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FALL 2017

GVNA Board of Directors Biannual Update:

Kathie Dever/Treasurer: GVNA continues to be financially solvent. Because we cut our costs down ten years ago by going to a virtual office, we have not had to raise our annual dues in a long time and have no plans to do this in the future.

Lory Shellman/Membership Liaison: Thanks to all of you for continuing to be a member of your professional nursing organization. The committee has been reaching out to outlying areas in our 7-county region in an attempt to reach potential members. We now plan on reaching out to nursing students and recent graduates.

Karen Parker/Nominations and Awards Committee: Our Annual Spring Dinner will be on Wednesday, May 9 at the Italian American Community Center in Gates. Information will be out in early spring about elections and awards.

Erin Brand on Communications: Ideas for our biannual newsletter can be sent to me at gvnassociation@gmail.com. Please take the time to join us our Facebook Page.

Lillian Heindl/Legislative Liaison: Our 33rd Annual Legislative Reception will be on Thursday, February 15th at St. John Fisher College. Flyer should be coming out soon.

Kathleen Mullaney/Director at Large: GVNA is in the process of teaming up with Intervol. In the spring, we will be looking for donations to this organization. Details to follow.

Nancy Iafrati/GVNA President: Thank you to Pamela White for volunteering to serve as secretary. We still are looking for someone to serve on the BOD as Program Liaison. GVNA has hosted some offerings in the fall and we have some plans for spring 2018. On January 11, there will be an offering on Inflammatory Back Pain: Recognition & Diagnosis at the Del Monte Inn in Pittsford. Thanks to AbbVie for hosting this event and to Natalie Masco-Dixon/Past-President for coordinating this event.

ANA-New York Annual Meeting and Conference

ANA-New York, the professional association for registered nurses in New York State, held its Annual Meeting and Conference in mid-September. ANA-NY now has over 5000 members since its inception in December 2012. GVNA is an organizational affiliate of ANA-NY and many area nurses serve in some type of leadership role in this organization including:

- Dr. Jeanine Santelli (most recent position as Chairperson of the Department of Nursing at Nazareth College) has been the ANA-NY Executive Director since 2016.
- Susan Read (Visiting Assistant Professor at St. John Fisher College) just finished up her term as Vice President of ANA-NY.
- Dr. Victoria Record (Dean of Finger Lakes Health College of Nursing) was recently appointed as a Director-at-Large for ANA-NY.
- Dr. Marilyn Dollinger (Professor and Executive Associate Dean at St. John Fisher College) has served as Chairperson of the Legislation Committee.
- Mel Callan (FNP at Highland Family Medicine) continues to serve as a member of the Legislative Committee.
- Jeffry Schwerfeger (President of JAS Health Care Counseling) has been elected as a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee.

ANA-New York is a constituent member of the American Nurses Association. ANA designated 2017 is the Year of the Healthy Nurse. ANA-NY followed that theme with presentations on humor, sleep, being a healthy professional, telemedicine and The Nurses Health Study. Marilyn Dollinger presented the 2017-18 ANA-NY Legislative Agenda which can be found at <http://www.ana-newyork.org/Main-Menu-Categories/Members-only/Legislative-Agenda>.

ANA-NY 2017 Newsletter link: <http://nursingald.com/publications/1580>

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SAVE THE DATE:

January 11th:

Offering on Inflammatory Back Pain at the Del Monte Inn in Pittsford

February 15th:

33rd Annual Legislative Reception in Basil Hall at St. John Fisher College

May 9th:

GVNA Annual Dinner & Awards Banquet at the Italian-American Community Center

Reserve your spot on the GVNA website today!

Successful fall program: Violence, Compassion & the Brain

Dr. Jeremy Richman came to the Rochester area on October 3 for his talk on Violence, Compassion and the Brain. We had over 250 people in attendance and this included nurses, nursing students, social workers, and



educators. A reminder that Dr. Richman's Power Point Slides from his talk are available on the GVNA website.

Organizers of this event expected to get press; it was promoted in a guest editorial in the Democrat and Chronicle three days before the event, Dr. Richman had a TV interview with Adam Chodak from Channel 8 the day before the event and Dr. Richman had a radio interview with Evan Dawson on WXXI Radio on the day of the event. These were all planned in advance. Unfortunately, the Las Vegas Shooting happened the day that Dr. Richman arrived in town. As a result, he was interviewed by many additional media outlets prior to his talk and his entire presentation was filmed by WXXI for PBS.

It took many nurses and many nursing organizations to pull off what we did. We got a national speaker to come to our area to speak to a large audience on such an important and timely topic. Thanks to many community nursing sponsors and members of the committee that made this even possible.

Thanks to all of our generous sponsors:

American Association of Critical Care Nurses/Greater Rochester Area Finger Lakes Chapter

Association of perioperative Registered Nurses/Chapter #3305

The College at Brockport Department of Nursing

Emergency Nurses Association/Genesee Valley Chapter

Finger Lakes Organization of Nurse Executives

Genesee Valley Nurses Association

Nurse Practitioner Association of New York/Region 2

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St John Fisher College Wegmans School of Nursing

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Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society/Central & Western NY Affiliate

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Defining Hope

On November 1, the first day of National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, the movie Defining Hope premiered in over 100 movie theaters across the nation. Defining Hope is a story about people weighing what matters most at the fragile junctures in life and the nurses who guide them. Thank you to ANA-NY who organized and sponsored the premiere in our area. Over 100 nurses and nursing students along with family and friends were at the premiere. This movie was the second movie about nursing produced by Carolyn Jones. The American Nurse: Healing in America was her first film. In both films, she was able to capture nursing excellence and its essential role in better care for everyone.

Thank You GVNA!



Collard Green Curves-The Nurse Bowick Story depicts the life of a misguided obese girl growing up so consumed with self-hate, overeating, misinformation and distrust that it catapulted her into a life filled with unbelievable curves. The sold out Geva premier of the new stage-play coined "Community Health Edu-tainment" mesmerized the audience with a one-hour taste of an incredible, funny, tear jerking performance of Theresa Lou Bowick's journey to conquer unhealthy habits and fight to achieve her goal to become a God directed victorious Nurse.

Thanks to GVNA for your support of this offering at the Fringe Fest in September 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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