

# ANNA

## *The Year in ANNA History*

# Looking Back: 2007-2008



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### *The Year in Review*

- More than 70 nephrology nurses convened in Washington, DC for ANNA's 9<sup>th</sup> Health Policy Workshop in June 2007 to lobby for issues important to ANNA, nephrology nurses, and individuals with kidney disease.
- ANNA developed an educational program, *Insights into Anemia Management: What Every Nurse Should Know* and delivered it to 40 chapters during 2007-2008.
- Over 70 current and future ANNA leaders were called together in September 2007 to attend a Critical Issues Conference in Philadelphia. The goal was to create an environment for ANNA's continued growth and success over the next 5 years.
- To create opportunities for new volunteers and to give relief to some overstretched volunteers, ANNA developed the ANNA Resource Corps (ARC), an online volunteer database for all ANNA members. **Suzann VanBuskirk** served as ARC advisor.
- **Charlotte Thomas-Hawkins** and **Linda Flynn** completed and published their study, "The Work Environment, Nurse Staffing, Workload, Processes of Nursing Care, and Nurse-Reported Nurse and Patient Outcomes in Hemodialysis Settings."
- Under the leadership of Gail Wick, ANNA updated its Strategic Plan to ensure ANNA's continued success in advancing nephrology nursing practice through advocacy, education, and excellence.
- New ANNA publications included:
  - *Career Fulfillment in Nephrology Nursing: Your Guide to Professional Development* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)
  - *Core Curriculum for Nephrology Nursing* (5<sup>th</sup> Edition)
  - *Nephrology Nursing Certification Review Guide* (4<sup>th</sup> Edition)
- ANNA's Fall Meeting for Nephrology Nurse Managers, Advanced Practice Nurses, and Clinicians in San Francisco was a well-attended program with over 700 registrants.
- The 39<sup>th</sup> National Symposium, held in Philadelphia in April 2008, proved to be another highly successful educational and networking event, attracting more than 1,500 nephrology nurses.
- ANNA renewed its National Office management services agreement with Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc. and Executive Director services agreement with Michael Cunningham through 2014.
- Association membership, reaching its highest number this century, surpassed 12,000 members and 114 chapters.
- The concept of ANNA's Virtual World was formed, and design of the project began.
- ANNA representatives participated in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Community Forum for the development of Interpretive Guidelines for the new Conditions of Coverage for ESRD Facilities.

