

# REGION 8 NEWS: MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES

## MY TOP 3 POINTS

Things to think about this month

**Event Calendar:** The event calendar is a great place to share your chapter events. Under that Chapter tab in your officer log-in you will find the events tab. You can fill out the form and your events are added to the AACN calendar! This is a great way to share your events for your chapters and with other chapters. You can also email me your event fliers and I will be happy to share them with the Region 8 chapters.

### Leadership Development

**Workshop:** It's not too early to start planning for LDW 2017! As a new CAT this year, I'm looking forward to being a part of this event. This is a great day-long educational session that supports

leadership of the chapters. There's lots of sharing, networking, celebration, and bonding! Now is a good time to plan for who may be attending in 2017! If you think you're going to attend, let me know.

**Communication:** In order to facilitate our communication better I'm scheduling time to Zoom with Region members. Zoom is an online video conferencing platform that is free! I'm working on a schedule for the upcoming couple of months.... watch your emails. I'm also free to schedule individual sessions for each chapter. I haven't heard from many of you so I need to hear from you soon!

## IT MATTERS

CCRN Turns 40 this year!

Thinking about the It Matters theme this month, we talked about the CCRN certification turning 40 this year! This year AACN has over 100,000 certified



nurses with AACN certifications! Certification is such an important process to improve our patient care at the bedside! We all know from school how important improving patient outcomes. Being a certified nurse also

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and Oct 14<sup>th</sup>- CCRN and PCCN Review-Wisconsin/GMAC chapter
- May 22 to 25: NTI 2017, Huston, Texas- May 21: Leadership Development Workshop
- Nov 15<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Reports due (July to Sept)
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup>- Non-employee compensation forms are due!

## AACN EDUCATION!

- Oct 13<sup>th</sup>: Webinar- Preventing the Acute-on-chronic Pain Transition
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup>: Webinar-Brain Death: Confounders, Testing and Clinical Issues

becomes a role model for other nurses.

## HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENTS

Apply the HWE to more than just your clinical practice

Health work Environments is the model released by AACN in 2005. For those of you who aren't familiar with the HWE model, there is a downloadable free from the AACN website under Clinical Practice then Health Work Environments. I have a copy saved on my computer as well as a copy printed out right now. As I shared last month, I have been able to use the information in my

classes. I even used the HWE model in my discussion board last night. There are a lot of articles out there on AACN's HWE model as well.

If you have checked it out yet, there is also a HWE presentation in your chapter resource library in your chapter section of your AACN website. This is a great educational tool for your chapters and for your units.

## I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Two-way communication is vital for chapter success!

This month I'm adding dates for video conferencing through Zoom. What are your chapter activities? How is the chapter incorporating the theme into this year's activities? How is your Chapter Needs Assessment, SWOT Analysis and Succession planning going? I want to

hear from all my chapters! I'm here to help you succeed! I want to be able to share your victories as well!

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