

Message from the President: Lori Brittingham BSN, RNC

As we enter into the summer season, it is a reminder that the year is half over! It has been a pleasure to continue on as DVANN's President for a second year! Many thanks to our outgoing board members for their enormous contributions: Lauren Heimall, Membership Director; Deirdre Jana, Community Outreach Director; and Jennifer Smolenski, President-Elect. Please join me in welcoming our newest officers: Tommie Farrell, President-Elect; Beth Bradley, Membership Director; and Andrea Jones, Community Outreach Director.

2010 began with a January dinner meeting, "High Frequency Oscillator Ventilation: Theory and Application," held at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center in Camden, NJ, followed by our Annual DVANN/Philadelphia Perinatal Society Joint Meeting in March. Dr. Rick Rutstein presented, "Update on Perinatal HIV: Prevalence, Treatment, and Outcomes." Both meetings were well-attended. Our sincerest appreciation to all who participated in any of the community outreach events that have taken place over the past several months. In January, members donated hard candy and created handwritten Valentine's for the troops abroad. In March, DVANN donated over 40 Sleep Saks, purchased with monetary donations, to My Sister's Place in Philadelphia. In April, DVANN sponsored a checkpoint station at the March of Dimes "March for Babies" at the Rowan University site; DVANN members also participated in walks at various sites. May was highlighted by a DVANN sponsored dinner at the Ronald McDonald House on Front and Erie Streets. I would like to send a special "thank you" to our Community Outreach Director, Andrea Jones, for organizing and participating in each of these events!

As we head into the second half of the year, please take the opportunity to consider all that DVANN has to offer! Mark your calendars for our summer meeting, which will be held on July 14 at CHOP; DVANN "Night at the Phillies" on August 23; our Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner, which will be held on Neonatal Nurses' Day (September 15); and for our Annual Fall Conference, which will be held on Monday, October 18, at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. Consider nominating yourself or a colleague for one of DVANN's annual membership

awards. Applications and information can be found on our website, www.dvannurses.org. Would you be interested in becoming a member of the DVANN Board? Several positions will be up for re-election this fall, so stay tuned for more information.

Finally, consider attending the NANN Annual Educational Conference this September in Las Vegas! It is a wonderful opportunity to network with colleagues and improve your practice!

Enjoy the Summer!

Lori