



National NP week, November 11th – November 17th

NPs have been recognized by the U.S. Congress.

The United States House of Representatives recently honored the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and National Nurse Practitioner Week in a concurrent resolution (HConRes500) introduced by Congressman Michael C. Burgess (R - Flower Mound). *"It is a great honor for nurse practitioners to be recognized by the United States Congress. As the number of nurse practitioners increases, so does public awareness of the significant contributions made by this group of dedicated healthcare professionals,"* said Dr. Judith Dempster, executive director of AANP. "Nurse practitioners have

differentiated themselves from other clinicians by focusing on the whole person when treating specific health problems, as well as educating the patient on the effects those problems will have on them." More and more consumers are choosing nurse practitioners as their partner in health because, in addition to providing high-quality primary, acute and specialty healthcare, nurse practitioners empower patients to maintain and improve their health by providing individualized and comprehensive health education and counseling. Nurse practitioners focus on promoting health and preventing disease, which can reduce healthcare cost for patients.

"Nurse practitioners fill a vital role in American's healthcare system. There are over 106,000 nurse practitioners providing high-quality care around the nation, and they are especially important in rural and underserved areas,"

said Congressman Burgess, a physician practicing in Lewisville, Tx. *"I have worked with nurse practitioners and certainly I learned a great deal more from them than I was ever able to teach them."*

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/us-congress-recognizes-national-nurse-practitioner-week-november-7-13-75228817.html>

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Fall Rochester Conference has been cancelled !

The NPAGR Conference previously scheduled for November 10th, 2012 has been rescheduled until Spring 2013. The notice has been posted

on the website –we want to be sure all members are aware of this change as we know it has been on calendars for awhile.



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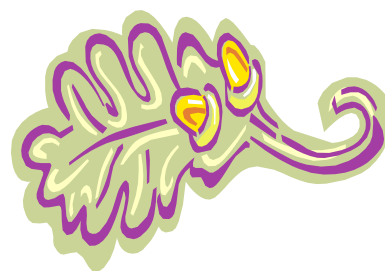
Special points of interest:

- The Saratoga Conference
- Plans for NP week
- President's Message
- Partner with the Future of Nursing team
- Board member update

Your NPAGR is sponsoring a membership meeting and Program for NP week

In celebration of Nurse Practitioner week, the NPAGR is sponsoring a **MEMBERSHIP Meeting along with a presentation** titled: *Heads Up! Care of the athlete with Mild Traumatic Head Injury* provided by Dr. Anthony Petraglia, Neurosurgery Resident, Strong Memorial Hospital.

Join us on ***Tuesday, November 13th, 2012*** at Mario's Italian Restaurant 2740 Monroe Avenue, Rochester. Cash bar starts at 6pm, followed by a membership meeting from 6:30- 7 pm and the presentation from 7- 8:15pm.



Nominees for Board Positions are announced for fall election

The following people have agreed to run for elected NPAGR board positions to begin in 2013:

President-Elect:

Heather Cook Smith

Secretary: **Diane Salipante**

Nominating Committee Chair:

Susan Smith

Program Co-chairs:

Dave Goede & Jane Tuttle

Co-Public Relations Chairs:

Erin Howe & Jackie Coates

Co-Bylaws Chairs

Andria Avidano, and Barb Schrage

Co-Legislative Chairs :

Dee Krebs & Ann Swantz



Did You Know.....

Seth Gordon, the NPA President / CEO for the past fourteen years has decided to move on to other career opportunities. On behalf of the NPAGR, the board would like to thank Seth for his dedication to promoting nurse practitioner practice through his leadership of the NPA.

Stephen Ferrara, DNP, RN, FNP-BC has been recently appointed the Interim Executive Director of The Nurse Practitioner Association New York State

As an NP, Stephen brings immense passion for nurse practitioner practice and for the Association. As he took over the

helm, Stephen stated, “ *Due to our growing membership and a healthcare landscape where NPs are poised to take on increasingly autonomous roles, I firmly believe that our best days as an Association and profession are ahead of us.* “

Look for Stephen at the NPA

Message from our President, Dee Krebs

The days are getting shorter and there is a crisp feeling in the air, summer is over. I am sad to see it go, but I welcome the beautiful fall colors and scents. Following the theme of “change”, I am thrilled to announce our new appointed NPAGR Board Members Dave Goede Co-Programs, Erin Howe & Jackie Coates Co-Public Relations, Andrea Avidano & Barb Schrage Co-Bylaws and Ann Swantz Co-Legislative Chair. Welcome!!

Congratulations to Virginia Cartwright NP! She is the winner of our membership drive. Virginia have fun at the DelMonte!!

On September 27th, NPAGR hosted “BS in 10” with the Finger Lakes Organization of Nurse Executives, and Genesee Valley Nurses Association at RGH. Dr. Zittlel was the Keynote speaker and Dr. Cooney-Miner, panel moderator at the forum. They were both instrumental in getting the Educational Advancement Bill for Nurses introduced in the New York State Legislature. The “BS in 10” requires nurses to earn their baccalaureate within ten years of initial licensure while “grandfathering” nurses already in practice and nursing students already enrolled in associate degree programs.

I hope I will see you at The NPA Conference in Saratoga!!

The Preconference begins on October 17th and 18th. *Please join us for “NPAGR Rochester Night” Friday, October 19th at 6:30pm for appetizers and cocktails!!* It will be held in my room at the hotel, *refer to the front desk or on the poster board for room number.*

National Nurse Practitioner Week is November 11th-17th. In celebration of nurse practitioners, we will be hosting a membership meeting on 11/13 to celebrate together..

The NPAGR Board has been hard at work for you!!

Membership Update

We now have 265 members. There are 25 new members from the membership drive. Thanks to everyone for getting the word out about the NPAGR! Membership chair Shirley Rast and NPAGR President

Dee Krebs will be visiting NP programs at Fisher and the University of Rochester to invite students members. Let us know if you need applications or other information for your personal recruitment efforts!



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Join us at Saratoga! The Annual conference, “Advancing Practice Through Changing Times” welcomes NPAGR members

We will be having a reception at the NPA Conference in Saratoga on Friday night in The NPAGR suite, hosted by our President Dee Krebs’s suite again at 6:30 pm. Hors

d’oevres & refreshments will be served. Many Rochester members will be presenting including : Mike Ackerman, Maggie Carno, Heather Cook-Smith, George Fox, Laurie Hogan, Sharon Lessard, Cynthia Ricci McCloskey, Craig Sellers, Susan O. Smith, Jane Tuttle, and Jennifer Willison.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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The mission of The Nurse Practitioner Association Greater Rochester is to promote and maintain an organization of and for Nurse Practitioners, which shall be devoted to the advancement and improvement of the Nurse Practitioner profession, and which shall consider and act upon matters related to the professional and scientific interests of Nurse Practitioners and the promotion of improved

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Future of Nursing Representatives will be visiting a location near you!

The Finger lakes Action Coalition of the NYS Future of Nursing Initiative has been hard at work developing talking points aimed at consumers, nurses and nursing students, and health care decision makers in order to educate these stakeholders on the ongoing work of the Future of Nursing. Leaders from each of the 8 recommendation areas have worked with dedicated team members to create these documents, along with letters to the editor and YouTube video postings. Of these 8 overall recommendations, the NYS Action Coalition has decided to focus on these 4:

- removing barriers to practice;
- increasing the proportion of nurses with bachelor's degree in nursing;
- doubling the number of nurses with a doctorate;
- building an infrastructure for the collection and analysis of interprofessional health care workforce data.

We plan to visit each school and hospital in the Finger lakes area to bring our materials and present updates on the work of the Action Coalition. Contact Cynthia Ricci McCloskey, Finger lakes Action Coalition co-lead, at cmccloskey@sjfc.edu to communicate about opportunities for this presentation. Many of our team leaders are anxious to get the word out so we partner with you to achieve these recommendations.



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