

Welcome to ASPAN's 27th National Conference

Welcome to Grapevine!!

The National Conference Strategic Work Team (NCSWT) is delighted to welcome you to Grapevine, Texas for ASPAN's 27th National Conference. Whether you are new to perianesthesia practice or a "seasoned" veteran, plenty of educational opportunities await you. Topics reflect the conference theme *Be the Voice: Advocacy Through Education, Practice, Research and Legislative Involvement*. This week:

- Party on! Network and enjoy a Texas-sized Component Night on **Sunday evening**.
- Visit the Exhibit Hall to support ASPAN's vendors.
- Review posters describing Research and Celebrating Successful Practices for ideas to advance *your* practice.
- Attend **evening** presentations by "graduates" of the 2007 Speaker Development Workshop, an ASPAN mentorship initiative.
- Share fun, food & fellowship at the President's Reception **Wednesday**.
- Indulge in "retail therapy" at the ASPAN Shoppe and bid for items donated to the Silent Auction supporting ASPAN Development.
- Relax, dine and enjoy the Gaylord!

Thanks for joining us in Texas!
Susan McDonald, RN, CPAN, CAPA
Coordinator, ASPAN National Conference

Host/Hostess

Pick up your green apron **Sunday** from
4:00 to 5:00 PM in Fort Worth 4.

Development Dream Walk

Well done! Some 250 Dream Walkers rose at dawn to stroll around Lake Grapevine this morning in support of ASPAN Development. Awards to component winners with the most walkers and largest pledge totals, and the individual earning the *Dream Walker Award* will be announced at the Development Luncheon on Wednesday.

Representative Assembly

The 11th Annual Representative Assembly (RA), ASPAN's governing body, convenes **today** in Texas A. All ASPAN members are encouraged to observe. Event schedule:

Hearings	9:00 AM-10:30 AM
Meet the Candidates	10:45 AM-12:00 PM
Formal Session	3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Component Night 2008 Rhinestone Cowboy

Howdy ya'll. Join us for good ole Texas fun. Don your jeans and add some glitz and glitter. Learn to line dance. Participate in the "Biggest Hair in Texas" contest to recognize that everything is bigger in Texas! Barn door opens in Texas C at 6:30 PM. **Register for a raffle at the ASPAN Membership booth.** Thanks to Arizant for your generous support of this event.

CPAN/CAPA Certification Exams

Best wishes for success to the over 750 candidates sitting for the CPAN and CAPA examinations today here in Grapevine and in various locations throughout the U.S.

*"Networking is one of the greatest gifts you
can give yourself." Susan McDonald*

Registration Desk

Registration Desk is open **Sunday** from 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM at the Texas Prefunction area.

First Timers Orientation

Attending your first National Conference? ASPAN wants you to get the most from this experience, so plan to attend the overview of the 27th National Conference on **Sunday**, from 5:15 PM-6:15 PM, in the Yellow Rose Ballroom or **Monday** from 12:15 PM-1:15 PM in Texas Ballroom D.

Seating in Educational Sessions

Due to space limitations, seating for educational sessions requires an admission ticket. Tickets were included in your registration materials. If you would like to change a session, check at the Registration Desk for availability. **Lost or forgotten tickets will not be replaced.**

National PartiCUIArS

National PartiCUIArS is the daily publication of ASPAN's National Conference. If you are planning a function during conference or have something special you would like to share, please complete a *PartiCUIArS* submission form, available at the Registration desk, no later than 11:00AM, the day *before* you would like the information to appear. Submissions will be placed & edited based on space available.

Conference Welcome Table

Need assistance with conference or non-conference problems? Table located in the Texas Prefunction Area near Registration.

ASPAN Shoppe

The ASPAN Shoppe will be open **Sunday** from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Dallas 1-2. Buy your ASPAN Publications, scrubs, Conference T-Shirts, beach towels and gifts. ***Register for the daily drawing***; check in the ASPAN Shoppe or *National PartiCUIArS* to see if you are a winner.

Commemorative Pins

Don't go home without one! For \$5, buy a 2008 National Conference commemorative, star-shaped pin resembling a sheriff's

badge! Available at the Hostess Desk or via roving pin merchants. Supplies limited.

CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast Monday is CPAN/CAPA Day! Start with the breakfast in your honor in Texas C-D. Doors open at 6:15 AM. **Tickets required!**

Learner-Paced Studies

Earn additional contact hours, fee-free! On **Sunday** in Dallas 6 from 2:00 PM- 5:00 PM, review a journal article, complete a written test, and receive contact hours...all at your own pace. Session is only offered Sunday.

Silent Auction

Silent Auction opens **Monday** at 5:00 PM in the exhibit area. Bid high, bid often. Bidding closes at 8:15 AM *Wednesday*. Bring items for the auction to registration desk on Sunday or to the auction area on Monday.

Got Lunch?

ASPAN has contracted with Subway to *sell* lunches on **Monday** and **Tuesday** adjacent to Exhibit Hall. Prices \$5-\$10. Consider specially priced meals at venues in the Gaylord as well.

Twelve Step Meeting

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Fort Worth 1 from 5:00-6:00 PM. Check Bulletin Board for contact information.

While Supplies Last

A limited number of tickets are still available for the Closing Breakfast and Development Luncheon. Stop by the Welcome Table by **Monday before Noon** to reserve yours.

Shuttle

Shuttle to the Gaylord is available for registrants staying at the Great Wolf Lodge. Stop at the Welcome Desk for schedules.

***Many thanks to today's guest editor:
Judy Evans, BSN, RN-C, CPAN
(NPANA).***