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Inside this Issue ...

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Needed: Independent Living for Ashly

Vent-assisted Ashly Gambino has a champion – her aunt Donnalee Livingston, who has tackled the health care system in the US. The latest barrier has both of them “reeling” and creative solutions are sought from IVUN Members.

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Truly Personal Attendant Care

Long-time IVUN Member Peg Nosek sent a holiday greeting indicating her ventilator-assisted life is filled with joy. In this issue, she writes about her unique solution to attendant care that has evolved from her specific circumstances and opportunities. It may be an option for others.



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Take Charge, Not Chances: In Practice

Post-Polio Health International and IVUN's board president takes his leadership role seriously. After reading Take Charge, Not Chances, Larry Becker methodically worked his way through the checklists and in this article offers advice.

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From Around the Network

IVUN Information Specialist, Judith R. Fischer, alerts the Network of the latest equipment, acquisitions, resources and events. A blog called The Pandemic Ventilator Project is an interesting spot that discusses the possible shortage of ventilators during a major outbreak of any disease that would require assisted ventilation.

IVUN invites you to contact info@ventusers.org with networking information for future issues.

Gladys Swensrud, a bilevel device user, has selected her favorite mask and has written why for publication in the next issue of *Ventilator-Assisted Living*. Do have a favorite interface? If so, send your comments to info@ventusers.org.

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Remember the deadline for Phase 1 application for The Research Grant is March 3.

And, once again, we thank our sponsors and Members for their continued support.

—Joan L. Headley, Executive Director