American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses

National PArtiCUlArS Preconference Issue

“Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!” and Welcome to New Orleans!

ASPAN is delighted that you registered for the 29th National Conference! “Roots of Knowledge, Seeds of Transformation” is this year’s conference theme. Feel the energy of New Orleans as you fill your days with education and your nights with fun events! ASPAN’s host hotel, the New Orleans Marriott located on Canal Street, is just steps from the French Quarter where you can enjoy unique shopping, dining, and partying options. Read National PArtiCUlArS every day for news and updated information about the day’s conference activities. PArtiCUlArS is available each morning at ASPAN’s registration desk in the hotel and at www.aspan.org allowing your colleagues at home to keep up-to-date.

Brand New This Year!
Meet the ASPAN Board of Directors
You are invited to meet your ASPAN BOD. This is your opportunity to hear the individual board member describe his/her role within ASPAN. Learn how they plan to address the needs and concerns of ASPAN members on Monday from 3:30-4:45 PM.

First Timers’ Orientation
Is this your first National Conference? Are you a previous attendee? Do you want to get the most from your conference experience? ASPAN’s Regional Directors lead an overview of this 29th National Conference and answer your questions about ASPAN and its components. All are welcome! Make plans to attend on Monday, April 19th from 12:15-1:15 PM.

Volunteering Opportunities
Host & Hostess Orientation
Have you volunteered to be a conference host or hostess? To receive your conference assignment and ASPAN green hostess apron, plan on attending an orientation session on:
Saturday, April 17th from 3:15–4:15 PM or Sunday, April 18th from 4:00– 5:00 PM.
Interested in serving as a host or hostess? Contact Clara Boudreaux at 337-984-2665 or cbboud60@aol.com

Moderator Orientation
If you have volunteered to serve as an ASPAN moderator at educational sessions, there is only one scheduled orientation session for moderators to learn details of this crucial conference role. We’ll see you on Saturday, April 17th from 4:30-5:30 PM!
Are you interested in serving as a moderator? Contact Myrna Mamaril at 443-904-7360 or memamar@aol.com

Green ASPAN
Conference materials will be available online from April 1 to June 1, 2010. Your confirmation letter provides the link to access syllabus material. ASPAN encourages you to download outlines for only those sessions for which you are registered. Some speakers may choose to provide electronic copies of their presentations.

Reminder: Save the Letter!
The Web site link to download syllabus content is in your ASPAN e-mailed confirmation letter.

Meet the 2010-2011 Candidates
Your opportunity to meet the 2010-2011 candidates seeking positions on the ASPAN Board of Directors will take place on Saturday, April 17th from 6:30-7:30 PM. Come, meet and greet the candidates in an informal setting.

Preconference Symposium
This year’s Preconference session, “Matters of the Heart, Lung, and Brain” with Kim Noble PhD, RN, CPAN, and Pam Pourciau, BSN, RN-BC, CCNR, CEN, CPE, is an additional fee program providing 8 contact hours. Be there Saturday, April 17th at 7:30 AM for a guide to providing better care to your perianesthesia patients with this review on cardiovascular and pulmonary pathophysiology, neurologic examination, pharmacologic management, pertinent lab tests, and American Heart Association guidelines for managing the perioperative arrest. This offering is geared to both the new and experienced practitioner. Preregistration and additional fee is required.

Representative Assembly
ASPAN’s 13th Representative Assembly (RA) convenes on Sunday, April 18th from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM. The morning session will include informal hearings and discussion of agenda topics. Candidates for positions on the Board of Directors will make their presentations beginning at 9:10 AM. The Formal Session of the RA begins in the afternoon. All members of the RA are required to attend; all ASPAN members are welcome to observe the ASPAN leaders at work!
Special Conference Events

ASPN Development Dream Walk
Bring your walking shoes! See the sun rise over New Orleans on Sunday, April 18th at 6:30 AM for the annual Dream Walk in support of ASPAN Development. Check your pocket guide for the starting location. The component that raises the largest amount of money and the one with the largest number of registered walkers are recognized at the Development Luncheon. The individual walker who raises the most money wins the “Dream Walker Award” including a complimentary registration to the 2011 National Conference.

Component Night
"Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!"
Come to the Mardi Gras! Components are urged to decorate their table area as “Floats” using the traditional green, gold, and purple colors. Awards will be given for “Floats” and “Krewes” judged “Most Creative,” “Funniest,” and “Liveliest of Them All.” The party starts Sunday, April 18th from 7:00-9:00 PM. Enjoy good friends, good food, good drink from the cash bar and a chance to win prizes at component raffles! Be sure to thank event sponsor, Arizant.

CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast
Celebrate and be honored with other CPAN and CAPA certified nurses at the Celebration Breakfast on Monday, April 19th at 6:30 AM. Enjoy “Wake Up and Smell the Accomplishments! Songs, Stories, and Humor Celebrating YOU!” with Deb Gauldin, RN. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Support ASPAN’s Exhibitors
The ASPAN Exhibit Hall opens on Monday, April 19th at 5:00 PM. Visit exhibits on Tuesday, April 20th from 7:00-9:00 AM, 12:00-2:00 PM, and 5:00-7:00 PM and Wednesday, April 21st from 7:00-9:00 AM. Please thank these exhibitors for their support:
Amer. Ass’n of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA)
AccuVein
Arbonne
Armstrong Medical
Cadence Pharmaceuticals
Eloquest Healthcare
Evolution Medical
Hill-Rom
Juice Plus
LTC Global
NuSkin Galvanic Spa
Silpada Designs
A Fashion Hayvin
Arizant
Athens
Elsevier
Enthermics Medical
Gideons International
Hospira
Lippincott
Medical W.A. Baum
Patient Care Technology
Stryker

ASPN Development Luncheon
Join ASPAN for a Mardi Gras Celebration New Orleans Style on Wednesday, April 21st. Support ASPAN with your component and individual donations to the Hail, Honor, Salute! Campaign. Preregistration and additional fee required.

President’s Reception
And then it is time to celebrate ASPAN’s year of achievements with President Theresa Clifford and the ASPAN leaders. Wednesday, April 21st from 7:00–9:30 PM. Thanks to Hill-Rom for sponsoring this event!

Postconference Workshop
Join Lois Schick, MN, MBA, RN, CPAN, CAPA on Thursday, April 22nd for your last chance to earn contact hours. "Potpourri of Perianesthesia Complications: A Systems Approach" begins at 12:15 PM. The presentation will include discussion of the management of anesthesia, respiratory, cardiac, renal, gastrointestinal, endocrine, and obstetrical complications. Preregistration and additional fee is required.

The ASPAN Shoppe: 2010
The ASPAN Shoppe will be open daily for your Conference shopping needs. Hours will be posted at the Shoppe. Register for the daily drawing!

You’re in New Orleans Now: "Big Easy" Terms
Lagniappe ("Lan-yap"): This is what New Orleans calls getting “a little something extra” for free. For example, if you go to the butcher and he gives you a bone for your dog, it’s called lagniappe.

Muffaletta ("Moof-a-lot-a"): Said to have been invented at "Central Grocery" on Decatur Street in the French Quarter, a muffaletta is a very large sandwich of ham, salami and provolone cheese garnished with an olive relish served on a round Italian bread loaf.

BALANCE TIPS: This year throughout National Conference, ASPAN will be offering “wellness” suggestions. Enjoy all the fun and festivities that the great city of New Orleans has to offer, but find some balance and healthy time for yourself! For example, the famous Po-Boy Oyster Sandwich is packed with great flavor AND a whopping 855 calories! A brisk riverfront walk will work off some of those calories!