

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN ...

I hope you have each had an enjoyable summer and the heat hasn't gotten the better of you. The Alliance has had some very exciting things happen recently. We have awarded our first Thomas Candler Scholarship to PA student, Kate Tubbs. Rita Ledbetter and Carolene Robinson, Alliance members, have been busy winning awards and being recognized in the news media. Their accomplishments are highlighted in the newsletter. Read on! I want to congratulate Kate, Rita and Carolene for their triumphs. As the summer winds down I hope you each maintain interest in YOUR Alliance and I hope to see you at our first family picnic on September 16, 2006!

Achievement

"The roots of achievement lie in the will to become the best that you can become."

Harold Taylor



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED!

Our first Thomas Candler Scholarship will be awarded to Kate Tubbs, resident of Atkinson, IL and student at Illinois Wesleyan University. Kate was selected from a group of outstanding applicants with impressive credentials. Her educational plans are to attend Midwestern University to earn her Master of Health Sciences degree and become a Physician Assistant.

After school, Kate hopes to continue utilizing her fluent Spanish speaking ability by tending to underserved communities in rural Illinois. She believes "health care ... is one of the most admirable and humanitarian based professions available" and looks forward to having "a positive impact on the lives of others each and every day at work."

Kate will attend our Alliance meeting on November 9th, 2006 where her scholarship will be presented.

RITA LEDBETTER "TEACHER OF THE YEAR"

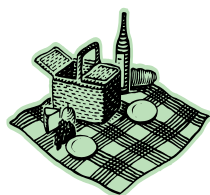
Rita Ledbetter APN MS CNM was selected to receive the 2006 "Teacher of the Year Award" for volunteer faculty by the University of Iowa Family Practice Residency Program. The award was presented in appreciation of her extraordinary time and effort in the support of family medicine education. The award recognizes excellence in training residents during their rotation in obstetrics. Her name was also added to the volunteer faculty "Teacher of the Year" plaque hung in the residency offices at the University of Iowa. This is the first time a nurse has been given this honor.

Rita states, "I was very surprised to receive the award. I became involved with the residents because I very much enjoyed talking with these young women and men. They are a great source of knowledge and I enjoy 'picking their brains' to learn the newest and best about primary care. Those who choose to do OB will often go to underserved areas. I think it is important that they learn holistic care that is evidence based. They are exposed to midwifery ways that reduce C section rates, promote great satisfaction with care, and have overall better outcomes even with high risk clients."

CAROLENE ROBINSON PRESENTS AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Carolene Robinson, MS, CNS was selected to present at the 13th annual National Evidence Based Practice Research Conference in Iowa City in April. The topic was "Implementing the Witness Project: A Culturally Sensitive Program to Encourage African-American Women to Screen for Breast and Cervical Cancer."

The prestigious conference featured presenters from across the US and Canada. The Witness Project is a breast and cervical cancer education program designed for African-American women. It is community-based and culturally competent, incorporating the spiritual environment of the faith community. It is designed to increase the number of women who practice regular cancer screening through breast self exam, mammogram, clinical breast exam, pelvic exam and pap tests.



FAMILY PICNIC

The Family Picnic for Alliance members is just around the corner. The board and special events committee look forward to spending time with you and your family on Saturday, September 16th for food, fun, games and prizes. Please check your address label on the newsletter envelope to see if you are a current member. Look for a “06” after your name. If you are not currently a member of this GREAT organization and would like to become one, you can join at the picnic. In addition, we would love to see all members wearing their Alliance shirt at the picnic, showing their support of the organization.

LISTSERV

After a temporary delay, our listserv is once again up and running. If you are a member and have not been receiving any of our email announcements over the past few weeks, please contact Renee Elmer at renelmer@geneseo.net so appropriate corrections can be made. In an effort to avoid a deluge of e-mail announcements, with few exceptions, we will be passing on only information of interest to both NPs and PAs on both sides of the river. Thank you for your patience during our transition.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

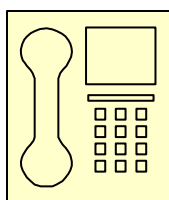
Our fall meeting will be held November 9th at Thunder Bay Grill. Watch your newsletter and/or check the website (www.qcaapnpa.org) in coming days for details!



AMERICAN COLLEGE OF CLINICIANS LOOKS AT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In the past 2 years our national organization has:

- 1) Designed and implemented a physician awareness campaign that was published in 9 different physician journals. This campaign resulted in over 100 contacts from physicians want to hire NP/PAs. The ads will continue to run through 2006.
- 2) Written over 700 letters to FDA regarding wording of consumer ads “only your doctor can prescribe.”
- 3) Designed “Patient Recognition Campaign” (NP PA patches) that are available at each of our meetings. Thus far they have sold over 1500 patches to NPs and PAs.
- 4) Held a CEU/CME conference with NPACE in Boston, MA. in December 2005.
- 5) Implemented grass roots efforts to effect positive changes for NP/PAs. They have monitored legislative and regulatory issues of concern in many states.



RSVP PLEASE

PLEASE, pay special attention and respond in a timely way to the RSVP dates for our meetings and special events. Our program planners and committees work very hard to make these events a success. We make their work so much harder with last minute responses or unannounced appearances. If your plans change and you want to attend at the last minute, you are still welcome. We will do our best to try to accommodate you but there may not be a meal available for you without a reservation. This is especially true when the food is catered to our meeting location. Thank you for your understanding.