

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter OCTOBER SCA AWARENESS MONTH

CPR/AED Training:

Important Training Classes were held on October 3 and October 5 - SF BAY AREA Member Julianne Brawner worked with staff from School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County at Burnett Middle School. They were successful in presenting training in CPR/ AED to about 300 eighth grade students . It was a very rewarding event. The students at this age seem to be extremely eager and receptive. Julianne reported that they used the AHA CPR Anytime video to teach hands only CPR for the Adult, CPR for children using mouth to mouth breathing, and the choking technique. Ten different classes at the school took part in this training program. SF BAY Area Member Julianne Brawner will be taking part in another CPR/AED training on November 21 at a large High School in San Jose.

The SF Bay Area Chapter is planning to have several of our Survivors speak of their personal stories at training sessions with many different groups. SCA Survivor Jerry Jolliff and SCA Survivor Theresa Doede and others are in the process of organizing these speaking opportunities.

Heros Recognition:

SCAA HERO AWARDS, pins and certificates were presented at a recent Event hosted by San Ramon Valley Fire District. San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Member Andy Swartzell (EMS Coordinator of SRVFD) reports that it was a very successful event.

Three recent SCA SAVES in the San Ramon Valley Fire District area were recognized.

On 1/27/11 ,a man collapsed at a karate studio with his son present. He was saved by quick action. The SCAA Survivor pin and Survivor packet of information was presented to him . He was also given the SRVFD Heart Safe Survivor T-shirt. SCAA Hero special pins and Hero Certificates were presented to the SEVEN Heroes who took part in this SAVE.

On 7/18/11 another Save took place. The Survivor and family attended the Award event and received the SCAA Survivor pin and packet of Survivor information and the SRVFD Heart Safe T-shirt . SCAA HERO pins and Hero Certificates were presented to SEVEN Heroes who helped save a life.

On 8/02/11 another Save took place at a gym. Two bystanders witnessed it and did CPR. They were presented with SCAA Hero pins and Hero Certificates. The Survivor and wife and family attended the AWARD event. He was presented the SCAA Survivor pin and Survivor packet of information and the SRVFD Heart Safe T-shirt. SCAA Hero Pins and HERO Certificates were presented to these SIX heroes.

A bystander who performed CPR for forty minutes on a SCA victim was given special recognition. She attended this event and was given a certificate .The dispatcher in this event was also recognized.

SCA Educational Presentation:

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter College group member Kelley Grogan made a presentation at California State University Fresno on Sudden Cardiac Arrest and the importance of AEDs and CPR training. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month was the perfect time to be able to make the students more aware. Kelley was very active at Leigh High School in San Jose where she organized the SCA Club on that campus sponsored by the SF Bay Area Chapter. Capt Jose Chavez worked as a mentor to the group. They were active in many activities in making the students more aware about SCA. This school did have AEDs on the campus , but many students were not aware of the significance and importance.

Heart/Stroke Health Fair:

On Wednesday October 26, the SF Bay Area Chapter was invited to be part of a large HEART /STROKE Health Fair hosted by Good Samaritan Hospital. This is a yearly Health Fair that was held this year at the Jewish Community Center in Los Gatos, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. There are about 400 attendees from the Los Gatos, San Jose, Campbell Communities . This was a great opportunity to meet the public and introduce them to the SCAA and the work that they are doing. SF BAY AREA Members Nancy Jolliff and SCA Survivor Jerry Jolliff, our newest SCA Survivor Member Theresa Doede , and Chapter Leader Anita Grogan hosted the SCAA booth.

Attendees at the event were very interested in knowing more about Sudden Cardiac Arrest . We were able to provide them with many different types of brochures and information. We had used many of the items of information available on the SCAA website which proved to be very helpful for Attendees. The Apples and Oranges flyer was the best way to explain to them the difference between Heart Attack and SCA. Members demonstrated the AED and many attendees were able to understand what a defibrillator actually is. Survivor Jerry Jolliff and Survivor Theresa Doede shared their personal story with many people. Several attendees are interested in having the SF BAY AREA Chapter speak at their upcoming events.