

## AUGUST 2008 NEWSLETTER



### Education Committee

Sara Nyquist, Chairperson

The education committee continues to strive to offer programs furthering our members' knowledge. We have two great programs on tap for the end of the year (each of which will offer CEUs). First, we'll hear from our own **Danita Harrison at the Iowa Bennigan's on Thursday, September 18, 2008**. She will present a talk "Diabetes Management". On a daily basis, each of us sees patients living with diabetes, so this talk will be of great value to all of our members. Danita will review not only tried and true therapies for diabetes, but cover the new treatment and management options available today. See the enclosed flyer for further information.

Keep the evening of **Thursday, November 6, 2008** open for a new type of educational experience and get ready to get your hands dirty! The Alliance is presenting a hands-on event at the **Hauberg Civic Center in Rock Island, Illinois**. This special educational offering will present opportunities both for review of skills and development of new ones. We will offer sessions on joint injections, suturing methods, EKG interpretation, IUD insertion, radiology 101 and skin biopsy techniques for the office. Get ready to glove up and dive in! You will be able to participate in more than one workshop. Watch for details in September and RSVP early.

Remember, as always, to RSVP for meetings by indicated deadlines. **RSVPs allow us to schedule the event to best accommodate your needs.**



### Marketing Committee

LaShon Moore, Marketing Chair



The Marketing committee wants to thank all who participated in the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Komen Quad Cities Race June 14, 2008. What a success! More than 8000 people registered on 108 teams this year. The Alliance raffled two wine and cheese baskets with proceeds from the raffle donated to the Race for the Cure. We distributed over 1000 packets that contained information about APNs and PAs and a directory of Alliance members who are accepting new patients. We hope this results in our members obtaining new patients in their practice.

Mark your calendars for February 5, 2009 Annual Members Appreciated Day. This 'member's only' event will be held at Stoney Creek Inn, Moline, IL. The theme is "Sock Hop". There will be plenty of fun, food, prizes, and educational information. Becoming a member is easy. Visit our website and download the membership form and mail to the Alliance or register at the next membership meeting on September 18, 2008 at Bennigan's.

A Family Fun Day survey was distributed at the membership/education meeting on May 15, 2008. The marketing committee was interested in knowing if members would participate in a family event sponsored by the Alliance. At this time, the marketing committee will table the idea as the survey did not show interest in a family activity. We are interested in learning ways our organization can bring members together in fun as well as educational ways - let us know your ideas!

All Thomas Candler Scholarship applications for this year have been received by the marketing committee. Thank you for your interest and positive response. The scholarship winner will be announced at the September membership meeting.

Let your voice be heard !!! And we promise, you won't have to be in any annoying commercials ☺. Contact Shirley Williams to indicate your interest in running for a board position of **YOUR** Alliance.



**Nominating Committee**

Shirley Williams, Chairperson

Are you ready for the election season? Regardless of whether you vote 'red', 'white', or 'blue', the Alliance is seeking nominations for President, Treasurer, and three board members for the 2009 calendar year election. This is your chance to seek political office (without going into debt!). You will have the opportunity to help promote the growth and vitality of a vibrant organization of talented and dedicated professionals.



A look ahead....2009 promises to be a great year in education as well! Watch for educational programs about nutritional supplementation, rheumatology, cardiology and breast cancer, as well as others, with many offering CME/CEU credits and the popular clinical corners. We also plan to have another membership networking evening. See you all soon!

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