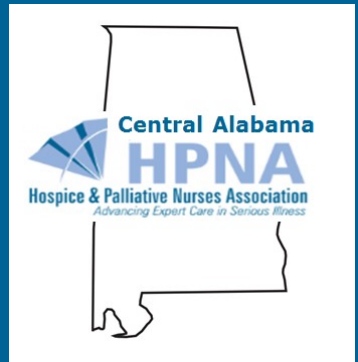


Central AL HPNA



Fall 2018

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Next chapter meeting:

When: Oct 18, 2018 from 6-8 PM
Where: The Center for Psychiatric Medicine (2nd Floor Auditorium) | 1713 6th Ave S | Birmingham, AL 35233

Parking lot is in front of the building and will be validated

Topic: The End of the Journey: Patients with LVADs

Speaker: Dr. Keith Swetz & Dr. Sandhya Mudumbi

RSVP: alhpna.nursingnetwork.com

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Can't make it to the chapter meeting in person?

Join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:

<https://www.gotomeet.me/CentralALHPNA>

or

You can dial in using your phone: 1 (872) 240-3412

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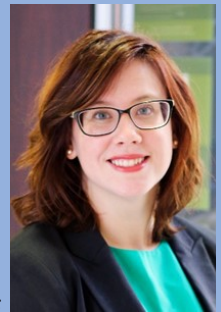
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Meet Our Membership Committee Co-Chair

Rachel Wells,
MSN, RN, CNL



My name is Rachel Wells. I am a 2nd year full time PhD student at the UAB School of Nursing and a Research Assistant on the ENABLE CHF-PC research study. I grew up in various small towns outside of Washington D.C. and moved to Birmingham in high school. Although I spent most of my childhood in Maryland and Virginia, my family is from Pickens County, Alabama. I have a Bachelor of Science degree (2006) in Microbiology along with English and Classics (Ancient Greek & Latin) from the University of Alabama. I worked as a lab instructor prior to entering the Accelerated Masters of Nursing program at UAB where I graduated with my Clinical Nurse Leader in 2010. Prior to graduation, I began work as a cardiovascular nurse on the Heart and Lung Transplant ICU at UAB and have remained in cardiovascular nursing in various settings for the majority of my nursing career. I live in Hoover with my husband Brian, an internal medicine physician, our 5-year old son, John, and our cat, Mabel Mae.

Things I like to do in my spare time (which is laughable as a mom and a PhD student!) include baking, reading (especially fiction), gardening, and trivia.

Save the Dates

October 18: Central AL HPNA Chapter Meeting at Children's of Alabama

October 23: RN Education Series: Beyond the Walls: Bringing Palliative Care to the Community by Connie Dahlin. Visit <https://alhpna.nursingnetwork.com> for more information

November 1-2: UAB's Palliative Care Summit. Contact Stacey Miller at (205) 934-4462 or staceymiller@uabmc.edu for more information

December 13: Central AL HPNA Chapter Meeting (time and place TBA)

HPNA Leadership Retreat

Central AL HPNA represented our chapter at the HPNA Leadership Retreat on July 18-21. They presented "Transforming the Care and Culture of Serious Illness." Thanks for representing!



Left to right: Central AL HPNA President Eunita Robertson; Treasurer Diane Payne; and President Elect Dena Clayton

Congratulations!

Our President Elect, Dena Clayton, will be featured on the December 2019 cover of the Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing! Congratulations on this national honor!



Congratulations to our President, Eunita Robertson for her recent appointment as our Southeastern Region District Leader!

Call to Action

Looking to serve your local HPNA chapter? There are several opportunities coming open this year.

Elected Positions:

Secretary & Treasurer

Committee Chair Positions:

Membership Chair & Nominating Chair

Nominations will begin in October with elections being held in November for the two elected positions (Secretary and Treasurer). The two committee chair positions are also available by appointment (Membership and Nominating Chairs). If you have an interest to serve or would like to nominate, please contact Stephen Howell (sjhowell@uabmc.edu) or Eunita Robertson(hpnaofcentralalabama@gmail.com).

2019 Quarterly Meetings:

What topics and collaborations would you like to see in 2019? We would like to know!

hpnaofcentralalabama@gmail.com

Calling All Members!

Calling all members to encourage your friends & coworkers of all disciplines to join our chapter.

Our mission is to advance expert care in serious illness and we need your help to continue this very important mission.

Last year, chapter membership fees helped fund a number of efforts toward increasing community awareness of hospice and palliative care including:

- ELNEC Course offering with over 80 attendees
- Before I Die project
- Defining Hope Film at Regal Cinemas with onsite discussion panel of experts & distribution of Advance Care Planning packets to attendees
- Quarterly chapter meetings including venue, notable speakers on topics specific to hospice and palliative care, contact hours, & dinner.

This year, we are accomplishing even more including:

- Biannual Fall Conference
- Community Service Project
- Social work CEU provider status

However, we couldn't do it without the support of membership. Please join our organization for another successful year by renewing your membership or joining today! Its quick, easy to renew/join, & only costs \$25.00! To renew/join, simply click on <https://alhpna.nursingnetwork.com> then click on "[Become a member](#)" tab.



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Community

You voted! The Community Service Project for 2018 is.....

Lighthouse Women and Children's Shelter

stay tuned to the website & social media for more info

Asking All Members

Always looking for way to better the Central Alabama Chapter of HPNA and the Hospice and Palliative community in Central Alabama, some ideas have come up for ways to better serve our nurses and social workers.

In thinking about ways to rework the fall conference, we have four ideas:

1. Move the bi-annual conference to spring.
2. Partner with other organizations for a bi-annual fall conference.
3. No longer have the conference. Instead, have more frequent CE classes.

Let leadership know your thoughts by emailing hpnaofcentralalabama@gmail.com