

**Happy New Year!**  
**QCA APN/PA Alliance Newsletter for**  
**January 2007**



Greetings! 2007 was a very good year for the Alliance. Our total membership rose to a record level of 108 APNs and PAs. This is fantastic but there are still many out there who are not familiar with or who have not yet attended one of our gatherings. If you work with someone, or know someone, who is not in the Alliance, please bring them along to a meeting. If you are not sure whether or not you have paid to date, you can tell by looking at your address label. There should be a "05" or "06" or even "07" on the label; this indicates the year through which you have paid your dues.



**Member Appreciation Day!**

You don't want to miss our Member Appreciation Night on January 25, 2007 at the Stoney Creek in Moline and remember, this is open only to members. This is our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of 2007 so you and all your friends and colleagues may join or renew memberships at this fun event. Our speaker comes highly recommended. Several of our members have heard him speak in the past. His credentials are VERY impressive. Not only is he a practicing MD in Rockford, IL. He holds a Master of Science degree in epidemiology and biostatistics. He has a research fellowship and clinical fellowship in gastroenterology. He is an instructor of gastroenterology at Medical College of

Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI. He is director of research at Gastroenterology Associates, Ltd. Rockford, IL. He has received several "Excellence in Clinical Research" awards. His research experience in clinical epidemiology since 1987 is related to the epidemiology of chronic lower gastrointestinal disorders including colorectal cancer, constipation, hemorrhoidal disease, and fecal incontinence. We look forward to his talk!



**2007 QCA APN/PA Alliance Board**

Lashon Moore, chair of our Nominating Committee, is proud to announce our 2007 Board of Directors; President - Peggy Newkirk, Vice President - Janice Simmons, Treasurer - Nancy Agnew, Secretary - Jayne Gilmore, Board Members - Debra Cooney, Rebecca McCullough, Jean Mertes, Carolene Robinson, Sara Nyquist, Lou Parker. We are looking forward to another great year for our organization. We have many committees in need of member support, so if you are interested in becoming active with a committee, please speak to a board member.



**From the President's Pen**

I wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year. As you know a few of us took a detour off the healthy road in 2006 but hope all are now, like me, back on that path to good health. The board did a wonderful job in keeping the Alliance busy

by providing numerous activities for the members in 2006. We had a very successful Member Appreciation Day in Jan of 2006. We are planning another fun evening for the Member Appreciation Day on Jan 25, 2007. Please see the enclosed flyer and send in your RSVP. Other activities of 2006 included our usual education meetings and a fun day at the Scott County Park for our family picnic. I hope you were able to attend many of these activities. We have some exciting things planned for 2007. Our Alliance continues to grow in size and in scope of activities. This period of growth is a very exciting time for the Alliance. If any one has any ideas about the direction the Alliance should be heading please contact me. I am please to see that we are becoming more of a philanthropic organization. We gave our first educational scholarship in 2006. In 2007 we plan to be a sponsor for the Race for the Cure. We hope to continue to meet your needs for education, networking, and fun. Welcome to all the new board members. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months. Peggy



#### **Growing nest egg!**

Nancy Agnew, treasurer, is pleased to announce there was an increase of \$2026.39 in our bottom line from 11/2005 to 11/2006. If anyone wants to review the financial status of the Alliance feel free to contact Nancy. She wishes to thank all 108 members for their support and efforts on behalf of the Alliance.



#### **Community Outreach - Race for the Cure**

The Alliance board has voted to become a sponsor of the local Race for the Cure in June 2007 for two very good reasons; one personal and one professional.

Some of our members, many of our patients, and often our friends and family members are living with breast Cancer.

The mission of the Quad-Cities Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation is to promote research, education, screening, and treatment to eliminate mortality from breast cancer. Up to seventy-five percent of the net proceeds from the Komen Quad-Cities Race for the Cure remain in our area providing mammogram and prosthesis vouchers, medical alert bracelets, and education. Most of the funding raised helps us here, where we live and practice.

Becoming a sponsor also helps us professionally. Sponsorship provides name recognition for the Alliance on the T-shirts, through media advertising, and through our banner and booth hosted on the day of the event.

Many of our Alliance members are already involved in this worthwhile event. Some have been involved for many years. In 2007, through membership in the QC APN/PA Alliance, all of us will have a visible part in this worthwhile cause.



#### **Thomas Candler Scholarship - our first winner!**

As we announced at our picnic, Kate Tubbs was our first winner of a scholarship to help her with her PA program. In addition to her schooling, Kate is volunteering as a Spanish translator for a diabetic program at a clinic for the underserved as well as helping a Chicago homeless shelter. She was very thankful for the scholarship and glad to meet many of us at the picnic in September.

**Hope to see you all at the Member Appreciation Day Jan 25, 2007!!!!!!!**