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Letter From the President

Michelle Ferrant, DNP, ACCNS-N, RNC-NIC

Happy Fall DVANN members!

It was so great to see so many DVANN members at SaNANNah in October! The board had a great time learning, networking, site-seeing, and most importantly - having the chance to celebrate our membership and our chapter at the annual business meeting, where we were honored to receive the 2019 NANN Chapter of the Year award. We were also delighted to learn that DVANN had the largest number of attendees at the conference out of all the chapters in the country! I returned reinvigorated and excited to continue the great work that is being done not only locally, but at the national level as well, and hope to see so many of our members next September in New Orleans!

I also hope to see many of you at our Fall Conference - the Board worked hard to have a variety of speakers and topics that you will all find useful to your everyday practice.

We have several board positions whose terms are coming to an end. Joining the DVANN board offers the opportunity to network with neonatal nurses across the region PLUS so many other benefits! If you are considering, but would like to learn more about any of the roles - reach out to the DVANNurses@gmail.com and we can give you more details.

Nominations are due by November 1st - submit an email with the board position you are interested in, a brief Bio and a short description of why you would like to join the board. Voting will open at the end of the business meeting at the Fall conference, and an online voting email will be open through the week.

Respectfully,

Michelle Ferrant

Community Outreach

Heather Hopkins, BSN, RNC-NIC



This summer we've been busy continuing our monthly visits to Mother's Home, a residential shelter that provides a safe haven for vulnerable pregnant women in crisis. We discussed a variety of topics including safe sleep, summer and your baby, and general baby care. If you and your colleagues are interested in getting a group together to volunteer at Mother's Home, please reach out to Heather at dvannurses@gmail.com.

DVANN members recently participated in one of our favorite annual friends and family service events at Philabundance! Philabundance is Delaware Valley's largest hunger relief organization, acquiring, rescuing and distributing food to help feed those in need, and advocating for policies that increase food access. We packed over 2,500 pounds of food for seniors in the community with food insecurity! Look out in 2020 for future Philabundance service events!

The community service board position will be opening in 2020. This is a great opportunity to lead community service events and opportunities that you are passionate about that positively impacts our community. If you are interested in learning about this amazing opportunity please reach out!

-Heather

Did you know you can follow us on Instagram and Twitter?



@DVANNURSES1



@DVANN_NURSES

Can't get enough DVANN? Stay up to date with all of our adventures! Connect with us on twitter and Instagram, and join the DVANN Facebook group so you don't miss out!

Advocacy Update

Tommie Farrell, BSN, RNC-NIC

As nurses, we have lots to pay attention to, both at work and at home. It is hard to think about adding more to our full lives. As patient and family advocates, we should have concern for what is happening both locally and nationally with health care, as well as issues that impact us as professional nurses. Here are some thoughts about how and/or what may be of interest to us as nurses.

The ANA has a wonderful new initiative, #NursesVote. This is under the umbrella of their RN Action information on their website. There is a lot of information about candidates, nursing priorities, and how to get involved. Nursing priorities include Health Care Reform, Safe Staffing, Workplace Violence, Workforce Development, Opioid Epidemic, and Advance Practice initiatives, particularly as it pertains to home health care and access in rural areas.

As for NANN's focus, there is a concentration on being heard in the area of health care access for everyone. Other things we are paying attention to, and often aligning with like minded maternal health organizations, is Title VIII Workforce Development. This Public Health Service Act is the cornerstone of sustaining a robust nursing workforce as we prepare to meet the needs of America's health care. Nurses must have a voice in shaping the future of health care and advocating for access for everyone. This guarantees critical funding to meet those needs through education, strong faculty, and emphasis on minorities entering the nursing profession. This is a yearly budget item and we are always competing for our share of the pie.

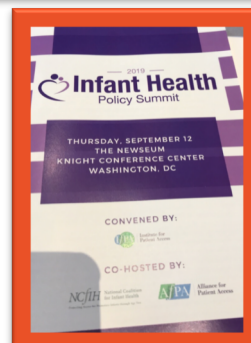
Of note, NANN is discussing racial disparities, particularly as it pertains to the US Morbidity and Mortality rates of Infants and Mothers. We are raising concerns about cultural bias in the work place and how to raise personal awareness of bias.

NANN is also focusing on bipartisan legislation to advance the definition and support of paid parental leave. This is important as we hope this legislation will positively impact parents, families and our small patients. These are just a few of the issues that impact our nursing practice, our families, and our patients.

On September 12, I was excited to attend the Infant Health Policy Summit in DC. This is a yearly meeting with the National Coalition for Infant Health partnered with Alliance for Patient Access. It is eye opening and encouraging to hear from others who have similar focus and interest about our babies, our families, access, evidence based care and concern for the future of infants and women's health care.

I am happy to guide you through some advocacy ideas that will fit into your busy life. I am always available. And of course, the most important voice you have is your VOTING voice. Our patients need thoughtful nurses to make informed decisions!

Best,
Tommie



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Treasurer's Report

Katie Behringer, MSN, RNC-NIC, CBC

DVANN July-Sept 2019 Financial Statement

Third Quarter Statement

September 30th, 2019

DVANN July-Sept 2019 Financial Statement	Third Quarter	
September 30th, 2019		
Income		
	July-Sept 2019	Year to Date
PayPal Balance Transfer	\$1,513.62	\$1,513.62
Membership Dues	\$780.00	\$3,200.00
Abbot Nutrition Grant		\$1,180.00
Total Vendor Contributions		
-Abbott & Alexion Pharmaceuticals	\$1,500.00	\$3,250.00
Event Registration		
-winter dinner mtg (non-member)		\$20.00
-PPS dinner (member)		\$250.00
Total	\$3,793.62	\$9,413.62
Expenses		
	July-Sept 2019	Year to Date
2018 Awards	\$150.00	\$1,750.00
2019 DVANN Awards	\$650.00	\$650.00
Board Education (2/6/2019 webinar)		\$30.00
Promotional Items		
-podcast magnets	\$113.40	\$113.40
-swag restock	\$2,382.92	\$2,382.92
Podcast expenses		
-payment for edits (x3)	\$700.00	\$1,000.00
-meals, travel expenses	\$181.45	\$564.99
Donations		
-March of Dimes Table (3/14)		\$1,500.00
-Mothers Home (breakfast 7/31/19)	\$50.98	\$192.37
Board Meeting (7/30/19)	\$98.00	\$373.60
DVANN Board Membership Fees	\$900.00	\$900.00
NANN Conference Attendance	\$3,050.91	\$3,050.91
Winter Dinner Mrg (KOP) 3/14/19		
-catering		\$645.53
-speaker gift		\$27.16
PPS Dinner		\$1,380.00
June DANN/DVANN dinner Meeting		\$469.31
Sept Member Appreciation Dinner Mtg 9/19/19		
-dinner	\$2,413.17	\$2,413.17
-member/speaker/raffle gifts	\$699.14	\$699.14
Total	\$11,389.97	\$18,142.50
Ending Balance 9/30/2019 for Wells Fargo	\$36,018.57	
Ending Balance 9/30/2019 for Pay Pal	\$0.00	
Ending Balance 9/30/2019 for Venmo	\$10.12	
Total	\$36,028.69	

Membership Update

Kelly Roebuck, MSN, RNC-NIC

Dear DVANN Members,

Happy belated Neonatal Nurse's day! There are so many wonderful things all of our members do each and every day. From care at the bedside to so many other countless involvements and achievements, we want to say, thank you! We are honored to be the recipients of this year's 2019 NANN Chapter of the Year, and were thrilled to accept this award on behalf of our chapter at the NANN conference. Thank you to those who joined us in Savannah for the conference to accept this award.

We are also very excited to highlight a few of our members and to share with you the winners of our 2019 Membership awards! New this year was our presentation of the awards at our appreciation dinner. Congratulations to the following recipients of our awards:

The Professional Development Award: To recognize and encourage professional development in neonatal nursing

Congratulations, Lauren Orfe, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania!

The REACH Award: To recognize and encourage nurses who reach further to touch lives. The award will honor and recognize one nurse who has been nominated for his/her motivation to advance the practice of nursing in one of five categories (research, education, advancing bedside nursing, community interest, humanitarianism).

Congratulations, Amy Kelly, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia!

And a special surprise this year- One member was randomly selected to receive reimbursement for the Annual NANN conference, which is being held this year in Savannah, Georgia.

Congratulations to Nicole Meyers, Pennsylvania Hospital!

We have had so many wonderful events, most recently with you all celebrating at our Membership Appreciation Dinner. We were so lucky to be able to spend the evening with so many of you enjoying the incredible views, a delicious meal, good company and presentation on "Emotional Intelligence," presented to us by Laura Johnson and Greg Hedler. If you attended the Membership Appreciate Dinner, do not forget to fill out the evaluation at <http://bit.ly/dvann919> so that you can receive your continuing education credits. Check out some of the photos below from our night!



Membership continued below →

Our last event of 2019 will be our Annual DVANN Fall Conference. We are looking forward to this event and the lineup of speakers and vendors who will be in attendance. We hope you plan to join us as well!

There is one more opportunity for members before the year concludes. There are multiple board positions open for 2020, each with a two year term. We would love to talk more with you if you are interested. The current board member is listed next to each open position, along with their contact information.

- Membership director: Kelly Roebuck – Kelly.roebuck@villanova.edu
- Community Outreach Director: Heather Hopkins – heather.hopkins11@gmail.com
- Advocacy Director: Tommie Farrell – Tffrn54@gmail.com
- Treasurer: Katie Behringer – katiebehringer@gmail.com
- President Elect: Michelle Ferrant – michelleferrant@gmail.com

Please reach out if you would like more information about joining the board, or contact us at dvannurses@gmail.com if you would like to nominate yourself for the election at the fall conference. We look forward to hearing from you!

-Kelly

Podcast Update

Jennifer Hart, MSN, RNC-NIC, CBC

Podcasting on site is fun! We had the pleasure of visiting Mother's Home in Darby, PA with the leaders of "Baby Doctor Mamas", which is a physician led Philadelphia baby podcast. We took on-site questions with amazing women on everything baby. Our first ever live podcast was released this summer and we hope you love the content! As always, please send ideas for future podcast topics or suggestions to DVANNurses@gmail.com. We also would love to have you on the podcast! No podcast experience necessary!



Stay subscribed on iTunes or wherever you get your podcasts! More real talk & honest advice coming soon!

-Jennifer

Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Our annual fall conference, "Neonatology: Head to Toe," is coming up on November 12. We would love to see you there! Join us for a day of exceptional speakers exploring a wide variety of topics. Members can attend for \$95. Registration and additional information can be found at bit.ly/19fallconference

If you are planning on attending, please review our member by-laws prior to the annual business meeting. Copies of the by-laws can be found attached to this preemie press, or on our website DVANNurses.org under the Membership tab.

SAVE THE DATE

17th Annual Neonatal Nursing Symposium

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Pediatric Research Center

This one-day program will provide neonatal nurses with the most up-to-date information on a variety of complex physiological and developmental neonatal issues. Research and technology are consistently expanding, and this program will review some of the latest therapies used to care for sick neonates.

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It's that time again! Mark your calendars for the upcoming 17th Annual Neonatal Nursing Symposium!

Visit chop.cloud-cme.com to register and stay up to date on all of the details!

Does your organization have an upcoming conference opportunity? Send the details to DVANNurses@gmail.com and we'll feature your conference in our next preemie press!