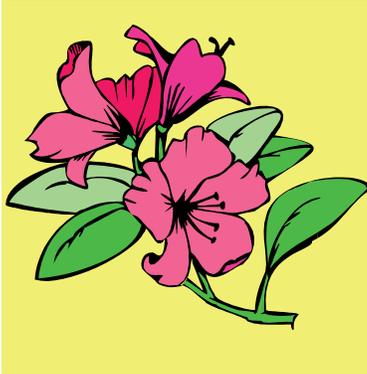




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Special points of interest:

- **Highlights for the 2011 WDA Annual Meeting**
- **Licensure Update**
- **Fifty Year ADA Member, Ann Barney, RD**

MESSAGE FROM HEIDI GILLETTE, RD

It has been a year to remember! Thank you for allowing me to serve as the President for WDA over the last year.

Our big focus this last year was on the Licensure Bill. A big "Thank you" to Kate Stratton-Schulz for all the time and dedication she spent with our Licensure Bill. She did an amazing job with networking and getting the word out about the importance of our profession! The next step is to have the Licensure Board appointed and then they can develop the rules and regulations. For more information please visit the WDA website at www.wyomingdieteticassociation.com

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The annual conference was held in Laramie at the end of March and was a great conference focusing on Healthier Communities. Thank you to Karla and the conference committee for a job well done!

Thank you again to the outgoing board members and I look forward to serving my role as Past-President.

Sincerely,
Heidi Gillette, RD



Highlights from the 2011 WDA Annual Meeting



WDA Fundraising 2011

Silent Auction & On-site Raffle Huge Success

We raised \$649.00 at this year's fundraising efforts at our annual WDA conference in Laramie the end of April. The Silent Auction phase proudly offered 27 lovely items bringing in \$517.00 and the fun raffle of 11 smaller items raised \$132.00.

We had a great response from our WDA members and friends both in donations of items to be auctioned or part of the raffle and also in participating in the event by shopping and bidding. I was so pleased with the variety of beautiful and quality items.

I would like to thank the following people for their generous donations:

Janice Smith	Judy Barbe
Heidi Gillette	Ann Hunter
Mindy Meuli	Beth Kamber
Karla Case	Paula Eskam
Suzy Pelican	Katie Stratton-Schulz
Enette Larson-Meyer	Chris Douglas
Sue Combe's Family	



A special thank you goes out to Ann Hunter for her help in setting up, tearing down, and helping to haul everything around and also for her valued advice and input each year. Thanks also to members of the Student Dietetic Association for their help during the event. It was great to have them there!

We've already started thinking about next year and just as a teaser – hopefully we will be “Dishin’ Up Some Dollars and Cookin’ Up Some Cash”!

Not to be forgotten – thanks to all of you who submitted bids and bought raffle tickets – hope you were pleased with what you won and if you didn't win – hopefully you had fun! We couldn't have raised this money without your support and willingness to be so generous.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Combe, WDA Fundraising Chair

Gifts and Awards From the 2011 Annual Meeting



Karla Case presented Heidi Gillette with a gift of appreciation for her service as WDA President



Heidi Gillette presented Katie Stratton-Schulz a gift basket for all her hard work with obtaining RD licensure.



From Left to Right:

Karla Case- Emerging Dietetic Leader

Mindy Meuli- Outstanding Dietetics Educator

Beth Kamber - Outstanding Dietitian of the Year

Skye Murphy - Outstanding Dietetics Student

50 Year ADA Member!!! Ann Barney, RD



Ann Barney was born Ann Welles in New York City, the second of a pair of twins. At age 5, her family moved to Denver, Colorado. She attended University of Colorado where her family had gone before, including her father and her husband's father, who were roommates in 1924. After graduating with a BS in Home Economics, she interned at the Bronx, New York VA Hospital. With the VA's access to discounted tickets, she missed very few Broadway plays. At the end of that program, she returned to Denver to work as a clinical dietitian at St. Luke's Hospital, and married her husband. In August of the following year they moved to State College, PA, where her husband was a grad student at Penn State. While living in State College, she worked as a food service supervisor in the university dining halls. During this period her daughter, Susan, and her son, Colin, were born.

In the fall of 1968 the family moved to Ft. Monmouth, NJ, where her husband, now serving in the army, was assigned. While at Ft. Monmouth, Ann worked as a clinical dietitian at Jersey Shore Medical Center, thereby missing some of the tedious duties required of a military officers wife.

Upon leaving the Army in 1970, her husband went to work for BP and the family was relocated to Long Island, NY, where Ann worked as a clinical dietitian for Huntington Hospital, and later as a consulting dietitian for Long Island Jewish Hospital. A burn patient at Huntington was probably her greatest career challenge. After BP moved the family to San Francisco, Ann kept up with continuing education courses, but did not work in the field of dietetics again. She had taken up sailing while in New York, and in San Francisco was active in the Sea Wenches, a women's sailing group.

With BP, the family was subsequently posted to London, England, Stavanger, Norway, where they were able to sail among the offshore islands, and in 1979, back to Denver. After BP proposed moving the family to Algeria, her husband, who had always wanted to be a rancher, left BP, helped form a small independent oil company, and they started looking for a cattle ranch. In 1987 they found their ranch in Big Piney, Wyoming. Since then, she has worked for the ranch, moving cattle on horseback, haying, feeding cattle, feeding ranch hands when necessary, and assisting with marketing their grass fed beef locally and through wyomingbeef.com.

Her son graduated from Colorado State University and, after two years managing the fabrication floor at the Greeley Monfort plant, rejoined the ranch. He now manages day to day operations, and is a significant factor in their grass fed beef venture. After graduating from CU, her daughter worked for the US Import Export Bank in Washington DC before going on to the University of Virginia for an MBA. She then went to San Francisco as a mutual fund manager. Still unmarried and never a meat eater, she now works with a vegan advocacy group. Holidays, Ann says, can be contentious.

She has two grandchildren; Josie, 13 and Tristan, 10, who live just across the door yard.

Earlier this month, Josie was first in the plant science section of the Wyoming State Science Fair finals here in Laramie. Her project was to determine if algae could be used as a food source for cattle. She concluded that it could be used as a supplement, but not as a complete ration.

In December of 2011 Ann and her husband will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Greetings from
Sylvia Moore, PhD, RD**



In October and December, I helped with a panel review for USDA on some obesity prevention grant applications. That was a lot of reading, but it was fun and important work. My fellow panelists were awesome members of our profession from around the country.

In September 2010, the Montana Board of Regents (BOR) approved a dietetic technician program at one of our two-year schools - Montana State University (MSU)-Great Falls. That program is the only dietetic technician program in Montana.

At the Board of Regents meeting scheduled for May 2011, the BOR will consider approval of a Montana Dietetic Internship (MDI) program run by MSU-Bozeman. The internship will accept 14 students yearly for a 42-week experience. The MDI will accept only MSU graduates in its first class that begins in August 2011, but it will open to out-of-state applicants in future classes.

All the best,

Sylvia

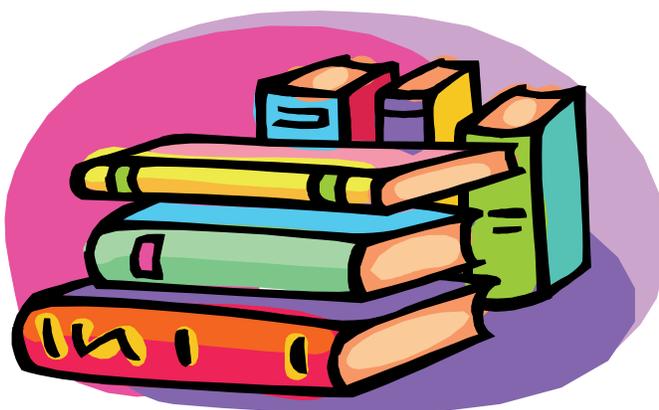
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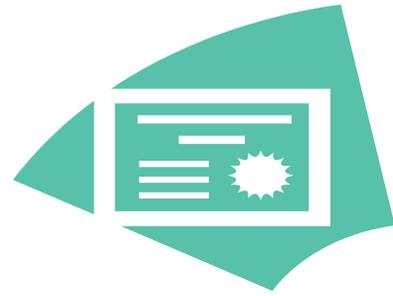
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APRIL 2011 DIETETICS LICENSURE UPDATE:



HOW DID WE GET HERE?

In 2007 the American Dietetic Association contacted WDA to encourage us to pursue licensure. At that time Wyoming was one of four states without some sort of licensure or certification.

In April 2010 at the annual WDA Conference in Casper the topic was presented for the board and association members who were present voted to pursue introducing a licensure bill for dietitians in the State of Wyoming during the 2011 General Legislative Session. Communication about possible licensure with WDA members started in 2007 and was first presented to the membership at the 2009 annual conference, an interim phone survey was conducted on the topic in the fall of 2009, along with numerous Range Rider articles and again at the 2010 conference. An email was sent to WDA members asking for interest in forming a licensure committee, 10 members responded with interest and 7 agreed to be on the committee. A lobbyist was hired and drafting of our licensure bill started taking shape using ADA's Model Practice Act. Ground work was done to communicate our efforts with any associations/professions that may have been opposed. Bill sponsors were obtained from October through January and our bill was introduced on the Senate Floor as SF 93 Dietetics Licensure and was signed by Governor Mead on March 3rd, 2011.

In debate about pursuing licensure, members of the Wyoming Dietetic Association believe this is a necessary step to protect our profession and the public. As health care reform evolves, it likely will include parameters specifying licensed professionals. By establishing state licensure, we have started to position Wyoming RDs to meet those criteria.

Cost of licensure has been a concern expressed by dietitians. The best guess estimate presented to members was approximately \$105 annually. This still remains an estimate. It is difficult to compare Wyoming's licensure fees to other states licensure fees, primarily because the number of registered dietitians in Wyoming is less than most states.



DIETETICS LICENSURE UPDATE CONTINUED...

NOW WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT?

Per bill language Dietetics Licensure will go into effect July 1st, 2011 at which time the board, consisting of two RD's and one member of the public, appointed by Governor Mead will start writing the rules and regulations. It will also be during this time that the board will determine the fee.

July 1, 2012 is the first date that RD's would be required to be licensed but this depends on how long it takes to write and approve the rules and regulations.

Licensure is not related to membership in a dietetic association. It will be the right to practice in the State of Wyoming. So, all registered dietitians that practice in Wyoming will be required to be licensed.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

There is no action step that needs to be taken by each RD at this time.

However, the Professional Licensing Board will require two RDs to serve. The RDs who serve on the Dietetics' Licensure Board which will be housed under the Professional Licensing Board, a part of the state's Administration and Information agency, and will be directed by Veronika Skoranski, please note that the formation of this board is completely separate from WDA. If you are interested please submit your name and resume to the committee at: WyomingDieteticAssociation@gmail.com.

The Licensing Board also requires one member of the public to serve at large. If you have any recommendations please forward their information to the address above.

We will continue to provide information and updates. Please watch for these updates on the rules and regulation process as input from RD's may be needed. Updates and the bill can soon be found on the WDA website at www.wyomingdieteticassociation.com and will be communicated as necessary by email, phone or mail.

Thank you for your interest and support,

Katie Stratton-Schulz



WDA 2011 Scholarship



Mindy Menli & Sarah Oliver

Sarah Oliver was the Wyoming Dietetic Association Scholarship award recipient this year. She was awarded the scholarship at the Family and Consumer Science Banquet on April 16th.



*Thank You to everyone who made contributions to another great issue of the **Range Rider***

WDA wants to hear from you! For future publications please send information on what you've been up to, upcoming events, innovative programs you've implemented, interesting food and nutrition information, new RD's in your area, etc., to: lori.ruess@health.wyo.gov and/or laura.hudspeth@health.wyo.gov