

## Ride Out of Steer Country, Sail the Potomac!

### *Thank You 2008 NCSWT*

A Texas-sized thank you to the entire 2008 National Conference Strategic Work Team (NCSWT) for all the hard work that went into making our 27<sup>th</sup> National Conference a success! **SWT members:**

Linda Ziolkowski	Myrna Mamaril
Susan Fossum	Lois Schick
Susan Carter	Cindy Hill
Annie McHenry	Lori Sanders
Alison Watkins	Rob Spina
Courtney Papp	Kevin Dill

Thank you also to TAPAN's Board and members for the support and to the entire ASPAN National Office staff, without whom *no* Conference is possible. Great job, y'all!  
-**Sue McDonald**, 2008 NCSWT Coordinator

### *Closing Ceremonies/Closing Address*

Closing Ceremonies follow breakfast and will include Presentation of Awards and Installation of ASPAN Officers and the Board of Directors. Don't miss **Lois Schick's** Presidential Address and a sneak preview of the National Conference 2009! Today's closing speaker, Karyn Buxman, MSN RN CSP CPAE, will present "From Burned Out to Fired Up: A Nurse's Survival Guide." Join us in the Texas Ballroom from 9:30-11:00 AM.

### *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.

### *Handouts for Session 302*

"Information from the Health and Wellness in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century..." available via email at [leslierodriguez@texashealth.org](mailto:leslierodriguez@texashealth.org).

### *ASPAN Member-Get-A-Member*

Thanks to ASPAN's 14,019 members.  
Go forth and recruit your colleagues!

### *ASPAN 28<sup>th</sup> National Conference*

On behalf of ASPAN, it is my privilege to invite you to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, April 19-23, 2009, in our nation's capital, Washington, DC. Here, history is alive. You will experience the beauty of a city that signifies the freedoms we hold dear, especially at this time of year when spring unfolds, the weather is moderate, and the skies are blue.

From the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian, the Vietnam and World War II memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, the National Cathedral, the White House and Capitol Building...one monument is as inspiring as the next. Opportunities abound. Be sure to bring your family. See you in Washington, DC!

-**Myrna Mamaril**

2009 NCSWT Coordinator

### *Development Tidbits*

- Silent Auction raised: \$4193
- Dream Walk raised: \$5712
- Dream Walk participants: 172
- Most component walkers: **RMPANA**
- Component with most \$\$ pledged: **NCAPAN**
- Dream Walker Award: **Judy Evans** from **NPANA** raised over \$4000!
- Dr. Kristen Swanson spoke to 475 perianesthesia nurses at the ASPAN Development luncheon!

### *ASPAN Shoppe*

The Shoppe is open **today** from 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM. Stop in to get your ASPAN charm, pins, and iron-on patch, T-shirt & other ASPAN items! **Tuesday's** drawing winner is **Kellie Stolz**. Stop by the Shoppe to claim your prize!

### *Post Conference Offering*

Call (718)285-2962 if you have a ticket for Post Conference, but cannot attend.

### *Component Corner*

**RMPANA** 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat In The Rockies  
September 26-28, 2008. Snow Mountain  
Ranch Park, CO. For information, contact  
[LyndaMarks@quest.net](mailto:LyndaMarks@quest.net) or  
[www.RMPANA.org](http://www.RMPANA.org)

### **ABPANC**

ABPANC extends a special *thank you* to  
outgoing Board members Ann Beldia Smith,  
Karen Niven, Emily Allen, and Shelley  
Cannon for contributions to the CPAN/CAPA  
certification programs. Commitment to  
quality patient care was forefront in their  
work on the Board.

#### **ABPANC Board for 2008-2009**

**Phoebe Conklin**, President  
Patrick Jones, President-elect  
Lori Crosby, Secretary/Treasurer  
Cheryl Coleman Jeannie Mauser  
Teresa Emmons Betty McMullin  
Kathy Paskewitz Anthony Pridemore  
Patrick Jones, Consumer Representative  
Lois Schick, ASPAN President (Ex-Officio to  
ABPANC Board)

#### **Exam Construct Committees**

Valerie Gillis, Chair  
Bonnie Crumley-Aybar, CPAN-Chair-elect

#### ***Be a "Magnet for Quality"***

Seek and promote CPAN/CAPA certification.  
Call ABPANC at 800-6ABPANC or visit our  
new Web site at [www.cpancapa.org](http://www.cpancapa.org) for  
answers to your certification/recertification  
questions, establishing a special test site,  
becoming a certification coach, certification  
champion, item writing, or award programs.

#### **November CPAN and CAPA Exams**

Now is the time to seriously think about  
challenging yourself. Take the exam to  
become certified perianesthesia nurse.  
Exams will be given again in November, and  
there's a seat in the nearest testing center  
with your name on it! For information on  
certification programs, contact ABPANC by  
calling 800-622-7262 or visit the website at  
[www.cpancapa.org](http://www.cpancapa.org).

#### **Epidural Policy and Process**

I would like to review your facility's policies  
& processes about care of patients with  
postoperative epidurals. Please e-mail  
[lbindel@urhcs.org](mailto:lbindel@urhcs.org).

#### **Specialty Practice Groups**

Interested in a **Research SPG**? Sign the  
list on message board next to registration.

The PDE Committee is initiating paperwork  
to form an **Informatics SPG**. If interested,  
please e-mail [direland@aspan.org](mailto:direland@aspan.org). Forming  
a new SPG requires 50 ASPAN members.

#### **Scholarship Application Due Soon**

The ASPAN Scholarship Application form  
must be postmarked on or **before** July 1,  
2008. 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)

Contact ASPAN National Office (877) 737-  
9696 for application. Specific eligibility  
criteria apply.

#### **Development Raffle Winners**

Thanks to Industry, Z-Coil shoes, Elsevier,  
Comfort Scanner, Power Pops, Advocacy  
SWT & ASPAN for your generosity. Over 50  
items were given away to lucky winners in  
the Exhibit Hall. Thanks to those of you who  
showed your basketball "expertise," another  
\$400+ was raised for ASPAN Development.

#### **Thank You, TAPAN!**

You all did an amazing job! Thank you to  
TAPAN and *every* host, hostess, volunteer  
and moderator for your part in a smooth  
and educational National Conference.  
ASPAN appreciates you.

#### **Thank you, daily Editors!**

Hearty thanks to this week's **guest editors**  
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(TSPAN), Martha Clark (KSPAN) and  
Samantha Hanna (SCAPAN) for your diligent  
assistance.

Bless you! **Kathy Carlson**, Editor.

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#### **Today's Guest Editor:**

**Samantha Hanna**, RN, CPAN, **SCAPAN**