

The Practitioner

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Finally, spring has arrived. Hopefully, we can all come out of hibernation and participate in the remainder of our chapter's spring and summer activities. We have some great dinner meetings planned for April and June (remember no dinner meeting in May due to the annual conference) with new and exciting topics. We're looking forward to seeing many of you at our local NP conference set for May 11th at the Renaissance (formerly the MARX). The program looks terrific, with topics of interest for all specialties. Our keynote speaker, Joy Elwell of the NPA-NYS Executive Board, will speak on the NP collaboration issues in NY. Come to learn all the facts and participate in a question and answer session during lunch. (If you are unable to attend this conference, please see Upcoming Events section of this newsletter for another opportunity to hear about this important practice issue).

We are still soliciting door prizes for our Fourth Annual Nurse Practitioner Association-Syracuse Chapter Golf Tournament. Each year the NPA of Syracuse sponsors a golf tournament with the proceeds going to a worthy cause. For the second time, the proceeds this year will be going to the Family Readiness Group of the Third Battalion, 309th Regiment that is a support for families of soldiers deployed to war. Please use your connections to get door prizes donated. We will make arrangements to pick up any donations or they can be mailed to The NPA c/o Debbie Body, 117 W. Roswell Ave., Nedrow, NY 13120. You can also contact Debbie at debbiebody@hotmail.com.

Please consider becoming involved in our chapter. We need committee chairs and members, volunteers to staff our NP booth at the State Fair, and there are many other opportunities to play a vital role in keeping our chapter active and visible. In this era of NYS health care reform discussions, it's time that every resident of NYS knows the role and value of NPs in their health care. Governor Spitzer has proclaimed April NP month in NYS. There's no better way to celebrate this than to have an active professional organization such as the NPA. Please support us with your time in addition to your membership. Consider a donation to the PAC fund to keep our NP bills prominent in the minds of our legislators. Any way you can be of assistance is truly appreciated!

Thanks

*Respectfully submitted,
JoAnn Romanzi Herne*

The Nurse Practitioner Association of New York State – Syracuse Chapter

Welcomes
Members and Non-Members
To the
April 10, 2007 Meeting

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

"New Insights in the Treatment of Bipolar Depression"

Presenter

Pamela Marini, N.P.
Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Sponsor

AstraZeneca

Location

The Genesee Grande Hotel
1060 E. Genesee Street
Syracuse, New York
315-476-4212

RSVP by Friday, April 6, 2007

Dorothy Morse

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

- a. Program--Cathy Bazan, Jolene Cook—next month will be at The Genesee Grand, sponsored by AstraZeneca. Speaker will be Pamela Marine on the treatment of bipolar depression. June meeting will be with Linda Schrieber on family planning and HPV vaccine. Location TBA.
- b. Conference—Kathy Taylor, Nancy Mitchell—will need help introducing speakers.
- c. Membership—Cat Tomaiuoli—current membership is 193, generally runs from 193-202.
- d. Nominating—Cat Tomaiuoli—current secretary position will be for 1 year; we will next be electing President-Elect and Secretary.
- e. Special Events—Cat Tomaiuoli on Golf Tournament 6/16/07, starting at 8:45am; need door prizes and holes sponsored (\$100/hole gets your sign up). Will need volunteers to help.
- f. Bylaws—discussion about changing treasurer role to that of overseeing Dorothy Morse as office manager (writing checks, etc). JoAnn, Mary Margaret and Dorothy to work with Marge on changing bylaws.
- g. Historian—still looking for someone who loves scrap booking! See JoAnn if able to help.
- h. Regional Representative—Chris Atkins
 - i. Mandatory Collaboration—discussion online at TheNPA.org. Joy Elwell will also speak on this subject at our conference. The Cortland Chapter will be having a discussion on this at Cortland Memorial Hospital in the Auditorium 1-3pm on 3/31/07.
 - ii. Demo Project—our state lobbyist proposed to study NP's in underserved areas and show how efficient we are. Pat Donnelly sent a letter to the recent Board Meeting expressing her concern that this type of study may not best showcase our efforts and results. Lisa Cico asked if there are metaanalyses down of existing studies that will show our efficacy and outcomes and that could be used to help rid mandatory collaboration.
 - iii. Call for Nominations—watch the Communiqué for details.
- i. Conference 2007—will be at Turning Stone Casino with better smoke filtration. Keynote will be Carolyn Buford, and a nurse comedian. 2008 Conference venue TBA.
- j. Job Box—Kathy Taylor—See newsletter.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES February 2007

- I. **Minutes** of the 2/13/07 General Meeting were approved as written.
- II. President's Welcome to new members and guests
- III. **Treasurer's Report**—as of 3/13/07, savings account balance \$9889.57; checking \$19,474.26. Our taxes for the previous fiscal year are ready to be signed and submitted to the IRS.
- IV. **Committee Reports**

- V. **Old Business**
 - a. Newsletter—Dorothy will continue to send either hard copy or email copy.
 - b. PAC Fund—50/50 raffle next meeting.
- VI. **New Business**
 - a. Website—presentation done for Executive Committee last week with examples of websites that a neighbor of Cathy Bazan developed. Will cost ~\$500 to start, and we will own the site. We can update ourselves vs. negotiate a price for him to. Does the current State site (TheNPA.org) meet our needs or do we want our own. Will discuss next month too.
 - b. Preceptors—should Cat Tomaiuoli send our preceptor list to schools or should interested students contact her. The latter would allow more controlled access.
 - c. Microphone—our current microphone is hand-held. Suggested to purchase lapel mike for our speakers so all can better hear our discussions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Meryl Lefkowitz, NP*

JOB BOX

- NP needed in the Department of Surgery at Crouse Hospital – M-F, 7:00 – 3:00. Contact Human Resources @470-7521.
- NP/PA Position: Solo Gastroenterology office in greater Rochester, NY area seeks office-based NP/PA for patient encounters in the office, primarily completing medical histories and physicals, recording all pertinent health data, preparing formal diagnostic treatment plans, ordering and review lab reports and procedures, and all post-procedure follow-up care. NYS NP license, ACLS certification, and 1-2 years experience as NPPA required. Salary: 50-70K, with some negotiation. Hours: 8am-4: 30 pm, Monday-Friday. Call required 1-2 weeks a month (basic on-call). For more information call Bobbie Reif, BSN, MS at 585-586-0790 or apply online at www.medscribe.com.
- Hospitalist Department: F/T in-patient opportunity days/evenings working variable hours (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) Responsibilities include admissions, discharges and daily rounds in support of the Hospitalists and Primary Care providers.
- ArnotHealth Heart & Vascular Institute: F/T opportunity working with AMS General Cardiologists in the Heart & Vascular Institute.

- Emergency Department (Fast Track): F/T and P/T opportunities available working variable shifts (9:00 am to 5:00 pm) or (5:00 pm to 1:00 am). X-ray interpretation and suturing skills a plus.
- Nurse Practitioner candidates must have a Master's Degree in Nursing, National Certification (or evidence of other eligibility for enrollment in Medicare), and current NYS licensure. Physician Assistants must be nationally certified and hold a current NYS license.

Qualified applicants, please submit resume to:
AMS Administration
600 Ivy St. Suite 102
Phone: 607-737-4247 Fax: 607-737-7700
ecallanan@aomc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Salutations**, Happy St Patrick's Day and Happy St. Joseph's Day. Hope this finds you enjoying the early signs of Spring. I have been asked to develop a Preceptor List for our Chapter. If you are interested in precepting, please e-mail me (at tomaiuoc@upstate.edu) your name, specialty area, phone number and e-mail address that the students should contact you at. I also need a chapter decision on whether the members would prefer if I

a) Contact the schools with my name as a resource for the students **or** b) Contact the schools and give them the list of preceptors with contact info.

This will be discussed at the next meeting or you can give your "vote" when you e-mail me directly. Thanks and see you all in April!

Catherine (Cat) Tomaiuoli, NP

- The NPA, NYS Tompkins/Cortland Chapter -Region 2 cordially invites you to a presentation by Joy Elwell, DNP, Chair co-elect of the NPA, NYS: Mandatory Collaboration: Emerging Legislative and practice Issues Affecting NPs. The NPA is providing open dialogue amongst members as we explore the elimination of Mandatory Collaboration. Did you know that 13 states do not require NPs to have a collaborating MD? Saturday, March 31, 2007, 1-3pm Cortland Hospital Auditorium, 134 Homer Ave. Cortland, NY (Refreshments provided) RSVP by 3/26/07 Contact: Kit Veley, Region 2 Representative at KitKat52@care2.com or call 1-607-844-3247.

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