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**WELCOME
NEW MEMBER**

Susan Bowen
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Online Certification Course for Managers... Coming Soon!

The Certification Course for Managers is currently in the hands of CE Solutions, online training experts, who are diligently transferring the materials to be accessible online...at your fingertips!

With the anticipation of the new interpretative rules being launched in January, 2009, we are waiting to make the necessary changes to the Online Certification Course for Managers first and then plan to have it available shortly after. The goal is by February 1st!

We will keep you posted!

New Interpretative Rules Training

Although no definite date has been announced regarding the rolling out of the new interpretative rules for Assisted Living, we are anticipating their arrival soon! To support our members in these changes, IALA is prepared to host an on-site training, as well as a Webinar class for those who are not able to attend in person. This will be schedule immediately upon receiving the new rules.

Be watching your emails for the date, time and location. For those attending the Webinar class, there will be opportunities prior to the class to submit your questions. More details will be sent with the training announcement.

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President's Message



Happy Holidays!

What a wonderful year IALA has had in 2008 as we continued to focus on “Keeping Assisting Living - Assisted Living”SM and offering educational seminars to our members.

Our educational seminars had record turn outs and 2009 will be even better as the Educational Committee already has many seminars planned in 2009, starting with a Rules and Regs update after the 1st of the year. Look for the announcement shortly.

I am also excited to announce that in 2009, IALA will be offering you an on-line Administrative Course. The program has been reviewed by DIA and meets their criteria. We are currently finalizing the CEU credits and the program will be available soon.

IALA also wants to welcome three new members to our Board of Directions, Jeff Copeman (Church Mutual Insurance), Susan Davis (McGladrey & Pullen, LLP) and Jacob Works (Welcome Home Management). We appreciate the continued support of all the Board Members.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Holidays!

Thank you for being a member of IALA and offering great services to the Seniors of Iowa!!

Allen

Allen Phillips
IALA President

Cruise Tour - Schedule of Events

Spring Conference
April 8, 2009

Summer Conference
June 9, 2009

Annual Conference
September 15 & 16, 2009

IALA Legislative Report



By: IALA Lobbyist
- Craig D. Walter

In just a few short days the Iowa legislature will start its new session. When the gavel comes down on January 12, 2009 the legislature will face numerous challenges.

The state budget has gone south right along with the general economy. Budget shortfalls will be in the range of \$616 million for next year's budget. Governor Culver already has called the State Departments to come back with nearly 100 million in new cuts.

The problem with the state budget is that nearly 75 percent is in Medicaid and education expenses. Usually these areas are untouchable, but likely will also be put under the knife this session. While the budget will dominate the session thousands of additional pieces of legislation will also be introduced.

IALA monitors all legislation and actively engages legislators, either for or against bills and amendments impacting the industry. To assist our state house work now is the time to visit locally with your elected officials to express your opinions. Your input is important and necessary in order that legislators understand our industry.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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on an exciting
adventure in 2009
touring the fascinating
isles of Assisted
Living!

Exciting training
opportunities in each
port!

Don't miss out!

Cruise Tour- Schedule of Events

*Spring Conference: April 8, 2009- Dementia Training
West Des Moines Learning Center*

*Summer Conference: June 9, 2009- Personnel Training
West Des Moines Learning Center*

*Fall Conference: September 15 & 16th, 2009-All
Location: TBA*

Mark your calendars!