

The Practitioner

The Nurse Practitioner Association of
New York State – Syracuse Chapter

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

“It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!” ~Mark Twain

So with Spring's arrival the time is for doing.

What can we do to further the NP profession?

- Consider attending the NPA monthly meeting.
- Join a committee.
- Write a letter to a legislator or pay them a visit.
- Write an editorial when you feel passionate about a health care issue.
- Precept a nurse practitioner student.
- Discuss the NP role with a young patient searching for a career.
- Volunteer at a local career day.
- Volunteer at a fund raiser.
- Plan to attend the Annual Teaching Day.
- Celebrate Nurse Practitioner Month.

May your Spring be filled with the excitement of change and the promise of warmer days to come.

Dr. Margaret Wade DNP FNP
President – NPA-NYS-Syracuse Chapter

Welcomes
Members and Non-Members
To the
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Meeting

Sign in @ 5:30 pm
(Members \$5, non-members \$15, Nurse Practitioner Students -n/c)
Speaker & dinner @ 6:00 pm
Meeting @ 7:00 pm

TOPIC
Sleep Disorder Breathing

PRESENTER
Steven Hartz Clinical Specialist
from Resmev (CPAP Specialist)

Sponsor
Capitol Oxygen

Location
Dinosaur Bar-B-Q (Upstairs)
246 Willow Street
Syracuse, NY
315-476-4937

RSVP by Sunday April 10, 2011

Dorothy Morse

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MONTHLY DINNER MEETING MINUTES – March 8, 2011

Minutes: Approved and meeting called to order by Meryl Lefkowitz and Maureen O'Hara.

Treasurers Report by Dorothy Champney: Checking \$667.17, Savings \$11,284.11. There has been no update from the IRS at this point.

Presidents report by Margie Wade: No new news
President Elects report by Ann Roman and Cheryl Luttinger: April meeting will be held upstairs at the Dinosaur BBQ; Dr. Steven Hartz will be discussing

Sleep Breathing Disorders, sponsored by Capitol Oxygen. Cheryl was able to secure funding by Anthony Raineri, of Warner Chilcott, for May's "Happy Ours" and will give a 5 minute presentation on Osteoporosis. All are encouraged to come to the May meeting, students and established NPs alike were very pleased at the positive energy generated by the interaction last year, great event.

Secretary's report by Ann Roman: "Thinking of you" card sent to Christine Norton, who has our support as she proceeds with a medical condition.

Conference Committee by Nancy Mitchell: The annual conference is set for June 3rd, at the Syracuse Sheraton Conference Center. We still need vendors, please be creative in finding vendors to help support our conference, i.e. spas, jewelry, etc.

Membership Committee by Anita Joy: Current state members 2,846, Syracuse 188, our chapter is one of only a few who maintains a steady membership. The goal of the state is to get 3,000 members. The NP and Student annual awards a criterion is currently being re-evaluated by the state, keep track of the website for full details. Congratulations to Cathy Bazan, who was recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance for excellence in the care and treatment of patients with diabetes.

Bylaws: No update

Nominating: No update

Website by Margie Wade: No update

Historian by Helen O'Neill: No new news, however Helen is returning to El Salvador with a team to provide medical care to 5 villages. Thank you Helen for your continued efforts.

Special Events Deb Pflugh: The 8th Annual Golf Tournament will be June 11th, with Tee off at 8 am. Everyone is encouraged to form a team and have fun. We need door prizes, hole sponsors, the funds are presented to Family Readiness Group 3rd Battalion, 309th Regiment, who are deeply appreciative of our efforts. Jan Lottermoser, absent however Margie is able to update us, that Amber Smith has declined our invitation to cover NPs in the news paper, but we had the idea to watch current events and when there is a health issue to comment on, and send an editorial to the newspaper, to keep us out there. If you send an editorial please send a copy to Dorothy Morse rmorse3@twcny.rr.com, so it

may be shared with the entire chapter, to keep interest moving.

Job Box by Nancy Parsons: The website is updated regularly, if a job is on after three weeks, we are automatically removing, if it remains open please contact Nancy and she will place it back on to the web. Binghamton VA has a Primary Care provider position, Hospitalist at Crouse need 2 years experience. Seneca Hill Manor, a 120 long term care facility.

Precepting by Cheryl Luttinger: Please contact Cheryl is you are able to precept family and OB/GYN at Cherlut@verizon.net

Legislative Jane Monnell: No new news

Regional Report by Chris Atkins: Meeting is at the end of the month and will be reported at next month's meeting.

Old Business:

- **Scholarship:** Cathy O'Hare absent, but Margie reports that Cathy is proceeding with the scholarship criteria, if you are interested in helping please contact Cathy at mohara1042@verizon.net. The scholarship is in the name of Pat Donnelly, and it will support a student's membership to the NPA for one year and their fees for the annual teaching day. We were not able to proceed with an endowment at this time thru Upstate due to funding, which requires sustaining a fund starting at \$5,000.

New Business:

- Bambi Carkey and Jodi Capolla, both spoke to News Channel 9 regarding the elimination of physician collaboration, it was a positive piece and was available for viewing on Channel 9's web site.
- Alicia Castrello has tickets to the annual Nurses Night Out which is Thursday 6-9, come on out and have some fun.
- 3/16 there will be a documentary airing regarding Saving Babies, based on increased death in the black population in the Syracuse area.

Spot Light on Practice: Chris Atkins spoke on her role as Regional Rep to the NPA.

Meeting was called to a close with a motion by Cheryl Luttinger and Geri Hall.

Respectfully submitted Ann Roman

**Scholarship Application
In Honor of
PATRICIA DONNELLY, RN, MS, FNP
Awarded by the
Syracuse Chapter of the NYS Nurse
Practitioner Association**

**To be presented June 3, 2011 at the Annual NP
Conference**

Eligibility criteria:

1. You must be a student member of the Syracuse Chapter of the NYS Nurse Practitioner Association.
2. You must be a matriculated student at the SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Nursing in the Nurse Practitioner Program.
3. You must be in good academic standing at the SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Nursing in the Nurse Practitioner Program.
4. You must complete and submit the following application on or before the stated deadline.

Note: Post-Master's Degree and Graduating students are also eligible to receive the scholarship.

Selection: A committee of the Syracuse Chapter will review the applications and make a final selection.

Deadline: May 1, 2011

Directions: Complete this application form and email to: mohara1042@verizon.net. Only completed applications received by the stated deadline will be considered.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Are you a matriculated student in the SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Nursing Nurse Practitioner Program? YES NO

What is your current GPA? _____

Please include a copy of your transcript.

ESSAY Criteria:

The scholarship is given to the student who exemplifies those professional qualities which Patricia Donnelly, RN, MS, FNP has demonstrated throughout her career. Those qualities include, but are not limited to: commitment to quality practice in the care of patients and their families; commitment to professional involvement through nursing and community organizations; commitment to sharing knowledge and clinical expertise through mentoring/teaching of students and colleagues; and willingness to take risks to promote the role, entrepreneurship, and recognition of nurse practitioners as integral and invaluable in health care delivery in the state and nation.

Please write a brief summary, preferably with examples, of how you have demonstrated that you strive to and/or exemplify some or all of these qualities. Please try to limit your summary to no more than 300 words. Summaries more than one page in font size 12 will not be considered.

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