a fantastic time presenting my sessions at the conference. Many participants thanked me for offering such fun and enthusiastic sessions but I am the one who should thank the participants for their energy and excitement. I am so proud to be part of a profession that actually enjoys fun, interactive games and embraces my singing rather than poking fun at me!

I also had the pleasure of meeting an Activity Director, Alex Riddick, who

## A Quality Assured Recreation Department - Seminar

Presented by Kimberly Grandal BA, CTRS,  
ACC

Thursday, May 22, 2008

8:45am-12:00 noon

Daughters of Miriam, Clifton, NJ



Become an active member of the QA/CQI team at your facility rather than simply handing in a report each quarter! **A Quality Assured Recreation Department** is a seminar designed to provide information that will assist Recreation Directors or supervisors in the development and provision of an on-going quality monitoring program in long term care. The session includes an overview of QA/CQI, a step by step review of the QA/CQI process, sample areas to monitor and data collection methods. It is also important to note that...

- *All participants will receive the Re-Creative Resources Inc. "Recreation Department Review Manual" a \$39.95 value if purchased separately!*
- *A demonstration of the ProActivity Reports computer software program will be provided.*
- *A continental breakfast will be served.*

#### PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO

- Define and have a basic understanding of QA and CQI
- Identify the QA/CQI process
- Name at least four QA/CQI areas to monitor
- Name two data collection methods

#### CEU's

- Activity Professionals: 3 contact hours, NCCAP approved
- CTRS's: .3 CEU's approved by PRPS

actually reads and looks forward to my monthly newsletters. Thank you Alex, for your interest and fellowship to The Rec-Room.

Lastly, I am excited to announce that I will be presenting at the NAAP annual conference this year. The conference will be held April 30<sup>th</sup> -May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Orlando Florida. The theme this year is Activities Believe! Visit <http://www.thenaap.com> for more information. I hope to see you there!

### Spring 2008 Seminars in NJ

***A Quality Assured Recreation Department: Quality Monitoring Methods for Recreation Directors***  
Speaker: Kimberly Grandal, BA, CTRS,ACC  
May 22, 2008  
Clifton, NJ  
3 CEU's

***Taking the Write Path: Recreation Documentation for Quality of Life (meets documentation requirement for NCCAP track 5)***  
June 10, 2008  
Speaker: Kimberly Grandal, BA, CTRS,ACC  
Basking Ridge, NJ  
7 CEU's

***All sessions are pre-approved by NCCAP for Activity Professionals and have approved CEU's for CTRS's from PRPS.***

**[To register click here](#)**

### Products and Services

- \*Free Job Post (*national*)
- \*Activity and TR Resources
- \*Forms and Manuals
- \*Recreation Department Review Manual (*a must!*)
- \*Interdisciplinary Approach to Quality of Life In-Service (*just \$15*)
- \*Free Forms and Materials

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**FEE: \$70**

### **REGISTRATION**

You can register on-line or by mail but remember the registration deadline is May 12, 2008. The session is filling up so **[REGISTER NOW](#)** (plus you don't want to wait until nursing home week to register!)

Ask about our group discounts!

To register visit  
<http://www.recreativeresources.com/seminarregistration.htm>.

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## The NJAPA Convention: Truly a "Treasure of Gold"

On April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, the New Jersey Activity Professionals' Association held their 21<sup>st</sup> annual convention. The theme this year was, "Activities: A Treasure of Gold". With over 240 people in attendance each day, the convention was a huge success. A special thank you goes out to Suzanne Gramuglia and the NJAPA board of directors for their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work! It was quite evident that NJAPA is committed to providing quality educational opportunities for activity professionals and recreation therapists.

Spear-headed by the delightful, Emily Brown, the annual Awards Ceremony and Banquet was equally triumphant. Elegantly decorated with a pirate theme, activity professionals and special guests gathered to honor the award winners. Congratulations to the following 2008 NJAPA award winners:

### **Volunteer of the Year**

Laura Erlich (Southern Ocean County Hospital)

### **CNA of the Year**

Ofelia Thomas (Allendale Nursing Home)

### **Activity Professional of the Year**

Cathy Kane (Manor by the Sea)

Judi Buncher (Medicenter Rehabilitation Center)

**Administrator of the Year**

Todd Aronson (Van Dyke Park Place)

**Madison E. Weidner**

Susan Lanza (Administrator, Llanfair House)

**Friend of NJAPA**

Cindy Bradshaw (NCCAP Executive Director)

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