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# BULLETIN

Items for the APIC Bulletin, including news and announcements, should be sent to Gina Pugliese, RN, MS, CIC, Associate Editor, 3819 N. Alta Vista, Chicago, IL 60613.

## Association news

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*All our dreams can come true—if we have the courage to pursue them.*

—Walt Disney

*Our real problem is not our strength today, it is the vital necessity of action today to ensure our strength tomorrow.*

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

It is hard to believe that it is already time to write my last President's Message for *AJIC*. Now that my dream (goal) of having the pleasure of serving as APIC's president is drawing to an end and I am completing my goals related to that position, and I have begun to think of other goals I would like to accomplish.

I am sure all of you have goals. But just in case you do not or are looking for some additional goals, I leave you with a few to consider. Feel free to pick and choose any or all that are appropriate.

- Join APIC, or be sure to renew your membership.
- Obtain or maintain certification in infection control.
- Become more active in your local chapter.
- Start an APIC chapter in your area.
- Motivate your chapter to become Chapter of the Year.
- Submit your name to the 1995 Nominating Committee (local chapter or national).
- Present a paper (oral or poster) at a national APIC conference.



**Barbara Russell, RN, MPH, CIC**  
1994 APIC president

- Submit a proposal to receive a grant from the APIC Research Foundation.
- Write an article for the *APIC News* or *AJIC*.
- Solicit a professional in your area who is involved in the practice and management of infection control or the application of epidemiology and is not an APIC member to become a member.

The pursuit and completion of the goals you select today are needed to ensure our (APIC's)

strength "tomorrow." Granted, some of the goals I have listed take more courage and commitment than others to achieve, but all are reachable. Even if they are not fully achieved, the process of pursuing them can be a gratifying learning experience.

As for my immediate goals, I plan to take my four grandchildren to Walt's dream come true—Disney World—and recoup my strength for tomorrow's goals.



*The best part of success is that, whether we know it or not, all of us have been successful at something, perhaps many times, during our lives. The most difficult part of success is knowing when it is really ours.*

— Author Unknown

I want to take this opportunity to use the rest of the space allotted for my last President's message to publicly thank, on behalf of myself, the APIC officers and Board of Directors, the entire APIC

membership, and all others who subscribe to *AJIC*, Dr. Mary Castle White for the 17 years she has served as *AJIC*'s Editor. Whether she knows it or not, the success of APIC's journal, *AJIC*, is directly related to her leadership in creating what is now recognized worldwide as a premier infection control journal. Mary is definitely an example of someone who had the courage to make her dream come true.

Thanks Mary, and good luck in pursuing your next dream, whatever that might be.