Northeast

Big Apple
During Capitol Hill Day in Washington, DC, chapter officers Carmen Rivera, Francilla Dixon, and Amanda Sims visited the offices of Senator Hilary Rodham Clinton and Congressmen Ed Towns, Charles Rangel, and Eliot L. Engel to lobby for better health care and reimbursement. ESRD Education Day also will provide a venue for educating our legislators about the needs of the dialysis community.

Sekou Sundiata gave such a dynamic keynote presentation at the National Symposium that we want to share the experience with other ANNA members. Mr. Sundiata, a transplant recipient, will take you through his remarkable journey. His goals are to bring awareness to dialysis patients and staff and promote organ donation. The Big Apple Chapter plans to support these efforts so stay tuned for a pleasant surprise!

Efforts are underway to provide a CNN review course for our members. Monthly meetings are still being held. Volunteers can contact Francilla Dixon (frand62@yahoo.com), Amanda Sims (wmolette02@aol.com), or Carmen Rivera (carmen_rivera001@msn.com).

Keystone
Thank you to everyone who attended our annual day of learning. Your participation made it a great success. On June 3, Genentech hosted a program entitled Catheter Conundrums. ANNA President Lesley Dinwiddie was the speaker. Check out our new Web site at www.annakeystone110.org. Thank you to Nida Quirong-Jones for starting this up.

Congratulations to our new chapter board. The officers are: President Eileen Lynch, President-Elect Linda McMellis, Secretary Corinna Harmon, Treasurer Marie Scutt-Mohamed, and Legislative Representative Nida Quirong-Jones.

Central New York
Our new chapter officers are busy organizing a great year ahead. Congratulations to President Mark Waite, President-Elect Natalina Crouse, Secretary Jane Cipriano, Treasurer Betty Day, and Legislative Representative Kate Tallman.

Regional officers from our chapter are Northeast Regional Vice President Karen Burwell and Northeast Chapters Coordinator Jean Pirozzi.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude to the outgoing officers who have done such a remarkable job. Our spring season ended with a chapter dinner meeting at Beneveto’s Italian Restaurant. Martha Donnelly from Abbott Laboratories spoke on Effective Patient Communication in the Dialysis Setting.

Additional presentations will resume in September as plans, including those for the national conference and drug representative conference, are finalized. Information will be mailed to chapter members this fall.

Northeast Tri-State
Several chapter members attended the National Symposium. Three chapter members were presenters, and one submitted a poster. Jean Colaneri, Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Transplant Unit at Albany Medical Center, described the post-renal transplant care of diabetic patients that is collaboratively managed by the endocrine and transplant teams. Mary Perrecone, Nurse Manager of the Acute Adult Dialysis and Pediatric Dialysis Units at Albany Medical Center, described effective medication management in hospitalized dialysis patients. These guidelines have been incorporated into our Hemodialysis Management Protocol and have been very effective.

Sue Fallone presented a case study to the advanced practice group on different approaches to patient clinical case studies as well as changes in the CMS payment schedule and its impact on the advanced practice nurse. Ken Kolnacki, a pediatric dialysis nurse at Albany Medical Center, submitted a poster about parental considerations when deciding to initiate or delay growth hormone treatment in children with chronic kidney disease (CKD).

Our chapter sponsored an all-day program on Calciphylaxis, Carnitine, and Vascular Calcification at Fort William Henry, Lake George, NY, on May 20. Jay Rifenhawy also spoke about his Action Plan For Success. It was very inspiring. Address any questions to cacklesisters@att.net.

Mountain State
The chapter will hold an educational offering at CAMC Health Education and Research Institute in Charleston, WV, on July 29. Abbott will sponsor the presentation focusing on Patient Education Regarding PTH, Calcium, and Phosphorus.

For more information about chapter meetings and programs, contact Chapter Secretary Tammie Mitchell (tlmitch100@aol.com).

Garden State
The first executive chapter meeting was held at the Hilton in New Brunswick, NJ. The new officers voted and approved Anthony Buglisi, Jr., as the new Webmaster. The Web site is in the process of being redesigned.

We are busy preparing for the annual summer conference to be held in Atlantic City, NJ. Watch for flyers in the mail. Several new projects were approved, including blood pressure screening and the development of an education packet for allied health care professionals.

We continue to encourage member involvement as well as chapter growth. Let us know if you have ideas for programs or are interested in volunteering to help run the chapter. Fresh ideas and faces make for a stronger, more successful chapter. For more information contact President Raymond Yuro (zephyr99@optonline.net) or Secretary Donna Buglisi (donabuglisi@hotmail.com).
Jersey North

Congratulations to our 2004-05 officers: President Geraldine Tis, President-Elect Claudia Douglas, Secretary Saramma Mathew, Secretary-Elect Maria Dorkafikis, Treasurer-Elect Lauren Webster-Garcia, and Legislative Representative Suzanne Juliano. Congratulations to chapter member Marilyn Eilert, who is the Northeast Region Chapters Coordinator-Elect.

The chapter hosted an educational meeting sponsored by Ortho Biotech at the Luckow Pavilion in Paramus, NJ, on June 17. Alison Jacobs spoke on Preventing Uremic Complications.

On July 11 the employees and friends of Teterboro Airport in collaboration with our chapter sponsored the 1st Annual Motorcycle Run. Riders started at the Teterboro Airport Administration Building, rode to Harriman, NY, and returned to the Waterfront Cafe in Carlstadt, NJ, for a picnic. The money from this fundraiser will be used in the fall for a chapter-sponsored patient education health fair. It was a huge success. Special thanks to the wonderful people at Teterboro Airport.

Information about future meetings and educational programs will be mailed to all chapter members, or contact President Geraldine Tis (gtis@valleyhealth.com, 201-447-8276).

Northern New England

Several dialysis units in New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine will be participating in ESRD Education Day. They will be providing tours of their facilities and information to their local, state, and federal legislators.

Plans continue for our chapter’s annual Fall Renal Update, which will be held at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, on October 17. CE credit for this all-day program will be applied for through ANNA. Some of the topics being considered include anemia management therapies for the complicated patient from the pre-ESRD stage to dialysis, the CKD stages as outlined by the K/DOQI guidelines, identification and management of the patient with HIT, and an update on renal bone disease.

For questions or further information, contact Chapter Secretary Veronica Daley (veronica.daley@hitchcock.org).

Western

Desert Vista

Congratulations to the new chapter officers who met and conducted their first business meeting on April 8. The chapter hosted an educational workshop sponsored by Abbott Laboratories on April 24 entitled Prevention of Morbidity and Mortality in Dialysis Patients (3.6 contact hours).

On April 22, the chapter sent two representatives, Michelle Smith and Jenny Bell, to help with the annual Donor Recognition Program sponsored by the Arizona Coalition for Transplantation (ACT). Victoria Miller-Cage and Melinda Martin-Lester will be our chapter representatives at the Arizona Coalition for Transplantation. The chapter community outreach also includes volunteering for the Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP) and providing needed items to the Thomas J. Pappas School for homeless children.

Kay Helzer is our chapter representative to the KEEP committee. Chapter members Karen Fitzpatrick and Kay Helzer participated in a health screening fair sponsored by KEEP on May 10.

Abbott Laboratories sponsored a very successful educational program entitled Healthier Habits/Healthier Lives on May 12 at Sam’s Cafe. Thank you to Jacque Boyrami for an outstanding presentation. The chapter also held a business meeting to discuss plans for educational events.

Roche Laboratories offered a complimentary workshop on Immunosuppression/Immunology on June 26.

Our next event will be a workshop for nephrology personnel at Banner Good Samaritan Transplant Services on July 27. The focus will be transplant as a treatment option. Participants will tour the HLA laboratory and see firsthand how tissue typing, antibody screening, and cross-matching are performed.

The CNN and CDN certification exams will be held in Scottsdale on October 16. Anyone wishing to take the exam can go to the NNCC Web site (www.nncc-exam.org) to find the criteria and obtain application forms.

High Country

The chapter held the Sixth Annual Weekend in the Mountains Conference. Ninety registrants enjoyed the wonderful presentations and the beautiful mountain weather; 15 contact hours were offered during this weekend. The executive board already has plans for the Seventh Annual Weekend to be the same time next year.

Intermountain Chapter Legislative Representative Janet Mueller and President-Elect Maria Lisonbee are pictured outside of the office of Representative Jim Matheson in Washington, DC. The nurses met with the staff of three Congressmen during Capitol Hill Day.

Additional plans for the upcoming year include monthly dinner/education meetings. Suggested topics include chronic hemodialysis accesses, new guidelines for managing hypertension, acute dialysis, medications and transplant, payment for organ donation, and diabetes.

As new board members assume their positions we would like to thank Joan Millsbaugh, the retiring treasurer, for her many years of dedicated service. She will now move into the past board advisors group. We welcome Karen Bell, a past chapter president, as the new treasurer. We are glad to have her expertise on the board again.

Greater Puget Sound

Chapter members Lynne Treat, Virginia Abyeta, Teresa Simek, and Heather Ashbaugh attended the National Symposium. During Capitol Hill Day they met with aides to the Senators and Representatives for Washington State. They discussed the importance of providing quality care to patients and the need for an annual inflationary increase to dialysis Medicare reimbursements. They also asked the legislators for their commitment to the cause and invited each to visit dialysis centers to meet with patients on ESRD Education Day.

Political action is important and each professional nurse has a duty to be a patient advocate. The chapter encourages you to write to your legislators to ask them to visit a dialysis unit and support Medicare rate reimbursement increases.
Northern California

On May 18 the chapter board met with new officers, including President Sue Robertson, Treasurer Kardos Ng, Secretary Ann Levy, and Audio/Dinner Meeting Coordinator Sharon Windust. A dynamic year is ahead for the chapter. Planning is underway for the annual Tri-Chapter Fall Meeting that will take place in November. The topic of the all-day seminar will be Peritoneal Dialysis.

The Northern California and Silicon Valley Chapters will co-host the CNN, CDN, and CCHT certification exams on October 16. Joyce Nekoba will serve as proctor.

While we congratulate Terri Stenerson in her retirement, we will miss her enthusiasm, energy, wit, and wisdom at our meetings and events! We wish her well and look forward to seeing her again.

Nephros South

The 2004-05 chapter officers are President Gloria Booth, President-Elect Kathy Ryan, Treasurer Patrick Burkes, Secretary Kathi Amarillas, and Legislative Representative Anneli Ford. Gloria Booth, Kathy Ryan, Anneli Ford, and Barbara Merkle attended the National Symposium. Congratulations to Barbara Merkle, who received the Spirit of Nephrology Nursing Award. We are very grateful for Barbara’s many years of service to the San Diego nephrology community and ANNA.

Nephros South sponsored the Third Annual Southern California Nephrology Nursing Symposium at the Mission Valley Hilton on May 15-16. This multidisciplinary program offered 15 CE credits in such topics as JNC-VII hypertension management guidelines for CKD patients, vascular access monitoring, acute hemodialysis trends and practices, and fundamentals of pediatric nephrology. The agenda also addressed ethical/legal implications for patient care and advance planning and palliative care.

August 13 is ESRD Education Day. Consider participating with efforts in the San Diego area to promote this initiative at the local level. Please contact Anneli Ford to offer your assistance and suggestions for ESRD Education Day.

Visit our Web site for the latest chapter news and updates: www.annachapters506.tripod.com

Sacramento Valley

We are pleased to announce our 2004-05 president-elect is Judy Boyce. Judy has been involved in our board meetings and helped organize educational meetings for 2003-04. Her vast nephrology work experiences and training have been a great asset to our chapter. We want to welcome and thank her for taking on this challenging role.

Our transition meeting was held May 22 at the home of MaryAnn Barnes, who is a wonderful hostess and every year contributes many hours organizing restaurants and registration for our educational meetings. Chris Stoeckl, who held the dual role of president and president-elect for 2003-04, did an outstanding job.

The chapter officers for 2004-05 are President/Past President Chris Stoeckl, President-Elect Judy Boyce, Secretary Valerie August, Treasurer Sheryl Parks, and Legislative Representative Bobbe Wilson. We also are very fortunate to have Donna Kistler as Fundraiser Chair, Robert Fuller as Historian, and Bobbe Tweedy as Membership Chair.

Watch for our fall 2004 educational meeting. We are planning another full day dedicated to nephrology. Our last educational meeting was sold out. We hope you will join us at future educational meetings!

We are planning to host the CNN and CDN exams in 2005. Please let a board member know if you are interested in review classes and taking the exam.

Intermountain

Janet Mueller and Maria Lisonbee attended the National Symposium where they had the opportunity to meet and discuss dialysis-related issues with the staff members for three Congressmen. Joan Camarro Simard, Joyce Lisonbee, Janet Mueller, Maria Lisonbee, Debbie English, and Melanie Harper attended a chapter board meeting on May 23 to plan the...
upcoming year. Three educational presentations are in the planning for July and October 2004 and January 2005, with board members sharing the organizational responsibilities. The annual chapter meeting, scheduled for March 2005, was discussed briefly.

The next board meeting is scheduled for July 22. The focus of this meeting will be ESRD Education Day.

Cascades
Three chapter members attended the National Symposium. Outgoing President Brenda Kerr, Legislative Representative and incoming Secretary Marilyn Grobe, and incoming President Jackie Chandler visited Capitol Hill. They met with legislative aides to Senators Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith and Representatives Peter DeFazio, Darlene Hooley, and David Wu. All of the aides had limited knowledge of the ESRD program. Their knowledge base was expanded after 30 minutes of education on points of concern covered during the ANNA Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop.

Information packets addressing various issues were distributed at each office as well.

Thank you to Rick Lowe, Jr., Renal Clinical Specialist for Abbott Labs, who presented Secondary Hyperparathyroidism and Effects of PTH (2.0 CE credits) during a recent dinner meeting.

East Bay Regional
We are proud to announce the 2004-05 chapter officers: President Joan Williams-France, President-Elect Helene Billeci, Secretary-Golda Nohay, Secretary-Elect Anne Torres, Treasurer Leony Manansala, and Legislative Representative-Elect Doris Arterburn.

The first business meeting held in Walnut Creek on May 1 was well attended. Members were encouraged to participate. The next business meeting will be held on July 24.

The chapter will participate in ESRD Education Day on August 13.

Several educational events are in the planning stages at this time, such as a chapter educational conference in August, a peritoneal dialysis conference (collaborative effort with other chapters) in September, and an audio conference in October. For more information about future meetings, or if you are interested in being a part of a team that is growing and exploring the different aspects of nursing nephrology, call Golda Nohay (925-548-1689).

Northern Lights
The chapter officers have been re-orienting to their jobs for the 2004-05 year. Invitations for ESRD Education Day 2004 were personally delivered during recent visits to Capitol Hill. Planning for ESRD Education Day continues with additional invitations sent to the Alaskan offices of Senators Ted Steven and Lisa Murkowski and Representative Don Young.

Silicon Valley
Many chapter members attended the National Symposium, including three chapter officers. All of our officers are returning this year: President/President-Elect Meg Semrau, Legislative Representative Ann Robar, Treasurer Kathy Hoyer, Secretary Glenna Mokool, and Immediate Past President Sheila Doss. Sheila also is chair of the national Health Policy Committee. We are proud to have her as a chapter member.

We have a lot of exciting plans for the next year. July will bring lots of summer activities. We hope that all of you will be able to attend our July educational offering as well as the CDN review class in August. Watch for flyers in your dialysis unit, email, and mailboxes.

Chumash
Five chapter members attended the National Symposium. Darene Hall, Martha Hilken, and Jill Stringfield met with legislative assistants for Diane Feinstein and Barbara Boxer along with nurses from around the state to discuss current issues affecting the nephrology community. There were three messages the nurses wanted to share with the representatives: the need for an annual increase in the dialysis composite rate, funding for nursing education, and funding for treatment of all stages of CKD.

Barbara Chen, who organized the chapter in 1994 and served as the chapter’s first president, also attended the conference. She now resides just outside of Washington, DC.

This is the chapter’s 10-year anniversary! We hope members and others who attended this year’s education conference at the Courtyard Marriott in Oxnard on June 6 enjoyed the program and had an opportunity to network with colleagues. The money raised at the Silent Auction went to two very worthwhile causes this year – NKF Kidney Camp and the Renal Support Network Prom. Thanks to all who made donations and participated in the fundraising event.

The chapter will be taking a break over the summer months but will resume regular meetings the second Tuesday of each month at the Baxter Bioscience Building in Thousand Oaks beginning in September. Look for flyers in September announcing the fall audio conference.

Please contact a board member if you are interested in serving on a chapter committee this year. The National Symposium is in Las Vegas next year. We hope to see a strong showing from Chumash.

San Joaquin Valley
Chapter President Elizabeth Samoylenko, President-Elect Luanne Doyl and, and Treasurer Maria Gonzales attended the National Symposium. They met with the legislative representative for Senator Diane Feinstein and learned firsthand the important role of patient advocacy that nephrology nurses play. They were among a group of 18 who visited with Senator Feinstein’s staff. Special thanks to the San Francisco Chapter for making this possible through their ongoing support both professionally and financially!

In June our chapter hosted a membership picnic to discuss the many strategies learned at the Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop. We established several new committees, including membership, fundraising, and education committees, to ensure the long-term success of our new chapter. We are excited and armed with new enthusiasm as we forge a path for nephrology nursing in the San Joaquin Valley of California.

Southeast
Caribbean
We are pleased to announce the 2004-05 chapter officers: President Ivette Cruz, President-Elect Marien Saade, Secretary Jeannette Dominguez, and Treasurer Rita De Jesus. We were very excited that nephrology nurses from Puerto Rico were well represented at the National Symposium. We congratulate Daisy Baez, Christy Elias, and Maritza Citron for participating and encourage them to return next year. It is a great chance to network and see what other chapters are doing.

Cardinal
The chapter collaborated with the Southeastern Kidney Council for our spring symposium entitled Hand in Hand: Working Together to
Promote Education and Improve the Lives of Patients with ESRD. This meeting was held in Charlotte, NC, and included topics such as hemodialysis access, management of the pre-ESRD patient, and dealing with challenging patients/situations. We were also very fortunate to have two ANNA national officers speak. ANNA Secretary Glenda Payne spoke on *How to Survive a Facility Survey*; ANNA President and Cardinal Chapter member Lesley Dinwiddie spoke at our Nephrology Nurses Breakfast.

If you are interested in finding out more about the chapter, visit our Web site [www.annacardinal.com](http://www.annacardinal.com).

### Greater Charlotte

Our chapter officers are looking forward to a weekend mountain retreat in August to plan and organize the upcoming year. Future plans include hosting the audio conferences, providing a dinner educational meeting in the fall, and co-hosting a dual chapter educational meeting in the spring. Other plans include appointing a membership chair to track new and lost members as well as promote chapter membership.

### Palmetto

All the chapter officers attended the Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop. We came home enthused and ready for another fun year. Officers for this year are President Jennifer Payton, President-Elect Glinda Stricklin, Secretary Deborah Brooks, Treasurer Becky Thornton, Legislative Representative Kristin Larson, and Immediate Past President Nancy Black.

A planning retreat was held in May. In addition to our educational dinner meetings, we will be involved in ESRD Education Day, will hold a Legislative Update Conference, and will host the certification exams. Contact Glinda Stricklin (glinda.stricklin@ropersaintfrancis.com) for information about upcoming programs.

The chapter will be hosting the certification exams (CNN, CDN, and CCHT) on September 19 (2:30 - 5:00 pm) at Bon Secours-St. Francis Hospital in Charleston. The site is easy to find with free parking. The application deadlines are July 23 for CNN and CDN exams and August 6 for the CCHT exam. Applications can be obtained on the NNCC Web site ([www.nncc-exam.org](http://www.nncc-exam.org)). Contact Jennifer Payton for more information (843-863-8974, fax 843-863-9590, or jennifer.payton@dciinc.org).
Members of the Dallas Chapter met with legislators during Capitol Hill Day. Chapter members are pictured outside of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson’s office.

Gulf Coast

The new chapter officers, led by President Debbie Heinrich, got the 2004-05 year off to a quick start. An initial board meeting and planning session was held in May. A corporate-sponsored educational session was held in June. July and August activities include participation in AAKP’s People First seminar and ESRD Education Day. Construction of the chapter’s new Web site, coordinated by Brigid Stevenson, is nearing completion. Gail McLaughlin is serving as the chapter’s representative to the All Texas ANNA Chapters Collaborative Meeting to be held in Corpus Christi, TX, in early 2005. Overall, the new chapter officers are excited about the year and hope that the chapter members will continue to participate and support our efforts!

Alamo City

Chapter officers – President Ruben Encino, Treasurer Pauline Michaud, and Secretary Janie Martinez – attended the National Symposium. Chapter members Frank Borsey, Linda Kirk, Pat Juarez, Amy Minton, Gail Dewald, and Lucy Donihoe (Alamo City scholarship recipient) also attended. Congratulations to Janie Martinez, winner of the Amgen Educational Grant, and Linda Kirk on her abstract presentation. Janie Martinez will continue in her roles as special assistant for the Southeast Region and Hemodialysis SIG committee member. Ruben Encino and Pauline Michaud were presenters at the Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop. They did a great job.

May was a busy month for the chapter. Our annual retreat was held on May 8 at the home of Ruben Encino. We discussed activities, goals, and the action plan for 2004-05. Also in May Dr. Michael Schultz from SAKDC presented Rhabdomyolysis, and we helped with a rummage sale to benefit dialysis patients. In June we helped with the ESRD Health Fair at FMC Bexar County Dialysis.

On July 31 we will hold our 10th Annual Update by the Beach in Corpus Christi, TX, focusing on Access – Patient Life Line. Dr. R. Blumoff, a vascular surgeon, and Dr. J Cortese, a nephrologist, will join our team in Corpus Christi, TX.

We are in the process of planning our August meeting. Dr. E. Levitz will present Hepatitis C – Are There Protocols for Dialysis Patients? September’s educational offering will address Nursing Ethics and the ESRD Patient. Our October educational seminar will be an all-day event on the topic And the Beat Goes On. Sessions will focus on cardiovascular disease, and we will have a ‘60s theme.

Our meetings will continue on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Bright Shawl. For more information, contact Alan Saltarrelli (210-228-0226).

South Florida Flamingo

Incoming chapter officers – President Norma Gomez, President-Elect Nury Roberts, Secretary Anita Velasco, Treasurer Debra Ayer, Legislative Representative Dolores Micheletti – and Chapter Advisor Cheryl Groenhoff attended the Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop and National Symposium. One of our focuses this year is to be politically involved. As part of the delegation from Florida, we met with the assistants of Senators Bob Graham and Bill Nelson and emphasized the importance of supporting bills sponsoring the increase in reimbursement of dialysis treatments and funding for nursing education. ESRD Education Day will be held August 13. We encourage everyone to invite their politicians to visit dialysis centers, meet their constituents, and be educated on these issues.

We developed goals and a strategic plan for the 2004-05 year after networking with our colleagues. As a chapter we sent Nurses Day greetings with chapter officer contact information to all the hospital and freestanding facilities in the Dade and Broward area. This met one of our membership drive goals for the year.

The May and June dinner meetings held in collaboration with Amgen were successful. CE credits were offered at both meetings. We had time to work on our membership drive, and we got everyone excited about the bowl-a-thon. The bowl-a-thon will be held at the Cloverleaf Bowling Alley at the end of July and will be a combination membership drive and fundraiser.

Last year’s annual meeting which was held in Orlando in collaboration with the chapter members celebrated winning the Regional Chapter Award, which was presented at the meeting.
with Network 7 (ESRD Network of Florida) was such a success that we will again be holding our annual meeting with the ESRD Network sometime this fall.

We are in the planning phase of hosting a certification review course and the exams. Look for dates and times in the Flamingo Flyer and mailings from your chapter officers.

We continue to emphasize the benefits of ANNA membership within the nephrology community.

Dallas

Five chapter board members attended the National Symposium. We had a wonderful time with 21 other ANNA members from Texas as we visited Capitol Hill, met with John Cronin’s assistant, and dropped by the office of Kay Bailey Hutchison. We wrapped up Capitol Hill Day by visiting our local representatives.

During the symposium our chapter was presented with the Regional Chapter Award. Thank you to all our chapter members and others who volunteered throughout the year and helped make this award possible. Congratulations also to Mary Schira, who won the Ron Brady Memorial Award for Excellence in Volunteer Leadership and the Nephrology Nurse Educator Award.

Welcome to our new president, Cindy Speer, who presented our theme for this year – Passion, Politics, and Patient Care – at our board retreat at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Hurst, TX. The education committee has been busy planning activities for the year. Watch the mail for flyers of upcoming events.

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 6:00 pm at the DNA conference room on Viceroy in Dallas. For more information, contact Cindy Wright (214-366-6289).

Shellcoast

The Shellcoast Chapter of Ft. Myers and surrounding areas was happy to send Linda Snow and Lynn Potter to the National Symposium. They came back with gorgeous pictures and shared what they had “re-learned” as well as their excitement and motivation.

In June Cindy Lanum and Ginny Massa attended the Annual Suncoast Meeting at Longboat Key presented by our neighbors on the coast, the Suncoast Chapter. These meetings are a great source of information. Participants always learn about current trends in nephrology that make our lives as dialysis nurses so much more rewarding.

Suncoast

The chapter enjoyed a wonderful 25th anniversary celebration of our Seminar on the Beach in June. The speakers did a great job. Special thanks to Gail Wick for making this an extra special event. Thank you also to our many vendors for their continued support and to The Colony Tennis and Beach Resort for helping make this seminar a success. We also want to thank the registrants who came to learn, network, and have fun at our meeting and this year’s luau.

The combined efforts of speakers, vendors, resort staff, and attendees have made this seminar grow from a roundtable discussion to what it is today. Our chapter is proud to offer this learning opportunity each year. Watch for more information regarding next year’s meeting.

Dogwood

The chapter ended the spring season with a dynamic educational dinner meeting at Atlanta Fish Market on May 4. Over 50 attendees showed up to help us celebrate the contributions of nephrology nurses during Nurses Week. Thanks to our sponsor, Amgen, and our speaker, chapter member Jordan Benis.

Chapter officers retreated to plan activities for the coming year. We will kick-off our next round of CE events with a meeting on transplantation at Ray’s on the River on August 3.

Have you ever wanted to march on Washington, DC, and lobby for health care? Well, chapter members did just that during the National Symposium. We are hoping to continue that lobbying right here in Atlanta on ESRD Education Day. If this sounds like something you might like to do, contact Legislative Representative Marlene Currier (770-509-8539).

Do you know a nephrology nurse manager who has had an impact on your life or the lives of patients? How about a nephrology nurse educator whose style of teaching keeps you wanting more? Or are you or someone you know pursuing higher edu-
cation and need a few extra dollars to help reach that goal? Tell us so that we can apply for scholarships and awards through ANNA. Contact President Loretta Brown (404-501-5698) for more information.

**Music City**

Congratulations to our incoming officers: President Ann Schatzkin, Secretary Barbara Bush, Treasurer Cheryl Conquest, and Legislative Representative Phyllis Egerott. We will continue to encourage others to further the objectives of our organization through volunteerism.

Our chapter will participate in the ANNA audio conferences this year. In addition, we will continue to involve our social workers and provide a few bright moments to patients at Christmas. We also will continue to give to the local shelter to increase the number of meals served every Thanksgiving Day. Lastly, we will sponsor two children on dialysis to Camp Okawehna.

There were 26 attendees at our March CE program. We wish to thank Genzyme and David Foster for their sponsorship and presentation on K/DOQI Guidelines for Bone Metabolism.

Thank you to Deborah Mangrum, Troy Russell, Jean Markie, and Barbara Bush for manning the ANNA booth at the National Student Nurses’ Association (NSNA) Annual Convention at the Opryland Hotel in April.

Hats off to many members for their unwavering commitment to Dialysis Clinic Inc.’s Camp Okawehna, which was held June 5-11 this year. Working and having fun were Kathy Brisendine, Cheryl Conquest, Deborah Mangrum, and Glenda Barnett-Streicher. If there are others who love the outdoors and are willing to give time to this great program, contact Cheryl Conquest (615-329-1812).

Members and nonmembers are encouraged to contact an officer to voice your ideas and offer any help with making this a great year for the chapter.

**El Paso**

Chapter members attended the Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop and the National Symposium. President Beatrice Middleton is excited about the future activities of our chapter. During the workshop, a lot of information was shared regarding programs that are offered in other ANNA chapters. The positive outcomes experienced by chapters were inspiring. The high-light of the workshop was the preparation for and the visit to Capitol Hill. The Texas group visited Senate offices, talked with policy aides, and took advantage of photo opportunities.

Chapter members came back from the meeting and shared their experiences with other nephrology staff who could not attend. Materials gathered from vendors were shared as well. The meeting topics were timely, presented by experts, and very informative. The networking was invaluable. This is only a snapshot of the great experience in DC. We would like to thank ANNA for helping fund this opportunity.

**Hazel Taylor**

Chapter officers attended the Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop and the National Symposium. We learned a great deal about how to help the chapter and acquired knowledge to bring home to help with the care of our patients. We visited the aides for Senators Shelby and Sessions and Representatives Bachus and Davis to discuss issues regarding our patient population. We invited each of them to participate in ESRD Education Day. We are looking for a great response!

Our chapter meetings in May and July were well attended. The meetings focused on Chronic Illness and the Effect on the Family and Tissue Typing Made Simple. Meals were sponsored by Gambro Laboratories and Fujisawa Healthcare, respectively.

The chapter officers held a great planning session and planned the calendar for the coming year. We sponsored patients to attend Adult Kidney Camp, the Alabama Kidney Foundation Walkathon, and the Transplant Olympics.

Our chapter is 20 years old this year, and we are planning the 20th Annual Nephrology Update to be held at the Carraway Davie House in Birmingham, AL, on November 18. Please contact a chapter officer for more information, or visit our Web site at [www.geocities.com/hazeltaylornana](http://www.geocities.com/hazeltaylornana).

**Memphis Blues**

The chapter was well represented in Washington, DC. President Cindy Powers attended the Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop and visited the offices of Senator Frist, Senator Alexander, Congresswoman Marsha Blackburn, Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., and Congressman John Tanners during Capitol Hill Day. Several chapter members also attended the National Symposium.

Cindy Powers and newly elected President-Elect Sandy Fields volunteered as counselors for DCI’s dialysis camp. Thanks to their efforts, children and teens from Le Bonheur were able to attend and enjoy an adventure of a lifetime. Thanks to Glenda Barnett-Streicher (Music City Chapter), Nursing Director for Camp Okawehna, who does such an excellent job of running the camp.

Harriet Wells of Discussed Renal Chemistries at Le Bonheur’s Training Center on June 29. Dinner and prizes added to the fun of this event.

Congratulations to Cindy Powers, who won a GE Osmonics Career Mobility Scholarship. We wish her well as she pursues a master’s degree.

The certification exams will be offered in Memphis on October 16. Watch your mail and email for more information, or contact NNCC.

**Central Virginia**

The chapter presented an educational program entitled Practice Patterns and Patient Outcomes: Lessons from the Dialysis Outcomes and Practice Patterns Study at the Bottega Bistro on May 27. The speaker was Kristi Burgess Cavaliere, Regional Medical Liaison for Amgen Medical Affairs. It was very informative, and a good time was had by all. Please contact a chapter officer with ideas for future educational activities.

**Sand Dollar**

Chapter members had a wonderful time at the National Symposium. We left energized and excited for the coming year. We held an organizational meeting on May 3 to plan this year’s activities. The agenda includes two educational offerings, four fundraisers, a summer social for all members as well as new members who hope to recruit. We also are planning to host at least two audio conferences off the island, possibly in Pearlard and League City, to encourage more member participation.

Our chapter had a booth for blood pressure screenings during the Nurses Day Professional Fair. We conducted blood pressure screenings and handed out information on how to monitor/manage your blood pressure. We also held a free raffle and distributed ANNA information and membership applications.

**Blue Ridge**

We met for a journal club in March and discussed two articles relating to diabetes: preventing
amputation and medications. Afterward, chapter members shared ideas for activities for the coming year. On June 1, we enjoyed a dinner program sponsored by Amgen. The next dinner program is set for August 3. The topic has not been decided. On October 5 the chapter will host the fall audio conference. Then we’ll round out the year with a social in December.

We discussed recruitment and retention and the possibility of active members visiting each facility in our region and personally sharing why they value being a member of the Blue Ridge Chapter and the benefits of ANNA membership. We would love to see more individuals get involved.

Fleur-de-Lis

On February 10 Abbott sponsored a dinner and chapter meeting at the Five Happiness Imperial Room in New Orleans. Dr. D. Andress from Seattle, WA, was the speaker; 62 people attended. On May 18 we had a dinner and chapter meeting on vascular access in Baton Rouge, LA. The meeting was sponsored by Surgimed Inc. and Specialty Surgical Instrumentation. Ortho Biotech sponsored a dinner and chapter meeting on June 17. All three activities awarded CE credits.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events. A renal collaborative meeting for nurses, dieticians, and social workers will be held in New Orleans on September 16. CE credits will be offered. On October 15 our chapter will hosting the CNN and CDN exams at the Hyatt Regency in New Orleans. On October 16-18 our chapter is the host chapter for ANNA’s Fall Meeting in New Orleans. Look for our chapter table at these meetings in September and
October with fundraising items for sale.

Nine chapter members attended the Volunteer Leaders Orientation and Legislative Workshops and the National Symposium. Louisiana was the only state to visit the offices of all its legislators on Capitol Hill Day. We are hoping for many visits to our dialysis units on ESRD Education Day.

Peach

On April 29 Dr. Jose Cardo, Medical Liaison for Watson Pharma, Inc., presented Iron and Anemia Management. Chapter members enjoyed a delicious meal at the Neal Restaurant in Thomasville, GA, during the presentation. Thank you to Dr. Cardo and Watson Pharma, Inc., for providing the meal.

The chapter’s decision to rotate meeting sites within the chapter’s geographic area for convenience of attendance for members proved to be successful; 34 attended the meeting. Surveys will be sent to members for ideas and topics of interest so the plans can be made to meet their educational needs.

President Aleisha Horkan is enthusiastic and encourages members’ continued support throughout the year. Our sale of Mother’s Day corsages was successful. We sold candy for Valentine’s Day as a new fundraiser this year, and these sales also were successful.

Red River

The Red River Chapter of Central Oklahoma is off to a great start! After enjoying a wonderful dinner at Ted’s Mexican restaurant, the new officers were installed. The officers for 2004-05 are: President Marsha McIntyre (mmac6018@hotmail.com), President-Elect Brack Guthrie (brack_guthrie@sbglobal.net), Secretary Anne Gates (gate@cox.net), Treasurer Carla Bodwell (carla.bodwell@hcahealthcare.com), and Legislative Representative Christy Thurber (cdthur@lycos.com).

We are excited about the possibilities for the coming year. We would love to hear from you about ideas that you may have regarding educational opportunities, so contact us and tell us what you would like offered!

North Central

Wisconsin

Welcome to our new officers for 2004-05: President Vicky Schinker and Treasurer Ann Van Dyk. Our new legislative representative is Sharon Haas from Milwaukee, WI.

The summer has been busy. Our chapter hosted a dinner meeting in Milwaukee in June and will host another dinner meeting in Green Bay in August.

The chapter will hosting the CDN, CNN, and CGHT exams in Milwaukee on October 19. Check the Web for exact time and place.

We are finalizing the plans for Nephrology Update 2005, which will be held March 9-11 in Green Bay.

Windy City

The chapter executive committee met on May 27 to formulate the strategic plan and educational offerings for the year. On June 10 and 11 we co-sponsored the ESRD Network meetings in Chicago, which were approved for 9.0 and 7.8 contact hours, respectively. We had a great turnout with nurses representing four states.

Our new chapter officers are motivated and looking forward to a great year. One of our goals is recruitment in the Rockford area.

We will be hosting a CNN review course in late August, early September for the exam scheduled for October 16. We would love to hear from you with any ideas for the upcoming year!

Mary Kay Larson was an honored guest by the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council at the 50th Annual Luncheon, Nurses: A Cornerstone of Care, which was held in Chicago on May 14. There were 1,100 nurses in attendance, and WGN Channel 9 Health Reporter Dina Bair emceed the event. The keynote speaker was LeAnn Thieman, co-author of Chicken Soup for the Nurses Soul. Attendees received a free copy of her book.

St Louis Metro

St Louis Metro was pleased to receive the Chapter of the Year Award at the National Symposium. Susan Blalock and Sylvia Donato-Moore accepted the award on behalf of the chapter. Thanks to all the members who comprise our terrific chapter!

Chapter members Sylvia Donato-Moore, Jane Spinks, Beth Castaneda, and Anita McDonald assisted with KEEP screenings this spring.

The annual spring seminar was enriching. Topics included cinacalcet, the lupus patient and kidney disease, cystatin C, blood stream infections in dialysis, and vascular access management. Thanks to our many sponsors who hosted the event at Glen Echo Country Club.

Debbie Oberg, charge nurse for the Gambro Washington hemodialysis unit, was run over by a tractor at her farm and suffered multiple injuries. While waiting to be taken to the operating room, Debbie called her sis unit, was run over by a tractor at the Gambro Washington hemodialysis unit.

The chapter started the year off with the new officers attending the Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop. Attendees included President Joanne Brady, President-Elect Sarah Oates Randolph, Secretary Christine Seaton, and Past...
President Shirley Irvin. The officers spent the first day learning about their respective positions and the second day lobbying their state senators and representatives about issues important to nephrology nursing. Each Congressman was given a special invitation to participate in ESRD Education Day. The officers left the leadership training and the national conference with a renewed commitment to caring for ESRD patients.

On June 5 chapter officers met at the home of Joanne Brady for lunch and a planning session to outline the agenda for the coming year. Educational opportunities were scheduled and fundraising (T-shirt sales) was discussed. The chapter has done well with its T-shirt and sweatshirt sales. Treasurer Margaret Naylor reported $3,500 in sales so far with more shirts on order. The shirts, with the slogan Nephrology Nurses are Everyday Heroes, are a fun way to share what we do with the general public.

MichigANNA
Congratulations to the chapter, which was awarded the Chapter Recruitment and Retention Award at the National Symposium. The chapter received a certificate and a $500 check that will be used to benefit the chapter. Receiving this award was a terrific surprise and honor!

Welcome to the new volunteers for our education committee. Donna Brown, Mary Cox, and John Gaggin are assisting the chapter officers in developing upcoming educational activities.

Our annual fall conference will be held on September 20 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth. The day will focus on calcium-related issues in the nephrology patient, including bone disease, cardiac complications, and much more.

Back by popular demand, another 2-day conference is being planned for next year. Please email your topic suggestions to the chapter officers or education committee members.

Don’t forget that November 8 is the deadline for submitting abstracts for the 2005 National Symposium. We hope to see many chapter members share abstracts.

Heart of America
On Capitol Hill Day chapter officers Julie Ellerman-Foster, Sandra Copeland, Sara Howard, and Molly Cahill visited the offices of Missouri Senators Jim Talent and Christopher Bond, Kansas Senator Pat Roberts, and Representative Dennis Moore. They discussed the following issues with the legislators’ staff: Kidney Caucus goals, ESRD Education Day, nursing shortage, and the need for an annual update of the ESRD composite rate without bundling medication charges.

We are busy planning an educational seminar for September 16 at Harrah’s Casino in Kansas City, MO. We will be offering 7.0+ CE credits. For more information, contact Chapter President Julie Ellerman-Foster (816-363-8228, julie.ellerman@dcinc.org).

Buckeye
President Diane Hohwald, President-Elect Mary Waugh, and Secretary Kim Waugh attended the Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop. They met with the staff of Senators Dewine and Voinovich as part of a Ohio coalition. Eight Buckeye members attended the National Symposium: Marla McNabb, Diane Hohwald, Mary Waugh, Amy Baker, Cindi Dean, Jenny Clark, Nithya Lingham, and Donna Smolen. Congratulations to Amy Baker on winning the Gitchee Gumrake raffle and receiving the diamond tennis bracelet.

On May 4 we held a dinner meeting entitled Anemia: Iron Management/CQI Process (3.0 CE credits). The program was presented by American Regent Clinical Specialist Donna Nafziger. Dinner was held at Restorante Di Famiglia on the east side of Columbus. There were 14 attendees, including 3 first-time attendees who were guests of current members.

On May 26-27 the NKF conference for central Ohio was held at the Fawcett Center at OSU. Members staffed a booth to educate nephrology nurses about what ANNA has to offer locally and nationally and to recruit new members. On June 22 we enjoyed a dinner meeting at the Polaris Grill. The meeting topic was Essential Role of Vitamin D Throughout the Continuum of Chronic Kidney Disease, Cardiovascular Complications of CKD sponsored by Abbott Renal Care.

In August the chapter will staff the Ohio Nurses Association booth at the Ohio state fair to make nurses aware of the nephrology specialty.

Southeast Minnesota
The chapter held the 19th Annual Spring Conference, Super Heroes of Nephrology, at the Marriott Hotel in Rochester, MN, on May 6-7. Opening remarks honored Dr. Belding Scribner, Janel Parker, and the regional award winners as super heroes in nephrology. There were about 140 attendees from the surrounding six states. Lori Hartwell was the keynote speaker. North Central Vice President Donna BednarSKI presented Nephrology Legislative Update and Political Involvement for Nurses.

We held a board meeting on June 4 to set goals for the 2004-05 year. Michelle Lochner coordinated this meeting at the Hubbel House in Mantorville, MN. A wrap-up picnic was held at the home of President-Elect Ramona Fisher on June 16 to review the spring meeting and celebrate the year. It was well attended.

The chapter will participate in the 2004 Transplant Games in the Twin Cities on July 28-31. Several members have volunteered to help at the events. This celebration marks the 50th year of transplant, and attendance is expected to be great.

A fall membership meeting is being planned for late August. Recruitment is a key objective of our chapter and will be the focus of this meeting.

Central Missouri
Officers for the upcoming year include Immediate Past President Alice Wheat, President Kerry Farris, President-Elect Karen Pasley, Treasurer Lingchang Lou, Secretary Cathy Ashbaugh, and board members Debbie Bomberg and Dana Aholt.

The chapter hosted a conference on March 11 at the Ramada Inn in Columbia, MO, entitled Annual Nephrology Update. There were 46 attendees. We are planning another conference for March 2005. We would like to thank our corporate sponsors for their support.

Congratulations to chapter member Anita Cox, who won the Janel Parker Career Mobility Scholarship at the National Symposium.

Heart of Illinois
The chapter is not very active during the summer, but we have plans for later in the year. There will be a shopping bus trip to Iowa on November 6. Further details will be available later. Be sure to watch for updates and your chapter newsletter.

We will be sending the newsletter via email to those who have provided email addresses. If you do not receive the newsletter, contact me at julie.ellerman@dcinc.org.

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are proud of Karen for her symposium presentation *The Leader in All of Us: Developing the Passion.*

**Black Swamp**
President Rose Kirkbride, President-Elect Trish Carter, Legislative Representative Sheila Thomas, and member Ann Ellis attended the National Symposium. Sheila Thomas met on Capitol Hill along with other ANNA members from around the country. Attendees had the opportunity to present information to Senators DeWine and Voinovich and Representative Kaptur. Chapter members encouraged participation in the Renal Caucus and discussed the idea of having our local government officials visit dialysis units in their community.

Chapter members met on May 5 to plan for the year ahead. Some of the goals set for this year were to increase the number of educational offerings, recruit new chapter members, and recruit volunteers to participate in the Kidney Foundation Symposium to be held October 21.

A dinner meeting was held on May 26 at Fifi’s Restaurant in Toledo, OH. Sponsored by Dale Kemp of Abbott Renal Care, the meeting featured a presentation by Dr. Hassan Fehmi on the management of renal osteodystrophy.

**Platte River**
We have had a very productive year thanks to many members in our chapter! We hosted both fall and spring audio conferences at several sites in Nebraska. The chapter provided educational opportunities through dinner/CE presentations at Mahoney State Park Lodge on July 24, November 6, and March 20 made possible by much appreciated vendor support and collaboration from Amgen, Abbott, and the Nebraska Kidney Foundation. Our chapter has been involved in seven KEEP screenings across Nebraska with the Nebraska Kidney Foundation and plan to collaborate on as many as possible this coming year. We held our annual education conference September 24-25 in Omaha, NE, and offered the certification exam.

Plans are underway for the 2004 Educational Conference to be held September 22-23 at the Downtown Holiday Inn in Lincoln, NE. We will be hosting the CNN, CDN, and CCHR exams. For information, contact Denise Murcek (dmurcek@nebraskamed.com).

A proclamation naming August 13 as ESRD Education Day in the State of Nebraska was obtained from Governor Mike Johanns by our legislative representative, Dana Zeiss. Dana has been the chapter and state legislative representative for the past several years. Dana Zeiss will now serve as North Central Region Legislator Advisor.

Sheila O’Day has been serving on the Distance Learning Committee for the few past years and is now the committee advisor. Mary Churchill has been a part of that same committee in the CE Support section and will continue to serve this year. Peggy Gerlach was a member of the planning committee for the National Symposium in Chicago 2003 and the Fall Meeting in Savannah 2003. She also served on the ad hoc committee for the development of the mentor program for ANNA. She will now be a member of the Advanced Practice SIG committee. Denise Murcek has been serving on the Ethics Subcommittee and will continue to serve this year. She also presented Support for Family, Patients, and Caregivers Before and After Death as part of the end-of-life preconference workshop at the National Symposium.

Our chapter is very excited and proud to have won the Strategic Alliance Award and North Central Region Recruitment and Retention Award at the National Symposium. We would like to thank Kathi Huenink, immediate past president, for all her hard work this past year.

Board members for 2004-05 are: President Denise Murcek, President-Elect Karen Melcher, Secretary Rae Lynne Reddish, Treasurer Terry Munsinger, Legislative Representative Eileen Heitman, Communications/Membership Chairperson Peggy Gerlach, and Activities Chairperson Roni Schmidt. We are looking forward to another exciting and productive year and invite all nephrology nurses in Nebraska and Eastern Iowa to join us!

**Greater Minnesota**
Congratulations to Mark Rian, who recently passed the CDN exam. On May 13 we hosted an educational offering on *Current Trends in Heart Failure Treatment* (1.4 contact hours). Sylvia Fisher, Clinical Nurse Specialist, was the speaker. The business meeting and the educational offering were very well attended.

Our next meeting will be held in St. Cloud, MN, on August 5. We will have an educational offering on *Exercise Physiology with Relationship to CHF and Renal Failure.* Mark your calendars for October 7 for the Renal Symposium at St. Johns, Collegeville. One of the featured top-pics is *SARS and Bioterrorism Update* with additional information about the risks of emerging pathogens to be presented by Michael Olesen.

**Gitchee Gumee**
The chapter was well represented at the National Symposium with a chapter poster display, a booth for fundraising with cookbooks and badge clip holders, and the raffle for the much desired diamond bracelet!

Vicky Bennett and Mary Houglum arranged appointments with legislative representatives and aides for Capitol Hill Day. We all met with aides from Minnesota and Wisconsin. Mary Houglum gave a brief presentation during the legislative luncheon to help other chapters plan for ESRD Education Day.

The awards banquet was filled with wonderful surprises for the chapter. We were thrilled to be honored with the Outstanding Chapter Recognition Award. We all found out that hard work does pay off! Mary Houglum also was honored to be awarded the Director’s Award.

Incoming President Sandy Jungers, President-Elect Michelle (Shelley) Radalet, and Treasurer Vicky Bennett attended the Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop. Also serving this year is Secretary Tammy Gronski.

We are preparing for ESRD Education Day with invitations, proclamations, and plans for speakers. We’re anxiously waiting responses from the legislative representatives.

**KentuckiANNA**
Elizabeth Ann Cole and Fern Parlier attended the National Symposium. Becky Haire, Paula Shelton, and Fern Parlier also attended the Volunteer Leaders Orientation Workshop.

On May 25 the chapter hosted a CE program, *Iron Update,* with speaker Dr. George Aranoff. Thanks to sponsor Bob Cole at American Regent.

Chapter members participated in KEEP at Community Baptist Church on June 15 and at Westwood Presbyterian Church on July 13. On July 15 the chapter provided a CE offering on *Insulin Update* at the University of Louisville. On July 20 the chapter hosted a CE program on Secondary Parathyroidism. Thanks to Allen Tunstell of Nabi for sponsoring dinner.

After last year’s success, the officers are busy planning activities for this year’s ESRD Education Day.

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posed legislation on pre-ESRD education (S. 1114), the nursing shortage crisis, and the need to support the legislation for funding nurse education. We also invited the legislators to visit us in our dialysis clinics and see firsthand what we do for their dialysis-dependent constituents. Many of us who participated in this process have already seen positive results from this activity.

The SIG and I would like to thank last year’s participants for a great, productive year. A very special thank you to Andrea Conlon and Kathy Kuchta for their work in developing the SIG poster. It was really powerful and impressive to see the impact of our email project as well as view the photos from the ESRD Education Day visits.

A special thank you to Glenda Payne for bringing us a very informative presentation on the ESRD Disease Management Demonstration Project. Glenda provided approximately 100 attendees with an excellent overview of the project and the implications for nephrology nursing and the Corporate Government SIG. Understanding the design of this project, its implications for patients, interventions, evidence-based guidelines, the design of services that should promote patient self-management, treatment plan adherence, improved education and behavior modification, and how these will impact the nephrology nursing practice is invaluable to the nephrology nurse. How we work within this project will have a significant impact on the results generated and on our nursing practice. I want to thank those who attended for the questions and the discussion that followed. It was truly an exhilarating experience. I also want to thank those who so generously volunteered to serve on the SIG this year. The response to the request for volunteers clearly exemplified the synergy this presentation generated with this audience.

Watch for updates on the ESRD Disease Management Demonstration Project in future issues of the ANNA Update.

The members of the 2004-05 SIG committee are listed on page 7 of this issue. The committee is diverse in membership. It is important to remember that 50% of the members travel over large portions of the country, giving the committee the ability and opportunity to network with members and serve as communications liaisons. Because of the decision to focus on the ESRD Disease Management Demonstration Project as one of our SIG networking projects, the SIG membership will include managers and direct care staff. This will enable the SIG to obtain insights from a variety of perspectives.

If you have an ear to the issues and activities in your local area from a corporate and/or government perspective, our committee is very interested in hearing about what is happening in your region. Please let us know about activities by contacting me at scronin@bonecare.com.

Susan Cronin  
Corporate Government SIG Leader  
Badger Chapter

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Duneland

Chapter President Johanna Carey attended the National Symposium. She stated that Capitol Hill Day was a highlight of the symposium.

Beth Avanzando presented a CE program on April 22 entitled Cardiovascular Disease in Chronic Kidney Disease. The program was sponsored by Baxter.

The audio conference will be held at multiple sites on October 5. Watch for flyers with additional information.

A CE presentation sponsored by Fujisawa on Basic Immunosuppression Drug Treatment will be held on December 2. Election of officers will be held at this meeting. Flyers will be mailed with the meeting location and time.

Also in the planning stages is a “get to know you” luncheon or picnic. An invitation will be extended to all dialysis personnel in the area.

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