

The Monitor



American Association of Critical Care Nurses - Greater Milwaukee Area Chapter



Message from the President – Jessica Panfil

Happy Spring! I trust that you are all doing well and sticking to those resolutions you made at the beginning of the year! Great Job! Keep up the good work! It is easier to remain healthy and active with the fresh air, blooming flowers, and renewed energy. During this time, remember that IT MATTERS! Certification, continuing education, and this organization matter!

2016-2017 Board Members

- President: Jessica Panfil
- President-elect: Deb Casper
- Vice President: Available
- Vice President-Elect: Amanda Hackbarth
- Treasurer: Lori Grade
- Treasurer-elect: Available
- Member At Large (Membership): Carrie Brandt
- Member At Large (Social Media & Outreach): Jenny Hansen
- Treasurer-elect: Available
- Secretary: Val Kolmer
- Board Learning Partners: Available

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Congratulations to all those certified nurses that have taken this step toward nursing excellence! I personally commend you for your dedication! For all you that are certified we will be taking a picture at the May 10th meeting and featuring it on our website and in the Monitor! For those that remain interested in certification, GMAC continues to support your journey by offering a CCRN/PCCN Review Course (next offered during the 2018-2019 term). You have some time to consider this opportunity, but make the decision to get it done because IT MATTERS. The more prepared you are, the better!

I hope you are prepared for NTI as it is coming up soon! Houston is right around the corner, May 22-25th! Check out our NTI tab on our web page for useful hints and suggestions. New Orleans NTI was phenomenal and it was awe-inspiring to be there with so many amazing nurses who are dedicated to their profession. Although I am unable to attend this year, I will be with you in spirit! Be sure to tag us on Facebook in your pictures, post to AACN, or send us your pictures so we can post them on our page! Also, consider sending us your favorite picture(s) with a small paragraph of your experience so we can show the rest of our members and feature it in the Monitor. Your continuing education MATTERS to us and we would like to be there to support you!



Message from the President, continued – Jessica Panfil

GMAC MATTERS! This chapter has been for me and can be for you, a way into a community of exceptional nurses that can bring about new and exciting opportunities! Each one of our 101 members brings their voice or presence to the table through their support of GMAC! I encourage and will assist any nurse with becoming more involved in GMAC! It can be something quite amazing for you, so don't miss out. There are board positions available or simply sign up to be a Board Learning Partner and see what a board position could be for you!

Taking into consideration certification, continuing education, and GMAC, ask yourself, what MATTERS to you! What is important for you to get started on today? GMAC is here to help. All you have to do is let us know what matters to you by emailing milwaukeeaacn@gmail.com. Who knows, what matters to you could be one of our topics for next year! Can't wait to hear from you!



NTI Matters

**NTI 2017 Houston, Texas
May 22-25**



The National Teaching Institute & Critical care Exposition offers learning, motivation, inspiration and celebration for high acuity and critical care nurses. More than 37.5 continuing education (CE) contact hours, the outstanding and diverse learning opportunities and inspirational gatherings promise to reignite your commitment to your

Send us your name, contact information, and where you will be staying and those GMAC members in attendance will reach out to you while in Houston. Send to milwaukeeaacn@gmail.com

Upon your return, we would love to hear about your NTI Experience. Please, submit a small paragraph with a picture for inclusion in the June Monitor.

Check out the website <https://www.aacn.org/conferences-and-events/nti> for more information.!

Message from the Vice President Elect— Amanda Hackbarth

Here is what our Vice President Elect had to say about the 2017 Midwest Conference...

The AACN Midwest Conference, hosted by the Northwest Chicago Chapter of AACN, took place the 23rd and 24th of March this year. The Eaglewood Resort & Spa in Itasca, IL provided exceptional hospitality as the backdrop for some serious evidence-based learning for over 300 attendees each day. A total of 13 vendors were on hand to provide information about and demonstration of their patient care equipment as well as 23 content experts to present at a grand total of 32 breakout session offerings and 2 keynote presentations. On top of that, three vendor-sponsored sessions were available outside of scheduled conference hours. In all, participants had the opportunity to walk away from this impressive offering with up to 13 CEUs.

Thursdays sessions started off with a very uplifting keynote speech from current AACN President, Clareen Wiencek. She invited us all to reflect on the moment that we each *knew* that we matter. She highlighted the importance of bedside nurses as driving forces in forward-progress of patient care in America's hospitals while reminding us that there is still much work to do. Her keynote set the tone for a full day of learning with topics spanning cardiac care, best practice implementation, a dash of trauma, some discussion on healthy work environments and bit about the fine line between ICU care and end of life care emphasizing where Palliative care specialists fit into that dynamic.

Friday morning was off to a splendid start with Dave Hanson, Past AACN President, offering a Keynote presentation addressing change fatigue and tips on remaining resilient through it all. His presentation, aptly named "Continual, Non-stop, Unrelenting, Constant, Never-ending Change: Survival Strategies for Nurses" really struck a chord with many of the nurses in attendance. He drove home the dangers of nurses becoming disengaged—increased stress and fatigue in staff translates into poor staff retention and, even scarier, a decline in patient safety. While his presentation was highly relatable for those in formal management positions, even bedside staff could come out of the session with a feeling of ownership and empowerment to handle the onslaught of day to day changes. The remainder of the day played out with sessions covering CV surgery populations, Sepsis standards of care, Stroke management and small smattering of ethics, advocacy and professional recognition.

The 2017 Midwest Conference was a well put together event with camaraderie, rejuvenation and networking opportunities reminiscent of a smaller version of NTI in addition, of course, to offering an abundance of relevant knowledge. Given the close proximity, smaller time and financial commitment and more intimate setting, this event is well worth attending if you aren't able to attend to NTI—or even if you are!

Here is a link to a site that was highlighted by Clareen Wiencek in her keynote speech at the conference: www.safecarecampaign.org



Certification Matters



GMAC HONORS CERTIFIED NURSES

Each year, GMAC takes a moment to honor the men and women who have taken on the challenge of the national certification examination in their chosen specialties. Certification is a way for nurses to show each other, employers, patients and family members that they have the skills, knowledge, and dedication to maintain the education to meet national standards. This reflects a commitment to your profession and your patient care.

CONGRATULATIONS on new and renewed certifications!

Breann Adam, RN, BSN, PCCN
Martina J Adams, RN, BS, CCRN
Joanna C. Alfredson, RN, BSN, CCRN
Mary B Baerwald, RN, CCRN
Paula Balestieri, RN, CCRN
Linda M Bay, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, PCCN
Mary Ann Bolhuis, RN, CCRN
Jeanne E Braby, RN, MSN, CCRN
Donna Braunreiter, MSN, RN, OCN, ACNS-BC
Caroline M Brandt, RN, BSN, CCRN
Debra J Casper, RN, MSN, ACNP-BC, CCRN
Holly L Clanton, RN, BSN, CCRN, CHPN
Leslie M Daugherty, BSN, RN, CCRN
Elizabeth A Dietz, RN, MSN, CCNS, CCRN-K
Diane K. Dressler, MSN, RN, CCRN-R
Kathleen Epping, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC
Wanda K Erickson, RN, BSN, CCRN
Diane Fulbright-Lamp, BSN, RN, CCRN
Lori A Grade, RN, BSN, CCRN
Amanda Hackbarth, RN, BSN, CCRN
Beth Hammer, MSN, RN, APN-BC
Patricia Haugh, RN, MSN, CCRN
Alison Hoffman, RN, BSN, CCRN
Jean G Hogan, RN, BSN, PCCN
Mary Jiricka, RN, APN-C, CCRN
Laurie Johnson, RN, CCRN
Kayleen Kaufmann, RN, BSN, CCRN
Brian King, DNP, RN, CCRN

Yolonda L Klabunde, RN, PCCN
Valerie Kolmer, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC
Pam Konrath, MSN, RN, ACCNS-AG-BS, CCRN
Joanne Krumberger, MSN, RN, FAAN, FACHE
Judith Mapalo, BSN, RN, CCRN
Nancy L Mayville, RN, BSN, CCRN
Debra J McCann, RN, MSN, MBA, CCRN, NE-BC
Kaylen Moore, RN, BSN, CCRN, SANE-A, SANE-P
Diane Lynn Mosey, MSN, RN, FNP-C, PCCN, ANC, EMT-IV
Mary Jo Palmstein, RN, BSN, CCRN
Jessica Panfil, MSN, RN, PCCN
Anne M. Putzer, RN, MS, CCRN, ACNS-BC
Kara L. Reyes, BSN, RN, CCRN
Suzanne Sala, RN, BSN, CNRN, CCRN
Darlene E Sargent, BSN, RN, CCRN, CNML
Eunice Simmons, RN, BSN, CCRN
Karen P Shapiro, RN, BSN, PCCN
Allie A Sment, MSN, RN, ACCNS, CCRN, CSC
Linda Stephenson, RN, BSN, CCRN
Helen S Toledo, RN, BSN, CCRN
Lyndee Lee Torres, RN, BS, PCCN
Rose Vanevenhoven, RN, MSN, BA, CCRN
Kristin Weitmann, RN, APNP
Michelle Westrich, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, CCRN
Laura Wisniewski, BSN, RN, CCRN
David Zapencki, MSN/Ed, RN, CCRN, CSC, CMC

***This is a compilation from the chapter database of active chapter members as of 3/20/2017. If you are not on this list and have your certification we apologize and would like to hear from you as there may be a miscommunication between the local and national level. Please notify membership as you may be listed as Inactive. Also check your certification through aacn.org

Certification Matters, Cont'd.

What Does Certification Represent to You?

Validation	Excellence
Pride	Recognition
Role Model	Career Advancement

(AACN, 2017)



Want to see your name here next year? Not sure if you are ready? You can do it! Talk to one of your coworkers, someone on this list or any of the board members! Visit www.aacn.org today to find out more.

Watch for our next CCRN/PCCN review course in 2018. This class is a great way to finalize your studying and review before your test!

IT MATTERS to Become a GMAC Board Member



The Future Matters!

GMAC's Board of Directors is elected annually by chapter members. The board is the governing body of the chapter and is charged with the responsibility to engage members in a variety of activities by providing educational, social and philanthropic events throughout the year. Many Board Positions are available for the 2017-2018 year. Which one fits you?

President

The President's fundamental responsibility is to lead the board of directors in their governance of the chapter. The President is accountable to oversee meetings of the board and chapter, develop the future goals and annual objectives for the chapter, formulate the annual budget, and ensure regular communication to the chapter regarding progress toward the annual objectives and the financial status of the chapter. This is a one year commitment after serving in the elect position for one year prior.

President-Elect

The President-Elect is the member of the executive board who provides continuity of leadership of the chapter. During the president-elect year, he or she becomes familiar with the responsibilities of the president, in preparation for succession to the presidency at the term expiration or resignation. In addition, the president-elect is prepared to perform the duties of the president in their absence or inability to act. This is a one year commitment with the assumption you would move into the president position for an additional year.

Vice President/Education Chair

It is the vice president's responsibility to lead the education committee. The VP coordinates the functions of the education team to provide high quality and relevant educational programming for chapter members. This is a one year commitment after serving in the elect position for one year.

GMAC Board Positions, Cont'd.

Vice President-Elect

The vice president-elect becomes familiar with the duties of the vice president so he or she may succeed the vice president at the expiration of his or her term or resignation. In addition, the vice president-elect performs the duties of the office of the VP in their absence or inability to act. The vice president-elect also works with the VP to coordinate educational programming for the chapter. This is a one year commitment with the assumption you would move into the vice-president position for an additional year.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the ongoing management, accounting, and reporting of the chapter's finances. This includes developing the budget, ensuring reporting requirements to National are met and that the chapter finances are reported to the full membership on a regular basis. This is a one year commitment after serving in the elect position for one year.

Treasurer-Elect

The treasurer-elect becomes familiar with the duties of the treasurer so he or she may succeed the treasurer at the expiration of his or her term or resignation. In addition, the treasurer-elect performs the duties of the office of the treasurer in the absence of the treasurer or their inability to act. This is a one year commitment with the assumption you would move into the treasurer position for an additional year.

Secretary

The secretary facilitates open communication between the chapter, executive board, committees, membership, and the community. The secretary adheres to the policies and procedures of the chapter and the AACN Board of Directors in all correspondence. In addition, the secretary provides continuity of chapter proceedings through record keeping of all official activities. This is a two-year commitment.

Member-At-Large/Social Media and Outreach Chair

The member-at-large functions as a liaison to members, coordinates outreach programs, and facilitates communication between the executive board and the members by organizing The Monitor, chapter website and Facebook account. The member-at-large leads also communicates with hospitals, schools, vendors, and other professionals within the community. This is a one year commitment and more than one person can share the responsibilities.

Member-At-Large/ Membership Chair

The member-at-large leads the chapter's membership by coordinating all membership registration, facilitating payment of dues and tracking attendance at education meetings. This is a one year commitment.

Board Learning Partner

In this position you spend the year as a board member learning the roles of all the positions and helping out with projects to get a feel for where you best fit.



Consider becoming more involved in GMAC. We have great opportunities available for you to participate in and let your nursing and leadership skills shine! Please, take the following Survey Monkey to nominate a nurse for the 2017-2018 GMAC Leadership Year. You can select from the nurse listed or nominate a nurse. The nurse can be yourself, or someone you feel would excel at the position (as long as they know you are nominating them)! **DUE May 1st**,

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MMQGHJL>

Scholarship Opportunity

The Wisconsin League for Nursing proudly promotes the profession of nursing through scholarships awarded to enrolled undergraduate, graduate, and high school nursing students.

Scholarship Program

The Wisconsin League for Nursing (WLN) Scholarship Program is available to Wisconsin residents currently enrolled in Schools of Nursing. All scholarships are awarded at the WLN Conference. Scholarship winners will be announced in 2017 and awarded only if monies are available.

Donors that have supported the WLN scholarships in past years include:

The ANTHEM Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Grant is to be awarded to students who are either working towards an ADN, bachelors of science in nursing or graduate degree (MS, DNP, or PhD) in nursing currently enrolled in a nursing program and have finished at least half of their nursing credits.

Deaconess School of Nursing Alumnae Association, Inc. Scholarship: the LaVerne Foster Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who has been accepted to a nursing or pre-nursing program. The Russell Seager Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of a 1981 Deaconess graduate killed at Fort Hood in 2009.

Herbert H. Kohl Charities Scholarship

Greater Milwaukee Foundation Scholarship and the Jeannette McKelvey Scholarship is given to students from Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington or Ozaukee counties.

Helen Daniels Bader Fund supports a grant through WLN's efforts to promote advanced nursing studies, with an emphasis on gerontology in rural areas of Wisconsin. The WLN offers tuition support to individuals who will focus on gerontology as they pursue an advanced practice nursing degree or post-master's certificate of education degree.

An additional grant subsidy by the HDBF focuses on adult geriatric certification of registered nurses and advanced practice nurses in the immediate post-graduation period. This unique grant reimburses eligible applicants who do not have financial support from employers to take the certification tests.

The scholarship funded by NurseTim, Inc. provides support to a doctoral-level nurse educator student.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact:

Dr. Linda Matheson	lkmatheson85@marianuniversity.edu
Dr. Nancy Stuever	nlstuever@wi.rr.com

Scholarship Opportunity, Cont'd.

Adult Geriatric Certification (Credentialing) Requirements

Bader Scholarship - Direct your questions to: Maureen Greene at mtgreene22@gmail.com

A divided distribution of \$5,000.00 annually one year grant for credentialing support of post-graduate candidates (BSN, MSN, DNP, PhD) whose intent is to seek a Certification in ADULT GERONTOLOGY.

Criteria: ☐ Employed in a setting that provide care for geriatric clients in the STATE of WISCONSIN ☐ A resident of the STATE of WISCONSIN ☐ A Wisconsin Licensed registered nurse in good standing through the Board of Nursing ☐ Intent to take an Adult-Geriatric Credentialing TEST within 6 months of the application. ☐ The CREDENTIALING FUNDS cannot be used for re-credentialing as the goal of the demonstration project is to increase the number of certified nurses in the State of Wisconsin ☐ Current Job description OR in the case of a recent graduate of an advanced nursing degree program (Clinical Nurse Specialist or Doctorate of Nursing), planned employment validation that requires certification as a basis for employment with an employment affidavit of applicant's current or intended job outlining adult-geriatric knowledge or skills requirements. ☐ The following certification areas will be considered as described by the American Nursing Credentialing Center ANCC and endorsed by the American Geriatrics Society: ☐ Gerontological Nursing Certification ☐ Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification ☐ Adult-Gerontology CNS ☐ Gerontological CNS ☐ Nurse Practitioner Certifications ☐ Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP ☐ Adult Gerontology Primary Care NP ☐ Gerontological NP.

Process of Review and Award: ☐ Applications will be reviewed on a case by case review process—based on criteria and funds will be disbursed until the Demonstration CREDENTIALING FUNDS are exhausted FOR A DISBURSEMENT YEAR. ☐ The credentialing applicants will complete an application submission process requesting, personal residence and contact information in addition to academic degree completion, employment certification, letter of endorsement from the employer demonstrating an agency strategic goal or job requirements for advanced certification where employer financial support for credentialing is NOT available, and a statement from the applicant indicating the purpose and intended timing of the credentialing TESTING. ☐ A Letter of Completion of the ADULT-GERONTOLOGIC Certification from the credentialing agency MUST be submitted to the WLN within 6 months of the disbursement. The grant money will be disbursed in reimbursement to the grant recipient after submission of verification of testing outcome within 6 months and submission of copies of the payment and application from the credentialing agency (ANCC or other). ☐ The amounts of these credentialing test disbursements may vary depending on the testing credential and agency. ☐ It is the intent of this grant funding to support the increase in specialty gerontology certified nurses in the State of Wisconsin. Therefore, passing scores with credentialing is the intended outcome. WLN desires to support passing candidates who are dedicated to prepare for these exams. If a candidate fails to pass the first attempt, guidance from the WLN scholarship committee will be provided by the WLN scholarship committee to encourage successful retesting within the 5-month period. ☐ This Credentialing Campaign ends when the annual fund amount is fully disbursed and verified.

The Wisconsin League for Nursing, in cooperation with the Helen Daniels Bader Fund, reserve the right to alter and amend these awards, rules and disbursements related to the above referenced scholarships and grants. Funds are distributed according to a Helen Daniels Bader Fund approved distribution plan in accordance with the criteria reviewed by the Wisconsin League for Nursing Scholarship Committee and the Executive Board and WLN Directors.

Treasurer's Report- Lori Grade

Part of keeping GMAC flourishing is making sure we have the resources to keep doing what we're doing: Providing excellent educational opportunities in settings that promote relaxed and engaged learning, hosting CCRN review courses to promote the value of certification among our peers and providing scholarships for programs such as NTI and the CCRN review course.

Part of our chapter's responsibilities also include having financial transparency and accountability with our national partner, AACN. We're looking for someone who would be willing to spend the 2017-18 year learning the ropes of the treasurer role, so that you could take over that responsibility the following year. Mentoring and encouragement are part of the package! If you are looking for a way to get involved without a huge time commitment, join us on the board as treasurer-elect! Nominate yourself or someone else at the survey monkey on page 5.

GMAC Financials as of March 31st, 2017

Wells Fargo Checking Account:	\$4,071.31
Wells Fargo Savings Account:	\$10,576.69
Baird Investment Account:	\$21,564.00
Paypal:	\$4,927.97

Region 8 – Serving Wisconsin and Michigan

Region 8 Advisor:

- Alanna Fitzgerald, BSN, RN, PCCN
- Region8@aacn.org

Wisconsin Chapters:

- Greater Milwaukee Area Chapter
- Indianhead Chapter
- North Central Wisconsin Chapter
- Northeastern Wisconsin Chapter
- South Central Wisconsin Chapter



The February Region 8 Newsletter is posted on our website,

milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com

under the "Region 8" link.

Education Committee- Beth Hammer and Deb Casper

DATE	TOPIC	SPEAKERS
April 20 th , 2017 5:30pm-8:30pm Educational Session (2.5 CEU)	Post Concussive Syndrome	Denise Miller Niklasch, DNP, APNP, ANP-BC, CNRN (Medical College of WI, Department of Neurology)
	Transition of Care Program -Heart Failure Team, St. Joseph Hospital, Milwaukee	Jennifer Scheuber, BSN, RN Carol Hennessy, RN, ACM
May 10 th , 2017 5:15pm-8:00pm Nurse's Week Event (1 CEU)	Healthy Work Environment: What is it, How Can I Get It and Why Should I Care?	Mary Bylone, RN, MSM, CNML

Educational Session:

FREE for AACN-GMAC members; Non-members \$20/evening (2 CEUs); Students \$15/night
Registration and Light Dinner: 5:30-6:00 p.m.

REMINDER! Go to GMAC website after each session to complete evaluation and get your CEs: milwaukeeaacn.com, then click on Continuing Education Credits and complete the survey.

Be sure to watch for e-mails and Facebook/Website posts to secure your seat at this special event.




Mark your calendars for May 10, 2017, a special Nurse's Week event that includes a AACN-GMAC Members Only reception and awards/recognition followed by a second reception that you can invite your friends and colleagues to join you at. The reception will include heavy appetizers and a presentation by national recognized speaker, author, and consultant Mary Bylone, RN, MSM, CNML, Founder and Principle consultant for Leaders Within.

Mary's successful career includes several formal nursing leadership roles, most recently as regional Vice President for Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer. Teams that she has led describe her as a "Nurses Nurse," a title she cherishes tremendously. Mary has authored many articles, contributed to book publications and produced webinars on various topics involving creating a healthy work environment. She has worked with AACN to promote the standards of a healthy work environment for over ten years and served on the national board of directors for the organization from 2011-2014, as well as other volunteer leadership positions involving local, regional and national focus. She is also active at the state level as a charter member of the Connecticut Nursing Collaborative-Action Coalition, working to implement the recommendations from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report on The Future of Nursing.



She will be presenting: ***"Healthy Work Environment: What is it, How do I get one, and Why should I care?"***

Education, Cont'd



AACN-GMAC
Greater Milwaukee Area Chapter of AACN

Since 1973
Member of 2009 American
Nurses Association
of the Midwest


Celebrate Nurse's Week with GMAC

Wednesday May 10, 2017
St. Camillus- Zingsheim Room
10101W. Wisconsin Avenue- Milwaukee, WI 53226

5:15-5:30 p.m.
Checkin for AACN-GMAC members

5:30-6:15 p.m.
Awards / Recognition Reception
AACN-GMAC members only


6:15-7:00 p.m.
Networking social hour for all attendees
(heavy appetizers and cash bar)



7:00-8:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Mary Bylone RN, MSM, CNML
Former AACN Board of Director
Founder & Principal Consultant for Leaders Within
Topic: Healthy Work Environment What is it?
How do I get one? And why should I care?

Register & pay by May 1, 2017 at:
milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com
(space is limited)

Registration fee:
AACN-GMAC Members - \$10
Non-members and Student - \$15
*Includes appetizers, presentation
and 1.2 CEU for event*

Event sponsored by

A Life Plan Community

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The Education Committee met on 3/14/17 to finalize plans for the May 10th event as well as begin work on topics and speakers for our 2017-2018 sessions. We are planning to continue offering educational meetings in September, November, February, and April, with two sessions each evening. Sessions will be held at the Ascension Health Outpatient facility (formerly known as the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-Wauwatosa location) on Mayfair Road.

Topics currently being pursued include: Why are we short staffed?; Coumadin & Beyond: Anticoagulation and reversal agents; Patient and Family Centered Care; Non-invasive technologies; The Opioid Epidemic across care settings. Our goal is to confirm the dates and topics by May 2017.



Next meeting for the committee will be in June. Watch for postings to confirm date/time/location.

Want to get involved but don't have time to be a board member – join the Education Committee.

Education Committee Members work with the Vice President to coordinate high quality and relevant educational programming for chapter members.

Please contact either Beth Hammer (bungalowhome@sbcglobal.net) or Deb Casper (dcasper1017@gmail.com) if you'd like to participate on the committee.

AACN Ambassador

Become an Ambassador Today!

AACN Ambassadors serve a fundamental role in advancing the mission of AACN by advocating for professional practice and promoting excellence in acute and critical care nursing. They accomplish this by communicating the value of AACN and championing membership, certification, evidence-based practices, recognition of excellence, engagement in education, and local AACN chapter involvement.

Advance your professional practice by sharing and teaching the values of AACN: Leadership, integrity, excellence, leading-edge research based programs, and stewardship.

- Meet local Ambassadors
- Learn best practices
- Resource library
- Online application available



Go to www.aacn.org/nursing-excellence/volunteers and check it out. This is a great opportunity to become involved and do it on your own schedule. It also looks great on your annual reviews or in your portfolios.

Achievements, cont'd

GMAC wants to hear about the great advancements you are making in your career and the nursing profession. Let us know about the projects you are involved in, degrees and/or certifications you have obtained, anything great happening on your unit, etc... Email us at milwaukeeaacn@gmail.com so we can applaud and recognize your achievements because... IT MATTERS!

Certification and Awards



Gavin Burbey RN, BS, BSN, PCCN, CCRN – received his Critical Care RN Certification

Gavin attended the 2016 CCRN/PCCN course and stated “The review class definitely helped”, Congrats Gavin!

Social Media & Outreach- Jenny Hansen



Pardon the confusion!

We have completely transitioned to using the Nursing Network for our website management. They have been a great asset and National AACN hopes to partner with them in the future. With that said, our website is, and will forever be...

milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com

FYI do not put a www. Before the new website

Social Media & Outreach- Cont'd.

Join our team and help us run or walk to raise awareness and support organ, eye, and tissue donation. Register online at <http://creamcity5k.org/> then go to Register, click the Team button, Enter GMAC in the group name box and finally click the Join button and we will see you on race day!
Any questions email us at milwaukeeaacn@gmail.com.

Saturday April 29, 2017 9am
Greenfield Park 2028 S. 124th St. West Allis, WI



\$30 Nov. 1st- April 3rd
\$35 April 4th-April 28th
\$40 Race Day

Included: Technical Race Shirt, Chip Timed, Goody Bag, Post Race Food and Drink

REAFFIRMING NURSINGS COMMITMENT TO REDUCING HEALTH DISPARITIES: EMBRACING THE VISION OF THE POWER OF ONE

Please join us for the first ever co-sponsored event from the Illinois League for Nursing and the Wisconsin League for Nursing Objectives: ☐ Summarize trends specific to the health, promotion, disease prevention and health care faced by families, groups and populations within the local communities of SE Wisconsin and NE Illinois ☐ Highlight evidence-based approaches that may be used by nurse educators, clinicians, scientists and advocates to address pressing health needs, concerns and challenges faced by vulnerable population groups within the local community

Guest Speaker: Sandra MillonUnderwood, RN, PhD, FAAN

APRIL 27, 2017 6:00-8:00 PM

Carthage College Todd Wehr Center 2001 Alford Park Drive Kenosha WI 53140

Free Parking Available in the Athletic Center

Cost: \$45 (includes dinner)

For more information, go to: <http://www.nln.org/membership/constituentleagues/wisconsin>

Questions? Contact wisconsinwln@gmail.com or cmikol@clcollinois.edu

Membership- Carrie Brandt



Membership

2016-17 GMAC Membership to Date: 104

2015-16 GMAC Membership: 85

February Simulation Meeting @ VA: 47

- Members: 24
- Guests: 5
- Students: 18

Congratulations to the entire chapter on meeting and exceeding our 2016-2017 goal of surpassing last year's membership total!! We continue to welcome new members to the chapter with every event that GMAC holds throughout the year. This is a testament to the passion you all have for the nursing profession, continuing education, patient care and your desire to share this with every nurse you meet. Please continue to share that passion and your involvement with GMAC with your coworkers and those whom you may network with through professional or social events.

As always, if you have any ideas on how you would like to help increase membership or promote GMAC within the local communities please bring your ideas to any GMAC board member at the next education meeting or board meeting. Dates are located on the website milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com. We are always looking for members who are interested in becoming a part of the membership committee. Please feel free to ask how you can be of assistance.

Happy Spring everyone!

Membership Reminders:

- GMAC Membership \$35 by mail or check and \$36.50 on Paypal---- **fill out membership forms regardless of payment type (email attachment if paypal payment)**
- Student Education Meeting \$15 check or cash \$16.50 on Paypal
- Guest Education Meeting \$20 check or cash \$21.50 on Paypal



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GREATER MILWAUKEE AREA CHAPTER

Membership- Cont'd.



Impressed with our new GMAC Website with Nursing Network. The GMAC Board have decided to utilize their Membership Management Pro Services. This will take a great deal of responsibility off of Carrie as she continues to work diligently to provide us with accurate membership lists, organize and keep track of payments, and membership cards.

Through Nursing Network, this is mostly completed through our website with email being the main form of communication. GMAC Membership, as well as, event organization and registration, are finally making it to 2017!

The benefits of Membership Management Pro include: membership cards, automated expiration and renewal notices, custom membership applications, target marketing tools, analytics dashboard, automatic renewal feature, conference and even management, and real-time alerts. This will be GMACs main form of communication, so make sure you are signed up with Nursing Network and follow GMAC. This will be how we complete membership, renewal, and event registration starting with our May 10th event!

While the website management is free, Membership Management Pro is not. Nursing Network charges \$3.50 for each membership activation and each renewal. The GMAC Board has decided that the benefits of this program outweigh the cost and will proceed with using it.

At this time, membership fees to chapter members will **NOT** be increased. They will remain the same. We wanted to extend this beneficial service to our dedicated members without raising membership fees as this will provide greater organization for all!



Calendar of Events

Click on the title of the event to be linked to our website, milwaukeeaacn.nursingnetwork.com, and register for one or all of our events. See you there...

[April 2017 GMAC Educational Session](#)

Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 5:30pm

[Cream City 5K](#)

Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 8:00am

[May 2017 GMAC Board Meeting](#)

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 5:30pm

[May 10 2017 GMAC Nurse's Week Event](#)

Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 5:30pm

[2017 NTI & Critical Care Exposition](#)

Monday, May 22-25, 2017

[June 2017 Monitor Submissions Due](#)

Monday, May 29, 2017

Please, let us know if you have something you would like published in GMAC's Monitor! Send submissions to milwaukeeaacn@gmail.com.

This year's final submission is due May 29th for the June 12th Monitor publication. (*Note, this date was moved back to facilitate submissions for those attending NTI).

[June 2017 Monitor sent to Members! Read it TODAY!](#)

Monday, June 12, 2017

