President’s Reception Tonight!

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The President’s Reception is tonight in the Sheraton Grand Ballroom from 7-9:30 pm. Come join outgoing President Kim Kraft as she celebrates the successful conclusion of her year as the ASPAN president. Music, dancing, food, cash bar, and good friends; come party with ASPAN.

Silent Auction
Silent Auction hours continue during exhibit hours. Stop by and bid on your favorite items. The auction will end at close of exhibit hours Wednesday at 8:30 am. Don’t miss the chance to have the winning bid!

The Silent Auction winning bids will be posted on bulletin boards at the Registration Desk area. Winners are to take the auction form to the ASPAN Registration Desk to pay for item(s) between 4 pm and 6 pm. A paid receipt must be presented to collect the auction item.

Last Call to visit the ABPANC Booth
While there, you can purchase certification lapel pins or get answers to your certification and recertification questions. So, stop by and visit us from 7 to 9:00 am.

Last Day for ASPAN Exhibits
This is the last chance for some quality time with the ASPAN vendors and time for last minute shopping. Last morning for cash breakfast served from 7 – 9 am in the Exhibit Hall.

12 Step Meeting
Wednesday 5:05 – 6:00 pm – Sheraton 3rd floor Issaquah meeting room.

Development Luncheon
Today the Development Luncheon will be held in the Sheraton Grand Ballroom CD. There may still be tickets available, check at the registration desk if you are interested in attending. This is also another opportunity to support ASPAN Development with a Hail! Honor! Salute! donation in honor of a colleague, friend, or your component. Come join us at the ASPAN Development Luncheon!

ASPN Shoppe
The ASPAN Shoppe will be open today from 8-9 am; 12-2 pm; and 5-6 pm in Conference Center 400. This is your final full day to shop! You don’t want to leave without buying those nice gifts for your colleagues at home, or to treat yourself to a nice ASPAN shirt or other item.

ASPN Shoppe Winners
Winners of the daily drawings are: Sunday – Marge Devine Monday – Lisa Murphy Winner of the ASPAN and component membership: Fran Baker from Elysburg, PA Visit the ASPAN Shoppe for information on collecting your winnings.

Military and International Reception
The Reception for Military and International Attendees was held last night. Please thank our servicemen and women when you see them and welcome our international colleagues.

ASPN Closing Breakfast
PLEASE NOTE: Closing Breakfast service on Thursday April 7th begins at 7:00 am and ends at 7:30 am. Be sure to get there on time! You must have a ticket to be admitted to the breakfast in CC 6 ABC.
Up and Comers
What you might ask is an ASPAN Up and Comer? For those of you seeking to become more involved in ASPAN, it is the chance of a lifetime to work with an established and experienced leader to mentor you into a leadership role in any area of interest to you. You can be nominated by your component or you can self-nominate. For more information, visit the ASPAN Web site to review the Up and Comers Manual.

In the words of Laura Kling, ASPAN Region 4 Director and former Up and Comer:
“I truly believe the Up and Comers program has value for ALL ASPAN members. It is not an exclusive club by any means. It is a way to use the experience and insight of those who have had experience with ASPAN at the national level. These volunteers, with their thought-provoking guidance, provide clarity when reviewing all the possibilities. It is about exploring our potential as Kim Kraft has shared with us this year. Here is a way to explore and engage that potential, with the mentoring and support to succeed in the area that YOU choose. It has been so valuable for me.”

Specialty Practice Groups (SPGs)
The coordinators for the SPGs would like you to know they offer a wonderful opportunity for learning and networking. For a mere $15 each, you can choose from nine SPGs to join. With Advanced Degree, Geriatric, Management, Pain Management, Pediatric, Perianesthesia Nurse Educator, Preop Assessment, Publications, and our newest, Informatics, you are sure to find an area of interest to you. Whether you want to get more involved in your area of expertise or want to find out more about a topic, the SPG is the place to be! You may join as many SPGs as you choose.

Wheel of Standards!
Have you had a chance to play the Wheel of Standards in the Exhibit Hall? Wheel is a game that combines several of your favorite TV game shows. For a small donation, contestants will compete to answer questions from different categories found in the ASPAN Standards. There will also be one category of ASPAN history in honor of the 30th anniversary. Not only will you compete for an individual prize for winning a round, the component with the most winning contestants will be recognized at the Development Luncheon and in the National PArtiCUlArS.

Special Educational Event
On Wednesday afternoon, there is a Speaker Development Workshop presentation (limited to 25 people) for those interested in honing their skills in public speaking.

Component Get-Togethers
FLASPAN – Florida attendees, please meet in front of the Grand Ballroom in the Sheraton on Wednesday at 6:40 pm prior to the President’s Reception for group photos.

NJBPANA – Annual group photo Wednesday 7 pm outside the President’s Reception. Questions? Please call Mary Ellen Bednar 856-297-4075.

OPANA – All OPANA (Ohio) attendees, please meet for a group picture outside the President’s Reception at 6:45 pm.

TSPAN – The Tennessee component asks that all members meet just outside the ballroom entrance at 7:15 pm for a group photo. Contact Phyllis Frost at 615-337-3483.

Informatics SPG
Caren Nemec was elected (volunteered) to be next Vice-Coordinator for the Informatics SPG. Members of the SPG volunteering to assist with the SPG newsletter are:
Brenda Furuseth
Karen Machado
Jean Balarskas

International Conference for PeriAnesthesia Nurses (ICPAN)
All information on the October 2-5, 2011 ICPAN in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, is located at www.icpan.info. The primary hotel block of rooms is sold out! More accommodations will be listed including local Bed & Breakfasts and hotels. Questions? Ask the Canadian delegates with the Canadian flags.

FLASPAN Winner
FLASPAN would like to congratulate Kirstan Pyle from Las Vegas, NV. She won the Disney Princess Collector Basket. Congratulations to Kirstan!

NJBPANA Winner
Kathy Menard from MASPAN won the airfare to the 2012 National Conference in Orlando. Congratulations to Kathy!