

REGION 8 NEWS: MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CRITICAL CARE NURSES



CONGRATULATIONS:

Leah Borchardt, Critical Care Nurse Practitioner,
Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-All Saints, Racine, WI!

Leah is a winner for the Individual Circle of Excellence
Award! Great job!

And Congratulations to all the other winners across the
country!

MY TOP 3 POINTS

Things to think about this month

LDW and NTI: Only 126 days to
NTI and 125 days until LDW! (As of
Jan 14th!). Have you made your
travel plans? Booked your hotel?
Early bird registration starts very
soon and ends April 5th! I'm
excited to meet as many of you
as I can in Huston! The chapter
advisory team is busy planning
LDW and we have a great start! I
can't wait to share the
experience with as many of you
as we can!

Call for abstracts: As hard as it
is to imagine, it takes a long time
to plan NTI. The call for abstracts
for 2018 will open in March! It
seems like a long time, but there
is a lot, and I mean A LOT, of
planning that needs to go into
putting on a conference for so
many nurses!!!! It takes the
chapter advisory team almost
the entire year just to plan LDW!
If you're thinking about

presenting in Boston, keep an
eye open for submission dates.
I'll let you know when I know!

Communication: Every month
I write about communication. It
is essential and required that your
chapters communicate with me.
I have not heard from many of
the chapters. This makes me
worried. As chapter advisors, we
don't follow to old saying of "no
news is good news". Please
reach out to me, even if it is as
simple as, "we're doing ok.
We're working on....." If you're
not sure what to tell me, tell me
anything that your chapter is
doing, or hopes to do! What
educational topics is your
chapter working on? Are you
looking for speakers? Do you
need help with education?
What about leadership
development? Succession
planning? Treasurer's reports?



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Jan 23rd: Poster presentation submissions due
- Feb 15th: President's Award for Chapters due!
- Feb 15th- Second quarter reports are due
- May 22 to 25: NTI 2017, Huston, Texas- May 21: Leadership Development Workshop

AACN EDUCATION! Webinars:

- Feb 9: Updating Your Practice: The 2017 Sepsis Guidelines
- Mar 9: Recognize Subtle Stroke Signs: Quick Action Saves Brain

You get the idea. The list of things can be endless that you

tell me about! Not sure how to get me? Check out the end of

the newsletter. I've listed several ways to find me!

IT MATTERS

New year, new game plan!

Many of us find that during the new year we are making our New Year's resolutions. How about your chapters? What goals have your chapters set for the year? I'm challenging all my

chapters to tell me your chapter goals for this year. What educational goals does your chapter have? What about succession planning? Did the chapter do a SWOT analysis? Are

you planning for LDW and NTI? Are you planning for chapter officer elections?

Next tell me what I can do as the chapter advisor to help your chapter be successful.

HEALTHY WORK ENVIRONMENTS

Skilled Communication

Continuing on the theme of communication, which seems to have emerged this month, I choose skilled communication as the HWE topic to write about this month. Communication happens everywhere and it's an essential element of our profession. Healthy work environments call for skilled communication which entails listening, critical thinking and feedback to occur in the healthcare environment. Skilled communication is a part of safe patient care and can prevent errors in care. It has been found that many nurses feel like they cannot communicate with colleagues, physicians, managers or even patients and that this lack of communication leads to medical errors

and possibly to patient harm. Crucial conversations is an excellent educational book (and presentation) that helps professionals, not just nurses, develop their communication skills. I have the book and have been working through it to improve my own communication skills. This not only helps us to understand the skill of communication but helps to develop the comfort in having difficult conversations in the work environment.

The healthy work environments is found on the AACN website. There are also multiple educational resources that are linked to HWEs on the page.

REGION 8 SPEAKERS LIST

Let's Develop a regional resource!

Recently Karen Certalic shared with the Chapter Advisory Team some tips about maintaining regional speaker lists. This is not something our region has, but I would love to start one. If you, or someone you know, is interested in being listed on a regional speaker list, please let me know.

Information should include name, contact information and topics that they will speak on, as well as any additional information. Before putting any names on the list I am required to verify that person's information and that they would want to be listed publicly. This will be a great

resource for our chapters to support their educational ideas. This list will be an informational only list and will not be promoted as an advertisement. It will also be noted that the list does not imply endorsement for any speaker. I look forward to helping those who want to

speaking and sharing their
knowledge and connecting

chapters to resources for
educational needs.

HOW TO REACH ME:

Two-way communication is vital for chapter success!

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 for next year? I'm here to help you succeed! I want to be able to share your victories as well!

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