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The 26th Annual Visions Symposium will be held in conjunction with the Chapter's 40th Anniversary Celebration on February 28th and March 1st at the Ritz Charles Hotel in Overland Park, KS. Registration for both days for AACN Members is only \$160 if paid by February 13th!

This annual program is designed to inform critical and progressive care nurses on updates in practice and changes to practice guidelines. All participants will be entered into a drawing for a host of door prizes, including free registration to the 2014 Visions Symposium!

We are honored to host 2 past presidents of the National AACN, **Caryl Goodyear-Bruch RN, PhD** and **Mary Stahl RN, MSN, ACNS-BC, CCNS-CMC, CCRN**, as speakers this year. In addition, current national AACN president **Kathryn Roberts RN, CNS, MSN, CCRN, CCNS** will be providing

the key note address. **Bobbi Leeper, MN, RN-BC, CNS M-S, CCRN, FAHA**, first president of the GKC AACN chapter will be presenting on the evaluation of preload responsiveness.

In addition to a wonderful program addressing topics such as Innovations in Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery, and Alarm Fatigue, a vendor display area has been arranged to allow you to view the latest products and patient care equipment. A silent auction will also be held!

The Greater Kansas City Chapter of AACN believes in supporting community outreach. This year we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Harvesters and used glasses/sunglasses for the Lions Club. Bring in 3 food items or a pair of glasses and be entered to win 50% off 2014 Registration for Visions.

We hope you can join us for this exceptional, local conference!

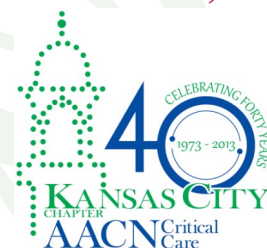
40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us as we celebrate 40 years of Chapter excellence, serving nurses who provide critical and progressive care throughout the Greater Kansas City area.

There will be a celebration directly following the first day of Visions, February 28th, 2013, from 5:15 to 7:15 at the Ritz Charles. Light appetizers and one drink ticket per person will be provided as well as a slideshow, trivia games,

and a photo booth. A cash bar will be open for the duration of the event. We invite you to stay after Visions and enjoy looking back at the 40 years of chapter history and getting to know some of your fellow nurses. Even if you are unable to attend Visions we would love to have you at this wonderful celebration. Please spread the word to all of your nursing friends. Hope to see you there!

Thursday
February 28, 2013
5:15 pm - 7:15 pm
Ritz Charles
Overland Park, KS



SCHOLARSHIPS

Deadline approaching quickly...

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Next Due Date: **February 8th, 2013**

⇒ AACN Certification Exam Scholarship

Cost of the exam for AACN Members. Two awarded

⇒ National Teaching Institute– NTI

\$500 each Multiple awarded

⇒ Julie Wooden Gates NTI Award

\$750 One Awarded

~See attached scholarship application packet~

<http://aacngkcc.weebly.com/scholarships.html>

All completed Scholarship Applications should be sent to Nancy Haynes at:

Nancy.H.Haynes@gmail.com

BEACON AWARD UNITS



Congratulations to the hospital units receiving The Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence. The Beacon Award recognizes

intensive care units meeting national standards, such as education, leadership, evidence-based practice and patient out-

comes, as well as providing a healing environment. Recipients of a **Gold** Beacon Award demonstrate excellence in sustained unit performance and patient outcomes. **Silver-level** recipients demonstrate continuous learning and effective systems to achieve optimal patient care. **Bronze-level** awardees demonstrate success in developing, deploying and integrating unit-based performance criteria

for optimal outcomes.

Beacon Awards went to the following units at The University of Kansas Hospital:

- Medical Transplant ICU—Gold
- Cardiothoracic Surgery ICU—Silver

DARE TO– GKCC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



The GKC AACN chapter wants you to help us grow our member base! Therefore, until February 28th, we are holding Dare To Get a Member Drive. All local members who recruit a new member will have a chance to win an **\$100 Plaza shopping Gift Card!** The member with the most

new referrals will be announced during the Visions Symposium on February 28th!

New members can join our chapter by visiting aacngkcc.org and clicking on the **Membership** tab. Membership to our local chapter is only \$15 per year.

Local Member Benefits include:

- Substantial discounts on local education offerings
- An opportunity to network with peers
- Assistance with certification
- Access to scholarships for advanced education, NTI, certification, and research
- Advocacy for our profession

EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS



Mark your calendars for an engaging education offering focused on the evidenced-based care of the patient with shock.

On April 19th, Mindy Stites MSN, APRN, ACNS-BC, CCNS, CCRN, Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist at the University of Kansas Hospital will present :

What's a Horse Have to Do With Hemodynamics?

Look for registration information coming soon!

This summer's educational offering will be on Trauma topics. More information to come later this spring.

SAVE THE DATE: CHAPTER DINNER AT NTI:

There will be a Region 14 dinner on Sunday May 19th in Boston, Massachusetts. More information to come soon on the venue and associated cost. This is a great way to network with fellow Critical care nurses in your region.



GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER: OFFICER ELECTIONS

Officer elections are coming soon. If you are interested in becoming a Chapter Officer, please contact Akiko Kubo, President (akikoqvist@gmail.com) or any other board member.

Officer positions include:

- President—Elect
- Secretary—Elect
- Treasurer—Elect
- Education Co-Chair—Elect
- Communications Co-Chair—Elect
- Scholarship—Elect
- Historian



UPCOMING CONFERENCES: NTI AND A SLICE OF NTI

AACN's National Teaching Institute and Critical Care Exposition is the premier conference for high acuity and critical care nurses. Registration is now open for this year's NTI. May 18—23, Boston, Massachusetts.

Download a conference

brochure: <http://aacn.org/wd/nti/nti2013/docs/nti-2013-brochure.pdf>

A Slice of AACN NTI offers five days of training arranged in both pre-conferences workshops offered in one and two day formats, as well as the

main conference –designed for those who prefer a more intimate conference experience. April 1-5, 2013, MGM Grand, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Download a conference brochure: <http://www.aacnconferences.org/images/SliceBrochure.pdf>

