Beauty, Bayous, Beignets…and All That Jazz!

Conference a Monumental Success!
A sincere thank you to the entire 2009 National Conference Strategic Work Team (NCSWT) for this informative 28th National Conference! NCSWT members:

Myrna Mamaril (Coordinator)
Jane Ehrhardt
Lois Schick
Terry Clifford
Lynnae Elliott
Michael Guillory
Roma Schweinefus
Courtney Papp

Thank you also to the Chesapeake Bay component (CBSPAN) for your gracious hospitality and to the entire ASPAN National Office staff, without whom no Conference is possible.

Closing Ceremonies/Closing Address
Closing Ceremonies follow breakfast and will include presentation of awards, installation of ASPAN Officers and the Board of Directors. Don't miss the passage of the presidential gavel, Theresa Clifford’s Presidential Address and a sneak preview of the National Conference 2010! Join us in the Maryland Ballroom from 9:30-11:00 AM for an inspiring closing address by Joyce Johnson, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN.

Thank You, CBSPAN
You all did an amazing job! Thank you to CBSPAN and every host, hostess, volunteer and moderator for your part in a smooth and educational National Conference. ASPAN…and I...appreciate you. Myrna

New Orleans Hosts ASPAN’s 29th National Conference
Experience all ASPAN and lively, historic New Orleans can offer for ASPAN’s 29th National Conference. Clear your calendars for April 18-22, 2010. Enjoy fabulous food and shops, plantation homes and architecture, museums, music, and art, parks and zoos, rivers and bayous. New Orleans is an authentic destination, teeming with life. This city is forever a feast for the soul and a place like no other. Known for hospitality, New Orleans…and LAPAN, ASPAN’s host component...say Bienvenu! (Welcome!). Opportunity abounds. Come as you are, and leave changed.

Jane Ehrhardt
Lois Schick
2010 NCSWT Co-Coordinators

Past President Lois Schick says....
My thanks to every nurse attending Conference, to the Board of Directors, to all ASPAN leaders and to my family for making my dreams to “create a legacy” come true. God bless! See YOU in New Orleans. Lois

Component Leaders: Save the Date!
President Theresa Clifford announces the 2009 Component Development Institute (CDI) is planned for the weekend of September 11-13, 2009 at the Holiday Inn By The Bay in Portland, Maine.

ASPAN Member-Get-A-Member
Mission for each of ASPAN’s 13,550 members: Go forth to recruit your colleagues! Be the next Recruiter of the Year! Application on ASPAN’s website.
ASPAN Shoppe Winner
Tuesday’s winner of the ASPAN Shoppe’s Daily Drawing is Celina Hassan. The Shoppe is open today from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon for those final purchases.

Development Awards
- Total walkers on Dream Walk =125
- Most component walkers: RMPANA=24
- Most $ pledged by component: NPANA
- Dream Walker: Perpetual fundraiser Judy Evans (NPANA): over $4,500!
- Pat Hansen Memorial: Theresa Shine

ABPANC News
ABPANC extends a special thank you to outgoing Board members Ann Beldia Smith and Betty Gibson for contributions to CPAN/CAPA certification programs.

ABPANC Board for 2009-2010
Phoebe Conklin, President
Patrick Jones, President-elect & Consumer Representative
Lori Crosby, Secretary/Treasurer
Cheryl Coleman
Jeannie Mauser
Teresa Emmons
Betty McMullin
Kathy Paskewitz
Tony Pridemore
Theresa Clifford, ASPAN President (Ex-Officio to ABPANC Board)

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Bonnie Crumley-Aybar, CPAN-Chair-elect

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Seek and promote CPAN/CAPA certification. Call ABPANC at 800-6ABPANC or visit our website at www.cpancapa.org for information about item writing, certification or recertification questions, award programs or becoming a certification coach.

ASPAN Development Gratitude
A Big “Thank you” to:
- Lois Schick’s sisters for their generous donation to ASPAN development in honor of their “Sis.”
- The “hoopsters” who lobbed shots in the “HOOPS” game in the Exhibit Hall. You raised over $300 for ASPAN Development.

Component Corner
RMPANA: 11th Annual Retreat In The Rockies, beautiful Estes Park, CO, October 2-4, 2009. Contact Mary Seitenbach at mseit1032@msn.com.
NCAPAN: State Conference in Greensboro, NC. September 18-20, 2009. See you there!

November CPAN and CAPA Exams
Remember all exams are now administered computer-based. There’s a seat in the nearest computer testing center bearing your name!

Conference Evaluations
For conference contact hours to be validated by the ANCC, you must turn in all top white copies of the Conference Contact Hour and Session Evaluation forms.

Scholarship Applications Due Soon
The ASPAN Scholarship Application is available on the ASPAN website and must submitted or postmarked on or before July 1, 2009. Specific eligibility criteria apply. Financial assistance may be awarded for nurses in the following categories:
- Degree programs: BSN, MSN or Doctorate in nursing.
- CPAN or CAPA certification exams
- Attend ASPAN National Conference
- Attend Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI)
- Humanitarian Mission

Electronic Component Survey News
Congratulations to Susan Bonner who won the drawing after completing the survey about a possible E-component. Thanks to all who participated. Watch for developments on the ASPAN website.

Dream big…every life is a legacy. Thank you for your daily attention. Bless you!

Kathy Carlson
Editor, National ParTicuLarS, 2009