



Happy New Year! I hope you had a fun, exciting, restful, and rejuvenating holiday. CAPHI is moving ahead with its conference and has almost completed scheduling presentation sessions. We have some great raffle prizes and are negotiating with product vendors for even more goodies.

Make housing plans before rooms are gone. Try the Best Western Peppertree on 3850 State Street in Santa Barbara. You can reach them at 1-800-780-7234 or 1-805-687-5511. I was able to book at \$153.30 a night. Ask for the online special rate. There are many hotels in the Santa Barbara area but our conference is on a holiday weekend so selections may be limited if you delay.

Once again I have attached a membership application and conference registration form. There is still conference room and we will register on-site but if you do not pre-register we cannot guarantee a lunch as we need to turn in a count before the conference. Please send back any updated information (email address, telephone contact information, etc.) as well as whether you wish to remain on the active CAPHI mailing list or be removed from any active communication. You can mail your updated CAPHI membership form and membership renewal check to either Susan McCrary or Sherry Best at these addresses:

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Besides launching its conference, CAPHI is participating in two important activities that will help to shape policy in the field. Angie Juarez, CAPHI Vice President, has completed a survey about knowledge and skills of classroom, itinerant, and hospital teachers. You will receive this survey within the week so please take a few minutes and respond. Dr. Kathryn Heller and I have completed a survey about teachers' experiences in working with students with terminal illness and their knowledge of pain management and hospice services. We expect to send the second survey before the end of the month.

Sherry Best,
CAPHI President

