

Midlands Chair Report – June 2013 Meeting

Our first meet of the year was on 14th March at Portland Training College. The venue was excellent and the tour very interesting. All speakers were excellent and the day was interactive and very lively. The meet was one of the Midlands highest attended to record, with 46 people arriving on the day.

The feedback from the meeting has been very encouraging and here we are at Twycross Zoo. Again we have a training session as well as what promises to be another very interesting day followed by the facility of going around the Zoo.

We held our Regional Final of Care Cook on 10th April at Stratford College Rugby Campus and had 15 contestants. 2 withdrew before the event but 13 still cooked on the day. The 3 judges had a very difficult task in picking a winner with the standard steadily increasing year on year. This year the winner was Jaroslaw Figiel from Hampton Grange a care home in Hereford. Jaroslaw went on to represent the Midlands at the final in Leatherhead last week and we are very proud to say he came runner up to the Northern contestant Simon Lawrence. The closing date for Care Cook maybe amended next year to provide a longer period before notification and the Regional Cook offs the date of which is to be given at the beginning of the competition.

Various events were held around the Region on National Nutrition Day including nutrition packs and goody bags being distributed, stands in libraries and information points.

Feedback from National Meeting held in April

Karen Oliver our National Chair has joined us today and would like to update us on the constitution.....

Training & Development Forum have you booked? The programme is complete and booking is open. Dates are 11th – 13th September. Delegate prices start from a half day delegate with lunch @ £95.00. They are looking at a change of venue for next year possibly The East Midlands Conference Centre.

Nominations for Awards please come forward with anything that you or your workplace has achieved, we need to display our work around our region, there are only eight days left. I will be talking to Preston later.

Elections are due for the posts of National Chair and National Secretary if you have anyone you wish to nominate this has to be done through the Regions but please ensure the person you nominate is aware and wishes to stand. If more than one candidate is proposed voting will be carried out through McCullough Moore. I will hand you over to Carol.....

The Midlands Region is embracing Community Meals Week 2013 and has events in the planning including an around the region delivery of a meal as well as individual events throughout the Region. DISCUSSION

Study Day at Doncaster Race Course over to Amanda.....

Bookings for meets are now on line and this is proving very effective. Please note that unfortunately there will be no refunds for non attendance. Please can members refrain from paying by credit card, this costs the NACC £2.50 per transaction.

Our subsequent meets are on 22nd August and lastly 5th December at Steelite in Stoke when we will be opening our pledges made last year.

Within our region we are keen to involve membership and provide meetings that they find interesting, we have just concluded our second survey monkey and feedback has been very good. We are actively trying to increase membership and certainly the last few meetings have seen increased attendances. As a region we have increased our membership by..... Please bring forward any suggestions you may have.