

The Practitioner

The Nurse Practitioner Association of
New York State – Syracuse Chapter

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have all just survived some of the worst winter weather I can remember in and around Central New York. It does get me wondering why I remain here in snowy, cold Syracuse. It always comes back to the same old thing-the people here are so wonderful! I do believe, however, that our gray, winter doldrums affect the amount of participation an organization receives. Our NPA Syracuse chapter is no exception. I do hope that when the days start getting longer, the sun shines a little brighter, and we can put down the hooded parkas to enjoy the world around us, we will also see a "burst" of activity in our chapter. We need chairpersons for committees and a new historian. Our local conference is set for May 11th and our golf tournament is June 16th. We need many volunteers to man our NP booth at the NYS Fair 8/24-9/3. Please show your support of our profession and our organization by giving a little of your time and talent to further promote nurse practitioners in our community.

Our last dinner meeting At the Glen Loch was fairly well attended for an evening, which was forecasting heavy snow. The speaker, Dr, Culebras was very informative on the well-publicized problem of Restless Leg Syndrome. We even got the dinner and business meeting completed before the snow really started falling!

The next NPA-NYS meeting is scheduled in March. Our regional representative (and Syracuse chapter member) Chris Atkins will be attending and will report back on state activities at our next dinner meeting. I hope to see many of you there!

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Romanzi Herne

Welcomes
Members and Non-Members
To the
March 13, 2007 Meeting

Sign in @ 5:30 pm
(Members \$5, non-members \$10, students n/c)
Speaker & dinner @ 6:00 pm
Meeting @ 7:00 pm

"Arthritis Management"

Presenter

John Magaldi, M.D.
Assistant Clinical
Professor of Medicine
at Yale, St. Mary's

Sponsor

Pfizer Pharmaceuticals

Location

Craftsman Inn
7300 East Genesee St.
Fayetteville, NY
(315) 637-9999

RSVP by Friday, March 9, 2007

Dorothy Morse

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Dorothy Morse	315-492-9290
Nominating/Membership: Catherine Tomaiuoli	315-622-0555
Education: Need a chairperson	
Historian: Need a new Historian	

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES February 2007

- I. Minutes of 1/9/07 were reviewed and approved.
- II. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Joan Doran reported on January balances:
 - i. Checking \$21,689.88
 - ii. Savings \$ 9,223.45
 - b. Joan Doran and JoAnn Herne went to the bank together so JoAnn's name is now on our accounts. JoAnn will then meet with current treasurer Mary Margaret Slayton to get Mary Margaret's name on the accounts.

- c. Need checking account money for our conference. After the conference, we will purchase a 6 month CD.

III. **Committee Reports**

- a. Program (Cathy Bazan/Jolene Cook): we have 4 senior student nurses from St. Joseph's tonight. There will be a Cardiology Conference 4/28/07 (Saturday) 7a-5p @ The Doubletree.
- b. Conference (Kathy Taylor/Nancy Mitchell): will have speaker from NPA NYS as second keynote in morning to discuss Mandatory Collaboration. She will then be available during lunch for questions. We will need volunteers to introduce speakers and work at the registration table.
- c. Membership (Cat Tomaiuoli): 193 members in 1/07; 197 in 2/07. New members Patricia Coleman, **Anna Stulz**, Ellen Crehan. Cat contacts lapsing members and reports back to State.
- d. Nominating (Cat Tomaiuoli): Executive Committee will work on how to best stagger elections so not all officers will change at the same time.
- e. Special Events (Deb Body): Distributed sign-up for volunteers at Golf Tournament 6/16/07—will also need teams, sponsors (\$100 gets a sign at the hole). Proceeds will again go to the Family Readiness Group. Will also need volunteers for State Fair, and need more involvement from other chapters (Chris Atkins is promoting this as our Chapter Rep). Deb got a new brochure holder, which is adjustable to accommodate brochures of different sizes.
- f. By-laws (**Margie Wade**): nothing new to report.
- g. Historian: need volunteer to take this over. If you are crafty, and like scrapbooking, we need you!
- h. Job Box: please look at our revised newsletter for information on open positions.

IV. **Old Business**

- a. Chapter Holiday Collections: JoAnn received a thank you note from Chadwick House. They would like our members to stay involved—speaking, donating at meetings. Items needed include: bedding, personal hygiene products, alarms clocks, bedroom lamps, towels/washcloths, bedding and clothing for children, bus tokens, food pantry items, outerwear, shoes, slipper, boots, casual clothing, purses, umbrella, calendars, kitchen and bath supplies, vacuums—they really need everything! These are women starting over, and really need our help.

- b. NPANYS Syracuse Chapter Scholarship: JoAnn read a lovely thank you note from Carol McCaffrey.
- c. NPANYS Collaboration: some chapters are having meetings about this. Besides our new keynote speaker, Lisa Cico offered space at Upstate Medical University for an information session on dissolving mandatory collaboration.

V. New Business

- a. NPANYS 2007-2008 Chapter Goals for PAC Fund: The State's goal for our chapter's contribution is \$1890. Their reporting of our 2006 contribution seems incorrect, and needs clarifying. We will reinstitute our 50/50 raffle to help our members contribute.
- b. NPANYS Member Retention Campaign: The State's goal is for 75% retention. They report ours as 71%, which needs clarifying. The State will contact old/lapsing members, although Cat already contacts them too.
- c. Reintroduction of Newsletter (JoAnn Herne): Dorothy will be compiling and sending out newsletters (by email and/or hard copies), including dinner meeting info, president's letter, dinner meeting minutes, names and contact info for officers/committee chairs, job box info, continuing education offerings, preceptor info.
- d. Preceptor List: Cat will compile list of those interested in precepting, so students can contact her.
- e. Lisa Cico brought up that many physicians do not realize that the AMA is lobbying to restrict our practice. Please discuss our issues with the physicians with whom you work.

Respectfully submitted,
Meryl Lefkowitz, NP

JOB BOX

1) Evercare is a Division of United Health Group, the most successful health and well-being company in the world. Started by two visionary NPs in 1987, Evercare is a leading provider of health plans with a focus on optimizing the health and well-being of people, who have long-term or advanced illnesses, are older, or have disabilities. In particular, we bring treatment directly to individuals at home or in skilled nursing facilities. We currently have available positions in the Syracuse, Utica and Binghamton, NY-- areas working with geriatric patients within long term care facilities in collaboration with local physician. Other positions are also available with our Community Program visiting patients in their homes and in community-based facilities. Our positions

provide a competitive salary along with excellent benefits and allow for. If interested, please call me at (800) 980-6173 or, if you prefer, please e-mail me your number and best time to call and I would be happy to contact you.

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2) Bassett Healthcare is seeking a Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant to see patients in our affiliated 160-bed, long and short-term skilled nursing facility in Herkimer, New York. The hours for this position are M-F, 8-5, with no call obligations. National Certification required, Master's Degree and previous experience in palliative care and rehabilitation preferred. For more information, or to send a confidential CV, please contact: Denise B. Harter, Medical Staff Affairs, Bassett Healthcare, One Atwell Road, Cooperstown, NY, 13326, 607-547-6982; fax: 607-547-3844; email: denise.harter@bassett.org

3) Cardiology NP at Crouse Hospital - Full time, M-F, 8-4:30.

4) Renal transplant NP/PA at Upstate. Apply to www.upstate.edu "Jobs at Upstate" or call Human Resources at 315-464-4830.

UPCOMING EVENTS

"Clinical Data on Recurrence Prevention During Maintenance Phase Treatment of Major Depressive Disorder"

Presented by: Andrew Catalone, NP-Psychiatric NP
Sponsored by: Wyeth
RSVP George Bleecker 373-5901

Judith Evers Memorial Lecture

Monday, April 23, 2007
Speaker: RADM Mary Pat Couig, RN, MS, FAAN
Topic: Global Health: A Path to Peace
Approved for 1.0 CEU's
Reception immediately following
Lender Auditorium-School of Management
University Ave.
Parking available in garage at corner of Adams and University
across from School of Management
Reception **free of charge** to Syracuse Nursing Community

Save the Date! Current Concepts in
Cardiology Disease Symposium
April 27, 2007
7:00 am-5:00 pm

**The Nurse Practitioner Association
New York State – Syracuse Chapter
3953 W. Seneca Turnpike
Syracuse, New York 13215**

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