Region 3 July Update

Welcome New Region 3 Chapter Leaders!

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| High Five! |
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| Oh, Hello. |
| cid:image003.png@01D2F6FB.C2F05440​ | I also want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the new chapter leaders. I’m Desiree Hodges. I live in Middletown, Delaware with my husband and 2 daughters. I am an Assistant Nurse Manager of a Cardiovascular Critical Care Complex!  I have been a nurse for almost 20 years and I am super excited to serve as your CAT! |

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| Uh, so what is a CAT anyway? |
| cid:image004.jpg@01D2F6FB.C2F05440​ | Chapter Advisory Team = CATA CAT is a liaison between AACN National and ChaptersAs your CAT, my role is to represent you and your activities to National and other chapters. Think of me as your cheerleader! ***I can't wait to brag about you to National, so please be sure to include on your emails to officers and members.***  Also consider me your guide to any issues, questions, or concerns you may have regarding chapter activities and required reporting. No question is too small or too silly. I’m here for you! I volunteer my time and energy because I believe in the impact chapters have on the communities they serve. |
|  Monthly Region 3 Collaborative Call |
| cid:image005.jpg@01D2F6FB.C2F05440​ | I will soon be setting up a monthly conference call for Region 3.  We will have our first call in August.  Stay tuned for date and time.  Many chapters have the same struggles so this is a great opportunity to share ideas.  |
|  President’s Theme |
| cid:image006.jpg@01D2F6FB.C2F05440​ | This year’s AACN President's Theme is **“Guided by Why".**Christine Schulman encourages us to reconnect with our WHY. “*When we do this,” she says, “we reaffirm our core purpose and have a guiding beacon for what we can — what we must — do to ensure that every patient gets the excellent care they deserve. And that every nurse has the tools and the skills they need to provide that care.”* |
|  Finally: Important Dates!! |
| cid:image007.jpg@01D2F6FB.C2F05440​ | August 15th* Annual [Audit Form](http://mini.aacn.org/PMods/Forms/FormsTemplate.aspx?template=/WD/Forms/Docs/Chapter%20Audit%20Form.xml&mod=Chapters&showresults=False&showAllItems=False) Due
* Annual [Check Signer Form](http://mini.aacn.org/PMods/Forms/FormsTemplate.aspx?template=/WD/Forms/Docs/Chapter%20Check%20Signer%20Form.xml&mod=Chapters&showresults=False&showAllItems=False) Due
* Quarter 4 [Financial Report](http://mini.aacn.org/dm/chapters/forms.aspx?menu=chapters) Due
* [Officer Transition Checklist](http://mini.aacn.org/wd/chapters/docs/public/chapter-transition-checklist.pdf) Due

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Two- Way Communication is VITAL to the success of the chapter, the Region and AACN on a national level.  I each chapter to respond back to me no later than July 29, 2017 with a couple of things:  What communication style is your preference and any topics that you may want to discus in our upcoming August collaborative call.  I have also attached a couple of reference items:  Chapter 101 and the Governance Manual.  I am looking forward to a great year with all of you and I will be in touch soon!

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