

ASPAN's 33rd National Conference

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The 33rd ASPAN National Conference was held April 27 – May 1, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The city that NEVER sleeps! You have slot machines, game tables, “Wheel of Fortune,” flashing lights, bells, whistles, fine restaurants, shows and the ever so famous Elvis. One is able to tour Lake Mead, Red Rock Grand Canyon and other National wonders not far from the city limits.

ASPAN offered lectures filled with experience and the “Wheel of Knowledge”. Poster presentations had data of evidence based practice. Flashing lights, bells, whistles, fine food, bonds of friendship, fun and, yes, even Elvis was available. Opening / Closing ceremonies, special breakfasts, luncheons, Dream Walk, evening by the pool (Development Reception), Military / International Reception and Presidents Reception each offered a unique opportunity. The Exhibit Hall had (latest products / technology), game cards (offering prizes of educational / membership awards), silent auction, and the ASPAN booth.

Las Vegas has long had a saying, “What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas.” The ASPAN conference will enable me to deal with challenges in PACU nursing with power, practice and purpose. The experiences that happened to me in Vegas will “NOT stay in Vegas”!

I thank the scholarship committee for my award. The ASPAN’s 33rd National Conference is an experience I will always maintain as a great memory full of knowledge, bonds of friendship and uplifting feeling of Peri Anesthesia Nursing. I am now taking all of this with me from Nevada to share with my peers in Ohio.

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