



MINUTES OF NACC SOUTH WEST REGIONAL MEETING

Date – Tuesday 18th March 2008

Venue – Council House, College Green, Bristol.

Many thanks to John Hilton – Bristol City Council Contracts & Catering, for supplying the superb venue.

Attendees

Alison Pugh, Sue Hawkins, Wendy Bevan, Roz Scourfield, Mary Breeze, Margaret Trengrove, Leri Allen, Sandra Gardiner, John Hilton, Peter Prior, Mike McDonald, David Lamacraft, Gary Brailsford, Paul Brunt, Simon Ellis, Tim Watkins.

Apologies

Melanie Wellard, Rafaella Piovesan, Mabel Blades, Ros Speight, Carol Mather, Anne Donelan, Gwen Coleman, Richard Clark, Finlay Nelson, Sue Helliker, Tony Gilbert

Matters Arising

Alison Pugh updated members on the National Executive Meeting held at Birmingham on Tuesday 29th January 2008. Members were encouraged to regularly log onto the NACC website. Meals on Wheels Week (Community Meals Week) Alison said there would be a concerted effort as from April 2008 to promote the week – 6th – 10th October 2008 any unusual schemes, plans or ideas to promote the service please inform regional officers.

Care Cook – suggestion of producing a training DVD to promote competition and encourage more entrants. Also several suggestions of a regional 'cook off' several members would look at possibility of hosting. Gary Brailsford, former winner, suggested entries supply a photograph of finished meal.

Update from National Executive

Alison Pugh updated members on the National Executive Meeting held at Birmingham on Tuesday 29th January 2008. Members were encouraged to regularly log onto the NACC website. Alison requested members from the region to assist in Regional Award submission. Please submit a brief report on why they attend meetings, what they have gained from meetings, what activities / projects that is interesting, new, inspirational or exciting. Mary Wedge appointed as Administration Liaison Officer. Current website under review.

Conference – Hilton Metropole Hotel, Birmingham – September 10th – 12th.

Achievement Award – entrants can nominate themselves, but person being nominated must be a member. Members requested criteria to judge against some useful pointers!

Kaseys

Sandra Gardiner supplied several cake mix products which were dairy free, gluten free, dairy free, allergy free also suitable for vegan diets and no added sugar. Originally designed for children's treats. For more information contact www.kaseys.co.uk

Mary Breeze – Bristol City Council

Mary presented a very enlightening, hands on, presentation about a project which is being used in several sheltered housing schemes in Bristol. Companion shopping is an on line shopping service specifically designed for the elderly in partnership with Somerfield supermarket. Customers are supplied with a laptop computer and a catalogue of everyday products which customers order by scanning an individual bar code. The project was assisted by the legendary professor Heinz Wolff, who people of a certain age may well remember on the television for his distinctive, passionate style of making science fun and interesting. mary.breeze@bristol.gov.uk
heinz.wolff@brunel.ac.uk

Cornwall Care

Margaret Trengrove and Leri Allen gave a very interesting presentation on the 'Appetite for Life' project which is in operation in 18 care homes in the group. Designed mainly for residents suffering from dementia. Staff are trained to focus on the quality of delivery of the whole range of services to their residents. A copy of the presentation and any further information can be obtained from margarettengrove@cornwallcare.org

AOB

Wendy Bevan suggested a Careers Officer be invited to a meeting to discuss ways of reflecting the Care Industry in a positive way to encourage young people to the industry. Wendy also suggested we approach South West Agricultural Colleges to host a meeting with the focus on sustainability of food, local sourcing etc. Lackham (Wiltshire) and Cirencester (Gloucestershire) were two colleges mentioned.

Mike McDonald suggested a Supplier of the Year award – submissions from members nominating companies who support innovations within the care sector.

John Hilton made members aware that Feast Magazine will soon be running 2 articles in conjunction with Bristol city Council and The NACC, date of publication to be announced.

Future Meetings

Tuesday 10th June 2008 – Hilliers Gardens, nr Romsey, Hampshire

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th September 2008 NACC National Conference – Birmingham
Hilton Metropole

Tuesday 14th October 2008 – Plymouth