

# The Monitor

American Association of Critical Care Nurses  
Greater Milwaukee Area Chapter



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## Unstoppable

AACN 2019-2020 Theme

*Unstoppable is knowing if we get knocked down, we get up again. It's using our unique talents to expose inefficiencies and celebrate positive, innovative solutions, no matter how small.*

~ Megan Brunson, AACN President

## Message from GMAC President Jennifer Prom



We are in unprecedented times and proving just how unstoppable nurses really are. I think about the nurse who posted a picture of herself after taking her mask off with facial bruising in Italy. She talked about the how she couldn't go to the bathroom, eat or drink anything for 6 hours because of their PPE process. Although many of us have gone hours on end without these basic necessities, during this time of exhaustion, it makes it that much worse. The sacrifices that so many healthcare workers are making right now are beyond measure. It is a call to action and a feeling of duty to push ourselves past to what we



## Message from GMAC President Jennifer Prom, continued

already thought was our max. I am so proud to be in the company of true heroes.

I would like to recognize all of the certified nurses. March 19th was Certified Nurses Day. Thank you for your dedication and commitment in becoming experts in your craft.

A couple of announcements, given that NTI has been canceled our scholarship applicants are encouraged to apply for next year. Also, in light of COVID-19, our April education session is canceled. More information will be coming out regarding our June dinner this year.

We have three elect board member positions available: President Elect, Vice-President Elect, and Treasure Elect. Being in an elect position allows for you to learn the role for a year before taking the ranks. Being on the board is a great way to build leadership skills and as someone once told me, it looks great on your resume.

Please remember to take care of yourself, get rest when you can, stay hydrated and remember to breathe. This too shall pass.

*Jen*

Jennifer Prom, MSHA, BBA, BSN, RN, NE-BC



## Social Media – Elisabeth Stewart

Take a moment to see the good:

[Some Good News](#)

Visit <https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com> to  
register for ALL events!  
And Find Us Here on Social Media



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## Treasurer's Report – Kathrine Barry

### The Treasurer's Chest

We did not have a basket raffle at the February Education Session due to not having anyone volunteer to donate a basket to raffle off. If you are ever interested in doing one for an upcoming session just contact me or any board member. In the future we will have other opportunities for cash raffle at the Education Sessions so remember to keep bringing your cash! You could win a year membership!

### I & O's

Wells Fargo  
Checking \$15,484.91  
Savings \$10,586.23

Baird Investment  
\$22,243.03



## Membership – Jackie Klotz

### Elections are Here!

It is time to begin submitting nominations for the 2020-2021 GMAC Board. Please click [HERE](#) to nominate yourself or another individual for an open position. If you are nominating another individual, please inform them! No surprises! Elections will take place at the April 23<sup>rd</sup> educational meeting.

### Membership Update

Current Membership: 9 • New Members: 5 • Renewals: 12

#### Membership Reminders:

1. We have transitioned to an all-electronic membership at this time. Please visit <https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com> to join or renew membership today. Yearly GMAC membership \$37 and student membership \$10.
2. Cash will be accepted for guests and students at the education sessions. Fees are Guest \$ 21 and student \$10.
3. Print membership cards from <https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com>
4. Please share with colleagues about this amazing professional nursing organization!
5. Changes to Bulk Membership: Click [HERE](#) for details



## Education Committee

### Chapter Education Programs 2019-2020

**We appreciate your pre-registration for programs via chapter website:**

<https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com>

**Location:** Ascension/Wheaton Wauwatosa, 201 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, Conf. Rm 5A&B

**Time:** Registration and Light Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Presentations 6:00-7:00 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

**April 23, 2020**

**We regret to inform you that the April 23, 2020 Education sessions and chapter meeting has been cancelled. This is in compliance with the governors' order to limit groups to <10 people. Additionally, we anticipate that you all are continuing to focus on keeping your patients and families well. We look forward to re-scheduling both presenters from our April meeting to a session in 2020-2021. Watch the chapter website for updates on future programs.**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 1700-2100**

**Thursday, November 12, 2020, 1700-2100**

One benefit for AACN-GMAC members is free CE's for monthly education sessions. Every effort is made to obtain required information from speakers to obtain CE approval from AACN prior to the session. There may be times when we are unable to complete the process prior to the scheduled session. If /when that occurs, AACN-GMAC will offer attendees Continuing Education Recognition Points (CERPs). CERPs are recognized by the AACN Certification Corporation and fulfill educational requirements for certification. Synergy CERP is a program exclusive to AACN for nurses wishing to recertify through AACN.

Please visit the AACN-GMAC website for specific topics, speakers and handouts (when provided):

<https://milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com>

### Special Thanks to Our Sponsors!

We greatly appreciate our sponsors for upcoming Education Session:

**Chiesi USA, Inc. & Merck Medical**

In addition to bringing our members information to improve their practice, our sponsors help support education programs by offsetting expenses. Please stop by their tables at the next education session.

### JOIN THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE!!!

Next Education Committee meeting is on April 6, 2020, 6:30-8:00 pm, Panera at Mayfair Mall.



## Outreach Opportunities – Jackie Klotz

### GMAC is always looking for Outreach Projects!

Unfortunately, due to limitations of COVID-19, outreach is postponed until Fall of 2020. Please keep looking for ways to serve for when we can resume.

If you have any suggestions on how we can donate our time, talents, monetary etc., we would love to hear from you! If anyone is interested in joining the Outreach Committee, please feel free to email Jackie Klotz at [milwaukeeaacn@gmail.com](mailto:milwaukeeaacn@gmail.com) for more information!



## Calendar & Events

### NTI 2020 Cancelled

Scholarships will be available for NTI 2021. More information to come.

### June Dinner – Cancelled

Unfortunately, all events are canceled through June 1st at this time. Any potential June gatherings will be tentative and adjusted based on the circumstances at that time.

GMAC Events			
Monitor Distribution	Educational Sessions	General Board Meetings	Educational Board Meetings
09/09/19	09/10/19	10/10/19	10/21/19
10/28/19	11/14/19	01/09/20	
02/03/20	02/18/2020	03/12/20	02/24/20
03/30/20	<b>APRIL CANCELLED</b>	05/14/20	More to Come
07/06/20			
<b>TIME:</b>	1730-2100	1800-1900	1830-2000

- Educational Meetings
  - Location: Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-Wauwatosa, 201 N Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, Conference Center, Rooms 5A & 5B
  - Registration 5:30-6:00pm
  - Presentations: 6:00-7:00pm & 7:30-8:00pm
- Board Meetings
  - Location: Corner Bakery Café at the Mayfair Collection, 11500 W Burleigh St #102, Wauwatosa, WI 53222