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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear GVNA Members:



Thank you for being a member of GVNA. GVNA continues to be a vibrant and strong organization that represents the profession of nursing in our 7-county region of New York State. Lots of things have been happening over the past two years under the leadership of our Past-President, Natalie Masco. Outgoing and incoming members of the BOD have already met and begun planning for the upcoming year. We have continuing education offerings planned for fall 2017 and you can find those under the "Save the Date" section of this newsletter.

Thank you for being a member of GVNA. We are always looking for new members so take the time to invite a friend or colleague to become a member of GVNA. And remember that nurse graduates receive their first year of membership for free with application within one year of licensure. More information can be found at: <https://gvna.nursingnetwork.com/page/30821-membership-information>.

Thank you for being a member of GVNA. Are you looking to become more involved in your professional organization? All committees are looking for new members with fresh ideas. The Program Committee is the committee in most need of new members. Contact me at gynassociation@gmail.com if you would like to help out.

Thank you for being a member of GVNA. I am looking forward to working with you and for you over these next two years~
Nancy Iafrati

Message from Natalie Masco, the outgoing president:

Dear GVNA Members:

GVNA continues to be a vibrant and strong organization that represents the profession of nursing in our 7-county region of NYS. Thanks to all of you for being a member and thanks to all the BOD and committees who do the work of this organization. Here is an overview of our accomplishments over the past year:

- Membership Committee-We continue to be 162 members strong. Thanks to Lory Shellman for her continued leadership. We continue to build relationships with specialty nursing organizations in the region to provide educational programs based on areas of interest.
- Program Committee-Six programs were offered this year on a variety of topics including diabetes and arthritis. Over 325 nurses attended and CEUs were offered. Thanks to Jayne De Point for her leadership on this committee for the past four years. We are looking for someone to take over as chair of the Program Committee to continue our robust programming.
- Legislative Committee-Our 32nd Annual Legislative Reception was held in February with over 150 nurses, nursing students and legislators in attendance. We continue our advocacy for the BS in 10 Bill.
- Director at Large: Based on the needs of the ROC and feedback from Mayor Warren, GVNA partnered with Person Centered Housing Options (PCHO) to meet the needs of their clients. Members donated numerous household items and personal care items, as well as money to provide holiday meals for each family in the program. Thanks to Tonya Erdle for starting this relationship. Welcome to Kathleen Mullaney who is taking over the position as Director at Large.
- Nominations & Awards Committee: Thanks to Karen Parker for coordinating the elections and for coordinating the Annual GVNA Awards that were given out at the Annual Spring Dinner in May.
- Bylaws Committee: Thanks to Marilyn Dollinger for continuing to serve as chairperson. GVNA Bylaws have recently been updated and can be found on the GVNA website.
- Communications Committee-The website and Facebook remain sources of reliable communication with member. Thanks to Erin Brand who takes care of this and who is in charge of the newsletter.
- Finance Committee-GVNA remains financially sound. Thanks to Kathie Dever for keeping us organized and up-to-date on our finances.
- Secretary-Thank you to Tammy Roman who served as secretary for the past two years and welcome to Lynn Bement who is now serving as GVNA Secretary.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your President over the past two years~

Natalie Masco

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DATE:

September 13th:

Empathy and
Compassion

September 15-16th:

ANA-NY Annual
Meeting and
Conference

October 3rd:

“Violence, Compassion
and the Brain”

Upcoming event: Violence, Compassion & the Brain

On the evening of October 3, GVNA and the Coalition of Nursing Organizations for the Greater Rochester Monroe County Region are co-sponsoring a talk by Jeremy Richman, PhD on Violence, Compassion and the Brain. Dr. Richman is the Co-Founder and CEO of the Avielle Foundation. His daughter was one of the twenty children killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012. His talk does not focus on how bad the killer was, but instead focuses on what factors influence these young people to commit such horrific acts. If we can find this out, we can then find out ways to prevent this from happening in the future. Several members of GVNA heard him speak at last year's ANA-NY Annual Meeting and thought he was one of the most amazing speakers that we have ever heard.

Take the time to invite friends and colleagues to this offering. Although multiple nursing organizations are sponsoring this event, it is not just for health care providers. His talk would be of interest to anyone including parents, teachers, students, law enforcement and by families affect by violence. Rochester Regional Health System will be providing Continuing Education Credit for Nurses and Social Workers. Check out this video to see more about Dr. Richman: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_2yQFs-A04 Registration for this event will be opening up in the month of August. Hope to see you there.

Legislative Update on BS in 10

The Annual Albany Lobby Day to promote BS in 10 was held in early May. Forty members of the New York Organization of Nurse Executives and Leaders (NYONEL), the American Nurses Association, New York (ANA-NY), and the Coalition to Advance Nursing Education (CANE) were in attendance.

The BS in 10 (Assembly bill #1842A) moved out of the Assembly's Codes Committee on June 6 and is now progressing to the Ways and Means Committee. This is the last hurdle it needs to jump before it goes to the floor for vote by the full Assembly. PLEASE contact your Assembly Member, particularly if s/he is on the Ways and Means Committee. In the GVNA region, this includes David Gantt, Stephen Hawley and Robert Oaks. As always, please copy Assembly Majority Leader Morelle or e-mail him to let him know you've sent correspondences: MorelleJ@nyassembly.gov

In your message, include the following: the fact that you are an RN, how many years you have worked in NY, stress if you are constituent and that you want the Member to vote the bill out of the Committee because...and then include some facts such as, lower patient deaths and complications such as pneumonia, leg clots, urinary infections and health care savings. Don't forget to include your name and address. There is still enough time left in the session for us to get this bill passed!! If you would like weekly updates, email Barbara Zittel [bzittel@live.com]

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GVNA 2017 Award Winners:

Nurse Practice - Cathy VanHouten, RN

Student Leadership - Emily Caro/The College at Brockport

Student Leadership - Chelsea Sedlak/St. John Fisher College

Membership Award - Lisa Della Posta, RN

Legislative Award - Laura Markwick, RN

Nurse Administrator Award- Elizabeth Zicari, RN

The awards were presented at the Annual Spring Dinner held at the Burgundy Basin Inn on May 10, 2017.

Volunteer for GVNA

We are looking for volunteers to assist GVNA in a variety of activities including events planning, membership recruitment, legislation, community service, awards, and nominations.

Please email gvnassociation@gmail.com if you are interested in joining this committee or talk to a board member at an upcoming event.

GVNA Executive Board 2017-2018

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Nancy Iafrati

President-elect:

Elected in 2018

Secretary:

Lynn Bement

Treasurer:

Kathie Dever

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Lillian Heindl

Communications:

Erin Brand

Awards and Nominations:

Karen Parker

Director at Large:

Kat Mullaney

