

## ***President's Reception Tonight!***

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The President's Reception is tonight in the Grand Ballroom from 7-9:30 pm. Come join outgoing President Terry Clifford 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. Items will be available for collection between 4 pm and 6 pm (place to be determined). Winners are to take the auction form to the ASPAN Registration Desk to pay for item/s. 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***

Tuesday and Wednesday in the Bonaparte Room on the fourth floor from 5:05 pm to 6:00 pm. Questions: Sue O'Day @ 504-529-7211

### ***Development Luncheon***

Today the Development Luncheon will be held in Galleries 1-3. There may still be tickets available, check at the registration desk if you are interested in attending. With a Mardi Gras theme, it should be an interesting time. 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 and let the good times roll in the Big Easy at the ASPAN Development Luncheon!

### ***ASPAN Shoppe***

The ASPAN Shoppe will be open today from 8-9 am; 12-2 pm; and 5-6 pm in Galerie 4. This is your final full day to shop; Thursday the ASPAN Shoppe will only be open from 11 am - 12 noon. 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.

### ***ASPAN Shoppe Winners***

Winners of the daily drawings are:

Sunday – Zenaida Claudio

Monday – Kim Demas

Winner of the ASPAN and component membership: Robin Giroux of Connecticut! Visit the ASPAN Shoppe for information on collecting your winnings.

***Congratulations to all our winners!***

### ***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. Unfortunately the number of international attendees was impacted by the recent volcanic eruptions in Iceland.

### ***Up and Comers Reception***

Monday night a special reception was held for the ASPAN 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 or contact Meg Betune or Pam Windle.

### ***Special Educational Events***

Several special educational events are going on today. *JoPAN* editors Val Hooper and Jan Odom-Forren are presenting a *Writing for Publication* session this morning at 9:00 am and hosting a *Writing Workshop* to follow. The second part is limited to 25 people and is geared towards individuals who will work one-on-one with the editors to review some of his/her writings with an eye towards fine-tuning towards publication.

In the afternoon, there is a *Writing for Education* presentation (limited to 15) presented for those interested in honing their skills in writing programs for continuing education.

There is also talk about offering the *Speaker Development Workshop* again at a future conference.

If any of these programs are something you might be interested in, please let ASPAN know in your conference evaluation so they can plan to schedule additional sessions in the future.

### ***Specialty Practice Groups (SPGs)***

#### ***Coordinator Meeting***

The coordinators for the SPGs met on Tuesday morning and 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 chose.

### ***A Shout-out from Jane D. from Hawaii***

Hurrah! Hawaii is well represented at this ASPAN conference!

### ***FLASPAN Winner***

FLASPAN would like to congratulate Alice Krall. She won the Mickey Mouse afghan and two Mickey Mouse T-shirts. Congratulations Alice.

### ***Component Get-togethers***

**FLASPAN** – please meet at Galerie 1 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on Wednesday at 6:30 pm for photos.

**HIPAN** – all HIPAN attendees, please meet by the Grand Ballroom at 6:30 pm for the group picture. Aloha!

**OPANA** – component picture at 6:30 pm outside the Grand Ballroom on Wednesday night. Congratulations to our Gold Leaf Component! Don't miss your chance to be in this historic photo.

**TSPAN** – the Tennessee component asks that all members meet just outside the ballroom entrance at 7:00 pm **sharp** for a group photo.

### ***Beautiful New Orleans***

Just a reminder, unless you have extended your stay in this beautiful city, time is running out to experience everything it has to offer.

Most of us have had our beignets, but how about all the other delectable goodies? The oysters and shrimp are to die for, and if you don't step back during the preparation of the Bananas Foster, you could be part of the flambé. Don't forget the magnificent shrimp's cousin, the crawfish, a.k.a. mudbugs or crawdads. "Suck the heads and peel the tails" for a delectable treat.

You shouldn't head for home without a cup of gumbo, some jambalaya, or etouffée. And what would New Orleans be without a po' boy or muffuletta washed down by with a Hurricane? Although they claim the calories don't count, you've now exceeded the weight limit to fly home, so put some balance in your life and go take a brisk walk along the River Walk with the beautiful views of the Mississippi River. Let the good times roll!

### ***Cajun Word of the Day:***

Eat: Mon-jă

Café: Ka fã