

Celebrate Nephrology Nurses



How Will You Celebrate Nephrology Nurses Week? ANNA Chapters Share Their Ideas

It is never too early to start planning your special Nephrology Nurses Week celebrations. If you are looking for some great ideas, read about some ways ANNA chapters have celebrated Nephrology Nurses Week in the past. Use these ideas, or some of your own, to celebrate the nephrology nursing specialty in your workplace and communities!

Dogwood #224



The Dogwood Chapter made kidney-shaped cookies and gave away kidney stickers during a Nephrology Nurses Week celebration event.

For the past several years, our chapter has sponsored a certification review program to celebrate NNW. Our most recent event was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel Perimeter in Atlanta, GA. (We chose a centrally located venue to attract more participants.) The review course ran from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We offered 8.0 contact hours and chose expert speakers. The hotel provided a continental breakfast, hot lunch buffet, and snacks throughout the day. About 10 vendors participated, and attendees had several opportunities to interact with vendors. The meeting was a huge success with about 25 participants. We received very positive feedback from evaluations, and attendees indicated they wanted the chapter to continue providing certification review programs.

Last year, we hosted a CE on Wheels program and made cookies in the shape of a kidney (ordered from amazon.com). A chapter officer donated icing, another officer donated wine glasses, and someone else brought paint pens. After the CE on Wheels program, ANNA members decorated their own kidney cookies and personalized wine glasses to take home with them. We also gave out kidney stickers (ordered from amazon.com). It was lots of fun, inexpensive, and our members loved it.

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Dogwood Chapter #224
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Pacific Northwest #503

In 2018, our chapter held a full-day Renal Workshop that provided 7.25 contact hours. ANNA members were offered registration at a highly discounted rate. Each participant received an ANNA pen and a door prize ticket. The door prizes included many products purchased from ANNA. Members enjoyed the content of the workshop, breakfast, lunch, and the opportunity to network with other members.

Judy Mallon
Pacific Northwest Chapter #503
Seattle, WA



During Nephrology Nurses Week 2018, the Pacific Northwest Chapter hosted a renal workshop and provided door prizes, such as T-shirts, bags, and ANNA publications.

Keystone #110

Our chapter orders various gifts through ANNA – lunch boxes, umbrellas, totes, etc. We hold a dinner meeting and often the program is sponsored by a vendor and includes a speaker. Usually the program is non-CE, but there have been times we have been able to provide contact hours. We hype up the event, announce it via ANNA Connected, and share all of the information. We send out Happy NNW notices via ANNA Connected to our members and encourage them to participate in our celebration. Our members look forward to it every year. Attendees always have a great time!

Paula Richards
*Keystone Chapter #110
Philadelphia, PA*

Black Swamp #323

Several chapter officers visit dialysis units in surrounding areas. One year, we made and delivered bags of candy for the nurses. In past years, I got proclamations from the mayor for NNW. The chapter tries to hold a meeting at a nice restaurant sponsored by a pharmaceutical company and usually has a great turnout.

Theresa Felton
*Black Swamp Chapter #323
Toledo, OH*

Jersey North #126

Chapters can celebrate NNW any time if they are unable to identify a suitable day during NNW in September. Last year, our chapter celebrated in October with a vendor-sponsored educational meeting and dinner because we could not find a date during NNW that was agreeable for everyone. The chapter provided the 30+ meeting attendees with gifts – NNW tote bags and pens (purchased from ANNA). Attendees enjoyed renewing friendships and making new ones. While they did not receive contact hours, everyone had a good time. During NNW, our chapter president sent a message to members via ANNA Connected thanking them for their dedication and commitment to their patients and ANNA.

Marilyn Eilert
Jersey North Chapter #126



San Joaquin Valley chapter members celebrated NNW with games, door prizes, fun photo opportunities, and cake!

San Joaquin Valley #532

Our chapter planned a fun day for members during NNW. Chapter officers bought cakes and delivered them to ANNA members in their respective dialysis units. The officers introduced themselves and thanked members for their support. At Community Regional Medical Center Dialysis, the celebration involved games with prizes for ANNA members as a token of appreciation. Members also posed for photos as keepsakes of the fun celebration. A strawberry champagne cake was the star of the celebration!

Karen Echavez
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