

REGION 8 NEWS: MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN

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MY TOP 3 POINTS

Things to think about this month

NTI 2017: WOW! WOW! WOW!

What a great week we had in Houston. We kicked the week off with many preconferences! Leadership Development Workshop (LDW) was a huge success in my week! I'm so honored to have been a part of the day. The morning started with Connie Barden speaking. I enjoyed her wit and humor in her presentation. Then she was followed by our keynote, Terri "TK" Kiss. She challenged us to step outside our comfort zone and challenged us to practice our "super woman poses". In the afternoon, we celebrated the winning chapters in the Chapter Circle of Excellence Awards! The celebratory atmosphere was amazing! Congratulations to all the winning chapters! I look forward to seeing many of the



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year! Thank you to those of you who joined me at this year's NTI at the Region 8 table! I enjoyed talking with and collaborating with all of you!

Call for abstracts, NTI 2018: If you've been thinking about submitting an abstract for NTI 2018, there is still time left. Abstracts for sessions are due June 15th. The process is all online. Let me know if you need help navigating the online portal. I've submitted my own abstract for next year as well! If you have the desire to be a speaker and want some experience this is a great time to do so! Because It Matters! Find out more information about submitting your abstract [here](#).

Guided by Why: AACN President-Elect, Christine "Chris" Schulman announced Wednesday morning the newest NTI theme "Guided by why". When she revealed her theme and the artwork at the super session, there was a magical feel in the air. I've share the artwork on the [Region 8 Facebook page](#) already from the photos I took during the session. The



IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 1 to June 15
Abstract due for
NTI 2018

AACN EDUCATION! Webinars:

- June 8th 10:00am
(Pacific) Q&A:
Strategies to prevent
ventilator associated
events
- July 13th 10:00am
(Pacific) The science
of quality CPR: Why
it matters



downloadable artwork will be

available on the AACN website soon. I look forward to seeing how each chapter and each chapter member uses this year's theme!

IT MATTERS TO BE GUIDED BY WHY!

Region 8 Challenge!

I have a challenge for all the chapters over the next year. I challenge all the chapters to submit an exemplar (or more) for chapter awards. This year only 65 out of 220 Chapters submitted exemplars for chapter awards!

Your exemplars should model the theme for the next year. Hint: quantitative information in invaluable to a well written exemplar! This is the time to celebrate the chapters and what you do best as chapters for

nursing, for the communities and for each other. Be proud of what you've done and what you are doing at the chapter level. There are multiple awards that AACN has. Read more about the [awards here](#).

BEACON- GO FOR THE BRONZE, SILVER OR GOLD!

Is your unit Beacon? Are you thinking about becoming starting the Beacon journey for your unit? Or are you currently on the Beacon journey? Beacon is an amazing journey that celebrates what your units

do every day for your chapters. AACN takes pride in recognizing nursing greatness at all levels. As I prepare to work on Regional Video conferences, Beacon is one of the topics that is on my list of

topics to cover. I know talking to many at NTI this past week, many are thinking about it. Let's demystify the Beacon journey! There's more information about [Beacon Online](#) as well!

REGION 8 SPEAKERS LIST

Let's Develop a regional resource!

I'm continuing to take names for the Region 8 speakers list. Feel free to send me an email at

Region8@aacn.org with your name and topic(s) that you have developed. This will be available ONLY to Region 8

chapters for educational purposes only. If you would like a copy of the list, let me know.

HOW TO REACH ME:

Two-way communication is vital for chapter success!

What are your chapter activities? How is the chapter incorporating the theme into this year's activities? How is your Chapter Needs Assessment, SWOT Analysis and Succession planning going for next year? I'm here to help you succeed! I want to be able to share your victories as well!

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