

## AACN Region 6 CAT October 2022 Update



"Rebooting ourselves for a new AACN year, we will start now with renewed hope. Because hope transforms. We will find the pockets of hope within the grief. We will repair the broken pieces with hope, creating something stronger and more beautiful than what was there before. We can make a difference. Along the way, let's be prepared to ruffle some feathers. We can do this together. We are not alone.

And we will do it."

-- Amanda Battencourt, AACN President

I just love these inspiring words. So, I thought I would share them once again. What do you and your colleagues need to renew your hope and rejuvenate your practice? What can local chapters do to meet that need? These are the challenges facing so many chapters not only in Region 6 but throughout the country. As stated above "We can make a difference, we are not alone and we will do it!"

### REGION 6 CHAPTERS

Here is a list of the 12 chapters across Alabama and Georgia that make up Region 6. I am very proud of each of these local chapters and all the work they have done and continue to do to support the nurses in their respective areas of the region.

Athens Classic City – Theresa Pottier, President

[Atlanta Area](#) – Rhonda Freeman, President

[Central Savannah River Area](#) - Jennifer Broxton, President

[Greater Birmingham Area](#) – Cheri Plasters, President

[Greater Savannah Area](#) – Kimberly Burke, President

Greater Tuscaloosa Area – Rebecca Owens, President

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Greater Wiregrass Area – Tami Shirah, President

[Heart of Georgia](#) – Michelle Gordon, President

[North Alabama](#) – Preston Miller, President

[Northeast Georgia](#) – Abigail Burdeois & Hailey Clark, Co-Presidents

Northwest Georgia – Alicia Weaver, President]

[Southwest Georgia](#) - Mary Vaiculevich, President

### NEWS AND NOTES

#### **AACN Chapters are now live on Nursing Network!**

I have signed up to follow all the Region 6 chapters and am seeing some good things going on. If you need assistance setting up your chapter website use [this resource](#) and/or contact me. Always remember that you can get help using the website from the [Nursing network Moderator Hub](#) or just contact me. I have lots of experience with the many functions Nursing Network has to offer the chapters.

Check out the Chapter Portal on your website. So many resources for new and returning chapter leaders on "HOW TO ..." Saves a lot of time searching the AACN website for chapter specific information.

Work is ongoing to merge the Chapter Database (AACN Chapter Portal) and Nursing Network for the "one stop shop" experience for our Chapter leaders. The goal will be for only ONE database to be managed - stay tuned for more information!

**Approaching Deadlines** 1st Quarter (July-Sept) Financial Reports due 11/15/2022, Non-Employee Compensation Form due 12/31/2022. AACN understands chapters may still be "On Pause" and not meeting or holding events. The IRS still requires AACN to submit financial reports for each chapter. We are here to help facilitate sustaining your chapter. If you have concerns specifically about meeting the report deadline, please email [Chapter@aacn.org](mailto:Chapter@aacn.org) or contact me.

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

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