NURSES: THE ETHICAL FORCE IN HEALTH CARE

ANA-NY hosted its third Annual Convention in Albany at the end of September with many attendees from the GVNA Region. Here are some highlights from the meeting which focused on ethics:

* *http://www.nursingworld.org/DocumentVault/Ethics\_1/Code-of-Ethics-for-Nurses.html*

Marcia Fowler spoke about the” 2015 ANA Code of Ethics.” Areas were updated and new areas were introduced. One area of interest is the section on *Impaired Practice* (3.6) which focuses on the need for the nurse to get sleep and to avoid fatigue. Barbara Glickstein then went on to talk about: “Nurses: Highly Ethical Professionals.” Nursing is continually recognized as the most honest and ethical profession year after year.

* *http://americannurseproject.com/*

One evening, attendees got to see *The American Nurse,* which is a movie that follows the personal story of five nurses and highlights the difference that they make in the lives of their patients and vice versa. The photographs and narratives inspire audiences to think about nurses in a way that they may never have before, with a newfound appreciation for this indispensable figure on the front lines of health and healthcare today: the American nurse.

* *http://www.nysna.org/nursing-practice/statewide-peer-assistance-nurses#.VkpJGkYpp2A*   
  Madeline Naegle & Barbara Nahmias talked about impaired practice, rather than the impaired nurse and focused on SPAN (Statewide Peer Assistance for Nurses Program) as a resource that is available. A reminder that there is a $5 year surcharge on your license and registration that supports this very worthwhile program. Contact SPAN if you would like a speaker to talk to your organization.
* *http://ana-newyork.org/Main-Menu-Categories/Meetings/Reports/2015-2017-ANA-NY-Legislative-Agenda-Draft.html#page=page-1*

Dr. Marilyn Dollinger from St. John Fisher College Wegmans School of Nursing is head of ANA-NY’s Legislative Committee and presented the ANA-NY Legislative Agenda for 2015-2017. Our biggest legislative priority is the Educational Advancement Bill, also known as the “BS in 10.” If you would like to get weekly updates starting on the first of the year concerning the progress of this bill, email Dr. Barbara Zitell ([bzittel@live.com](mailto:bzittel@live.com)). She is in charge of CANE, which is the Coalition for Advancement of Nursing Education.

* Congratulations to Susan Read from St. John Fisher College Wegmans School of Nursing as she was elected Vice President of ANA-NY.
* http://nursingworld.org/joinana.aspx

You are already a member of the organization that represents the profession of nursing in our region (GVNA) and your support is greatly appreciated. If you are not already a member of ANA-NY, please consider becoming a member of the organization that represents nurses in New York State (ANA-NY).