

Fall Conference Follow-up

If you spoke with anyone who attended our Fall Conference held at the Sagamore Resort on Lake George, November 7-9 in Bolton Landing, NY, they would tell you that it was definitely worthwhile attending. This year's conference "Focus on Assessment" did just that. Our speakers provided information and "hands-on" skills that reinforced our assessment skills. The topics presented were on dermatology, cardiac, HEENT and mental health. The Saturday evening banquet was a traditional Thanksgiving dinner served family style, along with a turkey trivia contest where laughter ensued and prizes were awarded. The dinner was very well received and enjoyed by those who attended. Following are a few comments taken directly from our evaluation forms.

- "I am a seasoned School Nurse, but I always learn more 'pearls' with these presentations. I will be a better School Nurse! Thank you for sharing the expertise of these speakers with School Nurses."
- "I went to Derm workshop - excellent speaker! Great humor and slide show. Thank you for this opportunity."
- "Overall the experience was fun, educational and I was able to meet a lot of lovely friendly women."
- "The speakers and topics were extremely appropriate and informative for our every day work experience. I can so relate and felt that the presenters so relate to our daily problems and offered some good advice for handling these problems and events. Thanks."
- "This was an extremely enjoyable conference. This was my first time and I plan to return."
- "Every time I come to a conference, I go away feeling that I have learned something new even after my many years of experience in school nursing. Thanks for a great conference."
- "Fabulous!"

I went back to my Algebra days and calculated a comparison percentage of the ratings we received for the conference (i.e. food, hotel, speakers, relevance of educational sessions, etc.). We asked you to rate from 1 being the lowest to 4 being the highest. The percentage of ratings in the 3-4 range (the highest) was 98%. Thanks you to all who attended and to all who continue to support NYSASN and its mission. We look forward to seeing you at our Fall 2009 Conference to be held at the brand new Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel, November 6-9, 2009.

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