



NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019



HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE!!

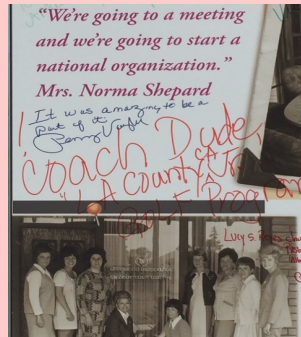


The GCAC-AACN would like to once again thank everyone who attended the educational programs during the 2018-2019 session. We had an exceptional year including co-hosting the Region 10 Meeting with the Northwest Chapter, 12-Lead EKG course taught by members Tao Zheng and Judy Giovannelli, and the CCRN/PCCN Review Course with Nicole Kupchik. In addition, we voted in a new chapter logo pictured above!!

INTRODUCING THE 2019-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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This year's NTI in Orlando was once again a rich experience. CONGRATULATIONS TO AACN—50 YEARS STRONG!! And it all started with a meeting lead by Mrs. Norma Shephard. We had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Penny Vaughn, one of the original founders!



Additional photos from the conference may be viewed on GCACs website.
<https://gcacaacn.nursingnetwork.com>

AACN's new president, Megan Brunson, introduced the new theme:

“UNSTOPPABLE”

“Unstoppable is knowing if we get knocked down, we get up again”.



Megan further discussed her gratitude for being able to serve the AACN. She inspires everyone to mentor others to precept, achieve certification, and continue to provide excellent patient care.

Program planning has begun for the upcoming year. The following is a list of tentative educational offerings that are currently in the working phase. In particular, the September program is confirmed and registration is open on the website.

2019-2020 GEAC PROGRAMS!!

Don't miss

NTI 2020!!

**Indianapolis,
Indiana**

May 3-7

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Topic: Pressure Injury Prevention

Sponsored by Smith & Nephew

6pm—Maggiano's at Old Orchard

SATURDAY, OCTOBER-date TBD

Halloween Talks and Tales

7:30am-12:00pm

JANUARY

Nurse's Night Out

Chicago Blackhawks Game-date TBD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

Heart Month-location and topic TBD

7:30am-12:00pm

JUNE 9, 2020

Annual June Dinner Meeting

Location Topic TBD

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS

One of the goals we recently discussed as a Board is to continue to collaborate with other Illinois chapters, especially those not near to a metro area. It was great to network with all of them at the LDW at NTI including our chapter advisor, Anna Mall.



As your input is always so valuable, please reach out to any one of the Board members for questions or suggestions that you may feel would enhance the chapter experience.

Thank you all for your continued support and passion for critical care nursing and see you in September!

Sincerely,

Gerri M. Kaye, MS, APN, CNS, CCRN
GCAC President

