

The Practitioner

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Amy Scullion and I attended the National Women's Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in October. We were present to honor the founder of the Nurse Practitioner profession, Dr. Loretta Ford. It was an inspiring evening and a reminder that the more things change the more they stay the same.

"The 1960s were a time of social and political upheaval, and Ford saw that chaos as an opportunity to start something new. She collaborated with pediatrician Dr. Henry Silver to start the nation's first pediatric nurse practitioner program in 1965 at the University of Colorado's Schools of Medicine and Nursing. They were interested in expanding public health nurses' roles, emphasizing prevention and health promotion.

"There was great concern, I think, that the kind of direction that we were taking was much more medical than nursing," Ford said. "It's not easy when you have to buck some of the old prejudices and some of the demands of faculty that's set in its ways, so to speak."

At the same time, professional organizations were calling for nurses to be specialists in clinical areas and more independent in making decisions, but also interdependent in a team relationship with doctors. Ford always thought nurse practitioners would be able to practice independently; it's only recently that autonomy has been legalized in several states, but there has always been a clear need, she said." By **Elizabeth Landau**, CNN Sat October 1, 2011

There are more than 140,000 nurse practitioners working in the United States today. We are still fighting some of the same battles as our founder. Scope of Practice and practicing independently are areas protected and promoted by our NPA organization. Each person's membership is important as it lends support to our mission.

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

The Nurse Practitioner Association of New York State – Syracuse Chapter

Welcomes Members and Non-Members (Must be an NP or PA to attend) To the Tuesday, November 8, 2011 Meeting

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

TOPIC

Physical and Financial Hints to Help Us Through the Holiday Season

PRESENTER

Joanna Ferguson

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MONTHLY DINNER MEETING MINUTES – October 11, 2011

Minutes: Approved with no changes.

Treasurer's Report Dorothy Champney: Checking \$1,684.58, Savings \$ 9,314.16 for a total of \$10,998.74.

President's report - Margie Wade: Margie Wade and Amy Scullion attended the Women's Hall of Fame induction of

Dr. Loretta Ford, which was an inspiring ceremony. The preparations for the gift basket are under way for the annual NPA conference being held in Saratoga this year. Sherri Loucks can no longer continue working on the Legislative Committee. It was decided we would no longer sponsor the annual golf tournament. However, since we want to continue to be community minded, we decided that we will now support fund raising such as Walks, especially those who need additional support. An email will be generated to the membership about an upcoming walk that we can form a team. To help support the Syracuse Chapter, 50/50 raffles will be held at the monthly meetings to. To promote membership, the President of the Syracuse NPA Chapter will give a brief talk at the Teaching Day (5/18/12) stressing the importance of being a member and how it supports the chapter at the local and state level.

President-Elect's report - Ann Roman and Cheryl

Luttinger: Next month's meeting is being held at the Craftsman Inn, sponsored by Joanna Ferguson of Wells Fargo. Because we are embarking on the holiday season November's meeting will focus on ways (both physical and financial) to help us through the holiday season. Registration is at 5:30 with Yoga at 6:00 to 6:15 Yoga followed by dinner and speaker.

PLEASE NOTE: Whomever gave Cheryl Luttinger a card with pharm rep information , please contact her at 315-447-5668 .

Secretary report Ann Roman: No current issues

Conference Committee Nancy Mitchell and Maureen

O'Hara: The first meeting will be held in on Tuesday, October 17th at 5 pm at the UHCC Breast Clinic, back conference room. The first meeting is to brainstorm possible topics/speakers. Some ideas were discussed at this evening's dinner meeting. All meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month (except December). All members are welcomed and encouraged to join the committee. Any ideas to help finance the conference are welcome. The teaching day conference this year is Friday, May 18th at the Syracuse University Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center.

Membership Meryl Lefkowitz: We have had 6 new students join, membership is now 197.

Bylaws Cathy O'Hare: No new issues

Nominating - Amy Scullion/Lisa Cico: Positions available this year are President-Elect and Secretary. Ballots need to be out by November so new elected officials can be announced at the December general meeting. There was an informative call to action e-mail sent out by Amy Scullion and Lisa Cico that describe the open positions. To date we have a nominee for the President- elect: Chris Atkins, and a nominee for the Secretary: Jennie Coyne. If anyone has questions or would like to nominate themselves please contact Amy Scullion at amyscullion@gmail.com or Lisa Cico at cicol@upstate.edu. Also the Preceptor position will need to be filled, however this is not an elected position.

Website - Dorothy Champney: It was decided there will be no changes to the present format. This will help cut costs. It has been suggested we put together a committee to manage the website.

Historian - Helen O'Neil: If anyone has pictures from the June Teaching Day please forward a copy to Helen at: doneill1@twcny.rr.com.

Special Events: Jan not present. See President's report.

Job Box - Nancy Parsons: Not present. Three listings in New Hampshire. Locally: Diabetes Clinic at the VA. Oneida Pediatric group. 1 full, 1 part-time at Pulmonary Health Physicians.

Precepting - Cheryl Luttinger: 9 responses to the most recent email. Many request for family NPs, with no current available family health nurse practitioners.

Legislative - Jane Monnell and Sherri Loucks: Starting in January 2012, NPs will be able to sign death certificates. Call to action notice sent regarding home care bill. Sherri Loucks can no longer continue working on the Legislative Committee. Greg Procopio has volunteered to assist.

Student Reps: We still need this position filled.

Regional report, Chris Atkins: State Fair participants- THANK YOU! The June NYS NPA state board meeting expressed opposition at having a booth due to decrease in volunteers and increase of cost. Chris will be going to the next October board meeting prepared with the stats. Chris has a meeting at the NYS State Fair Grounds to review cost. Part of the cost is the size of the booth, cost from the participants from the state staying locally. We can decrease size. Majority expressed concern of the NPA not being public at the NYS fair.

Old Business: The executive board is putting together a basket with a "NYS Theme" to raffle off at the State meeting in October.

New Business: Dorothy reviewed our limited funds. Overall we have to \$8000 going out and \$4000 coming in. The Teaching Day has a start up cost of \$15,000.00. In order to conserve funds it has been suggested that we limit our donations.

Ways to increase funds:

- Christmas fund raising- The Food Consortium and Flood victim relief. Will we match donations? If so how much? This will be collected at the December's meeting.
- The Legislative meeting: it is suggest that members pay as we do for our monthly meetings to help offset the cost.
- Teaching Day: How to increase funding. Any ideas welcome. Need more sponsors. Venders are

concerned they are not getting the traffic through the vender's which sponsor our teaching day. It has been suggested that we bring the break time coffee, dessert etc in the vender area. Also should the vendors be placed out in the lobby?

- Ways to increase membership: Have a membership booth at Teaching Day. Computer there for sign up.
- Advertising?
- Suggested to form a Committee for fund raising: Volunteers: Jennie Coyne, Amy Scullion, Lynn Hale, and Barbara Niedziolka. Suggestions: Uno's Fundraising night.
- To increase attendance at the monthly meetings: send a reminder email.
- Open conference to PA's- non member rate.
- Motion to approve to open monthly meeting to PA's at non-member rate: Cat Tomaiuolo and second by Ginnie Cronin.

50/50 raffle drawing for \$44.50. And the winner is..... Nancy Mitchell!

Meeting adjourned: Motion by Amy Scullion and second by Robyn Porpiglio

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl A Luttinger for Ann Roman

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