

APRIL 2008 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Wed, April 30: Treatment Options for Postmenopausal Osteoporosis, presented by Dr. David Weinstein, MD. RSVP Don Brady 563-508-0780 Location: Abbey Hotel, Bettendorf, Iowa (no CEUs for this program)

Next member meeting: May 15, 2008: Fibromyalgia for the Primary Care Provider Location: Biaggi's, Bettendorf, Iowa **Please see website (www.qcaapnpa.org) or enclosed flyer for additional information regarding program and RSVP information.**



Race for the Cure - Team Members Wanted!

The QCA APN/PA Alliance Marketing Committee invites its members, friends, and family to join us for the 19th annual Komen Quad Cities Race for the Cure on June 14th. The marketing committee is organizing a team that will walk together in fighting breast cancer throughout the Quad Cities.

Joining the Alliance race team is easy. Register at the Postmenopausal Osteoporosis educational meeting at the Abbey hotel on April 30 or mail the enclosed race application form, along with a check to: QCA APN/PA Alliance, P.O. Box 4349, Davenport, IA 52808 **no later than May 3rd**. This will allow plenty of time to submit our team registration packet by the deadline. For those who may want to participate, but are unable to attend, please consider *Sleep in for the Cure*. Any registrations received after May 12th will not be included with the team registration. A

date and location for packet pick-up and team T-shirts will be provided later.

Applications received will be placed in a drawing for a chance to win one of five complimentary entries. Winners will be announced and checks returned at the May 15th membership meeting at Biaggi's. Your participation is vital to the success of the Alliance team. It is also the best deal going for the Race for The Cure. You get the discounted early bird price of \$20.00 which allows you to support both the Alliance and the Race. You get **TWO** tee shirts, the official Race for the Cure shirt and the Alliance Race shirt. You don't have to fight any crowds at the I Wireless center to pick up your race materials as we will pick those up for you. And you get to have a good time and get exercise too. Registration forms may be duplicated for family and friends and are also available on our web site.

Lashon Moore, ARNP
Race for the Cure Team Captain

From the President's Pen



The Alliance has had a great start to the New Year. Our Member Appreciation Day was a great success. Our theme this year was the Wild, Wild West. We had a Rootin' Tootin' good time and were visited by the likes of Josie Wales and many other cowboys and cowgirls, including a cow puppy with his cowboy hat! The rendezvous provided a good time, good eats, good company, and in the process a little teachin' and learnin' was done.

We had our first ever member networking evening at Lavender Crest Winery on April 10, 2008. Although the weather didn't co-operate we had a wonderful evening. A few of the comments about the evening by those who attended include, "Great place - Great idea. We should do this every year." "Lavender Crest is a fabulous location! The food and wine were

fantastic!!!" "Nice opportunity to talk and get to know fellow NPs/PAs. I met a lot of people and was able to put a face to a name plus discuss common ideas. We should do this again." For those of you who were not able to attend we plan to do this again next year so keep this in mind. Everyone loved Lavender Crest so we plan to return there next year. This is a great time to pass out your cards, make contacts for referrals and have a pleasant and relaxing evening in the process.

Upcoming events include our involvement in the Race for the Cure on June 14, 2008. Please join us in walking with our team. Lashon Moore has more information on this in the previous article. Please complete the race form included and walk with us.

We have been contacted by Family Resources Dove (Domestic Violence Ended). They are sponsoring an event to get needed items for shelters for abused women. A flyer is included with information about their needs. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Hope you and your family have a great summer.

Peggy Newkirk, President
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Thomas Candler Scholarship Application

Application deadline for the Thomas Candler scholarship is soon approaching. Students pursuing a Master's or Doctoral degree as a PA or APN, who meet scholarship criteria are encouraged to apply no later than June 1, 2008. Please visit the Alliance website at www.qcaapnpa.org for the scholarship criteria and scholarship application form or call 563-940-0620.

Lashon Moore ARNP
Marketing Committee Chair

Family Fun Day - Looking for Your Ideas

The marketing committee is planning a Family Fun Day for the summer or fall of this year. This will be an opportunity for the entire family to participate and enjoy an Alliance sponsored event. However, the committee is looking for suggestions. Please complete the Family Fun Day survey at the May 15th membership meeting.

Lashon Moore ARNP
Marketing Committee Chair



Membership Committee

The membership committee is developing a new QCA APN/PA directory, which will be available at the May meeting. If you still have membership forms sitting around the house, have any recent changes in your contact information, place of employment, etc., please email them to Jean Mertes at dingolab@hotmail.com, or Kathy at sparbelj@mchsi.com. You can also mail your membership form to the Alliance address. Your assistance will help to facilitate creating a comprehensive directory of APNs and PAs to increase your visibility to colleagues and patients through website and marketing initiatives. We also request that you include one of your business cards with these forms. This will help keep our records current. If you are not sure of your membership status please look at your mailing label on the envelope. The most current year of paid membership is listed after your name. Also membership forms are included if you have not renewed your membership for 2008.

Jean Mertes - Membership Chair
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See you at the upcoming meetings - remember to RSVP!

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