

**Spring has Sprung!**

**(At least in the south!)**

As the weather gets warmer for us in the south, take some time outdoors to really enjoy the sunshine, beautiful azaleas and other colorful plants that we are blessed with in early spring. Start your garden, take walks, ride your bikes. There is nothing as re-generating as being outdoors in beautiful weather.

It is so important to stay in touch with each other during this time as we continue measures to protect ourselves and each other. An email or text message or card can make all the difference.

At our recent AACN update with Liz Bridges, we were reminded of all the work our organization has done at the national level to support nurses during the past year amidst crisis and chaos; and how instrumental nursing has been to the survival of so many. Liz summed it up beautifully:

*The world has shifted. We have stepped forward to meet the challenge of a global pandemic with fierceness and determination, adapting to some version of a ‘next normal’ while leading astounding innovative practices in patient care.*

* + *Liz Bridges*

**Chapter Happenings**

The Greater Savannah Area Chapter provided baskets of goodies along with AACN resource materials and a Thank You card to nurses in 25 ICUs in coastal Georgia and Carolina during the week of March 16. It was a great project and a good way to remind these nurses that AACN is here for them.

Has your chapter been involved in activities to thank or recognize colleagues? Let me know so we can share with the Region

**Region 6 Planning Committee Update**

The Planning committee has a new chair – Alicia Weaver from North West Georgia Chapter. Alicia has been a member of the committee for several years and we are so appreciative of her leadership.

In place of the annual conference, the planning committee is offering quarterly virtual CE programs sponsored by different chapters and open to the entire region. Please join us on April 13 for a presentation by Mary Kay Bader on “Non-convulsive Status Epilepticus – Improving Patient Care”

[For more information and To register click on this link.](https://aacnregion6.nursingnetwork.com/nursing-events)

Region 6 has established a $500 scholarship in memory of Sherry Haislip, who worked tirelessly as the Committee Chair for many years and was dedicated to nursing and AACN. Chapters are nominating members for consideration and recipient will be announced later in April. Part of this year’s scholarship money will be used for NTI registration.

**2021 NTI – May 24-27**

[**Registration is open!**](https://www.aacn.org/conferences-and-events/nti)

Although we will not be together physically, the excellence we have come to expect from NTI will be at the forefront of this virtual experience. Participants with have six hours over four days of a fully immersive, interactive conference experience including:

* Over 200 scheduled and on-demand sessions covering 30 diverse clinical and professional development topics based on what our attendees tell us they value most
* Three days of high-energy SuperSessions featuring inspirational keynotes by well-known speakers and AACN board leaders, plus lively entertainment and fun surprises
* Full access to on-demand sessions and as many as 200 CEs through the end of October offering the most valuable professional investment of the year
* The best of the Critical Care Exposition online, with practice and technology innovations from exhibitors, ExpoEd exhibitor education and one-on-one appointments with exhibitors

As always, I am available by email or phone for any assistance you or your chapter needs, or to just talk about challenges.

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