



Third District
Nurses Association



E-Dimension APRN Newsletter

Facing Today's Nursing Challenges - Together
April 2010

Record Attendance at 2010 APRN Conference

The APRN Steering Committee of 3rd District Nurses planned and executed a most successful conference for advanced practice nurses throughout the state and surrounding area on April 9 & 10 of 2010. This year's attendance reached 102, the highest number of attendees in recent history. The evaluations of programs revealed a very satisfied audience with most presenters receiving Excellent reviews! Many attendees expressed their gratitude and their excitement about planning to attend again next year.

We want to thank all of our speakers for their diligent preparation for this audience, our exhibitors and sponsors for supporting this valuable conference for APRNs, and the APRN Steering committee members who helped in the planning, registering and introduction of speakers.

Next year's planning begins immediately with review of your suggestions for topics and speakers for 2011. Feel free to continue to provide us with topic and speaker ideas by emailing Therese Daniel at tdaniel@nursesce.org.

3rd District Forum - for you to initiate discussion and comment on others topics.

Sign up now and comment on The NP Job Market discussion initiated by Renee Dahring, CNP, a 3rd District member. "Stiff Competition for Nurse Practitioner Jobs... One year ago I was working with an NP candidate who was looking for a new job. After several interviews my client (the employer) extended a very attractive offer..." [Click Here to read more.](#)

May Banquet & Annual Meeting

Join 3rd District Nurses in celebrating National Nurses Week by attending the May Banquet & Annual Meeting.

When: Thursday, May 6, 2010

Where: Radisson Hotel, 1700 East American Blvd., Bloomington, MN (water park)

Time: 6:00 PM Social Hour & Silent Auction, 7:00 PM Dinner

Awards & Annual Meeting and Entertainment by Peter Borchers

If you attend the May Banquet & Meeting you will have a chance at winning one of TWO \$125 Christopher Banks gift cards! Silent auction items also include a hypnosis session, dance lessons and party at Arthur Murray and tickets to Chanhassen Dinner Theater.

[Click Here for registration form and additional information!](#)

Donate Silent Auction Items to Fund Nursing Scholarships!

On Thursday, May 6 we will hold our annual National Nurses Week Banquet which includes a silent auction. You are invited to donate an auction item to raise money for our nursing scholarship fund. Please let us know by April 28 so we can add your donation to the event program listing all auction items!

Some of the donations currently include:

- [one night stay and water park passes at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria](#)
- [Massages from Dianne Hansen , RN at LiveWell Health Coaching and Myofascial Therapy](#)
- [Christopher and Banks women's clothing store gift cards](#)
- [Davanni's pizza gift basket](#)
- [4 water park passes at the Radisson Mall of America!](#)

Email or call Laurel at landerson@nursesCE.org or call 952 920 9860 by April 28

Support your fellow nurses through nursing scholarships! Donate to the auction and help us reach our goal of 50 donations!

RN Volunteers to talk about Nursing Careers

The eighth annual Adventures in Nursing Careers will be held on Saturday, June 19. Enrollment is open to everyone but focuses on teens considering a career in nursing. Volunteers are needed to talk individually with teens, do skill demonstrations like taking a pulse and playing games. Half day volunteers are welcome.

Camp will be held at the National American University campus near the Mall of America.

Please contact Laurel Anderson at landerson@nursesCE.org or call 952 920 9860 by May 15th. Orientation will be held in early June.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT NURSING CAREERS!

Members - sign up today to be an Alternate Delegate to the 2010 MNA Convention in October.

Important decisions will be made regarding the structure of MNA. Be apart of the solution - follow this link to sign up. This is a good time to work with your fellow nurses across the state on important issues confronting nursing. Major expenses are paid for by MNA.

[Click Here for Alternate Delegate Form](#)

Minnesota e-Health Summit

This is an opportunity to explore different documentation systems, different settings and a single goal - how to improve skin integrity through documentation - for individual patients, units, facilities and populations. This exploration will lead to the beginning discussions for the design of a statewide nursing EHR/HIT benchmarking project.

When: June 16-17, 2010 [CLICK HERE to view flyer with additional information.](#)

Advertised Opportunities

Fairview Health Services

Palliative Care Opportunities for Advanced Practice Nurses

Fairview's palliative care program focuses on the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of people with serious illness at any point during their disease process. The goal of this program is to reduce suffering and improve quality of life for patients and their families in collaboration with other members of the health care team.

We currently have openings at:

- Fairview Southdale Hospital - part time (.75) with potential for full time
- University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview - full time

If you are interested in learning more about these exciting opportunities, please visit our website, Fairview.org/physicians or contact:

Jennifer Kjeldsen, Physician Recruiter: jkjelds1@fairview.org

Lyn Ceronsky, Director, Palliative Care: [lcerons1@fairview.org](mailto:lcérons1@fairview.org)

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