

Greater Kansas City Chapter AACN

Newsletter

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A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT -JANELL HUSKEY

I would like to welcome all of our new Board members who have made the commitment to serve our chapter this year. I would also like to express my gratitude to the outgoing Board members. Our new Board transition meeting occurred in June.

I would also like to express my profound thanks to our past Vision chairs – Cheryl Rader and Paula Ising who have worked extremely hard since 2010. Without their hard work, we would not have enjoyed education from such speakers as Beth Hammer, Mary Stahl, Debbie Summers, Barb McLean, Christine Schulman, Kathleen Vollman and Tom Ahrens and many more. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

We have had several successful general membership meetings including CERPS arranged by Cheryl Rader, Membership Chair. We have enjoyed some great speakers such as Kathleen Vollman and Barbara McLean as well as good meals and networking opportunities. These are sponsored by vendors who are willing to support our local membership. Please support these events. This is one of the perks of membership in the local chapter.

If you are a member of National AACN, I encourage you to join the local chapter. Your membership helps support the chapter's educational programs including Visions as well as scholarships for various activities such as NTI.

Vicki Good, the current President of National AACN, launched her new AACN theme, "Step Forward" on July 1, 2013 as she began her 12-month term. Vicki introduced her theme in Boston at the 2013 NTI. When she introduced her theme she reminded us that "stepping forward is not always literal. Sometimes it requires us to step back or to the side in order to get onto the right forward path." The artwork for her theme pictures a "Confident figure with outstretched arms striding through a portal at a decisive moment to do the right thing. Stepping forward leaves an unavoidable wake. Our wake can be smooth or choppy. Outstretched hands transfer and receive knowledge. An internal compass points the way toward decisions informed by our individual moral sense and ethic of care."

As AACN members, we encourage you to implement the "Step Forward" theme into your personal and professional lives.

We hope you will "Step Forward" to become more active in AACN at the local and/or national level. You might get another member to join the local chapter or you might become certified in your area of specialty (CCRN or PCCN). We encourage you to become more involved in the local chapter by volunteering to help plan Visions 2014 or run for a 2014-2015 Board position.

Please "step forward" and contact me if you are interested in becoming involved. I can be reached at 816-691-1754 or Janell.huskey@nkch.org.

Looking forward to a great year!

Janell Huskey



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2013-2014 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Every year, the Greater Kansas City Chapter of AACN awards multiple scholarships to support our members in their professional development and contributions to the profession. We encourage all of our members to apply for one of annual scholarships. Application due dates are found in parenthesis below:

Bobbie Leeper Scholarship (1/14/14)

Designed to assist chapter members in achieving the goal of becoming CCRN certified. CCRN exam (Cost of the CCRN exam for AACN members). One awarded.

Visions - 2 Day Spring Symposium Scholarship (1/14/14)

The purpose of the Visions Symposium Scholarship is to promote the acquisition of knowledge need to care for the acute/critically ill patient. Cost for AACN members. One awarded.

AACN Certification Exam Scholarship (1/14/14)

Designed to assist chapter members in achieving the goal of becoming CCRN, CCNS, PCCN, CNML, ACNPC, CCRN -E, CMC, or CSC certified. Cost of the exam for AACN members. One awarded.

National Teaching Institute - NTI (2/14/14)

Assists the member in gaining new knowledge to improve the provision of care to acute/critically ill patients. \$500 each. Multiple awarded.

Julie Wooden Gates NTI Award (2/14/14)

Designed to assist chapter members in attending the National Teaching Institute (NTI). \$750. One awarded.

The Dr. Janet Pierce Evidence Based Practice/Research Grant Scholarship (2/14/14)

Designed to promote the translation of evidence into practice or promote the acquisition of knowledge needed to care for the critically ill patient. \$250. One awarded.

Academic Degree Completion Award (2/14/14)

The purpose of the Academic Degree Completion Scholarship is to stimulate preparation of professional nurses to assume a leadership role in critical care or progressive care nursing and to promote achievement of pursuing academic degree completion. \$500. One awarded.

Questions? Contact Nancy Haynes at nancy.h.haynes@gmail.com

Download Scholarship Applications at
<http://aacngkcc.weebly.com/scholarships.html>

LOCAL MEMBER ELECTED DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL AACN BOARD



Lisa Riggs RN, MSN, ACNS-BC, CCRN
Lean Six Sigma Black Belt
Director of Quality & Safety SLH

Lisa Riggs RN, MSN, ACNS-BC, CCRN has recently been elected to the National AACN Board. As a national AACN member since 1984, she has an extensive history with both our local chapter and AACN national.

On a national level, Lisa has served on Nominating Committee in 2008-2009, and the Evidence Based Practice Workgroup in 2010-2013 (two years as chairperson). Locally, Lisa has been a chapter member

since 1990, serving in nearly every role, including serving as President from 1999-2000 and 2006-2007. She has also participated in the Education and Visions Symposium planning committee. She has also served as a CCRN Review, Publication and Critical Care Consortium Coordinator.

The Director of the National AACN Board is a three year appointment on an 11 member board, in addition to a president and president-elect.

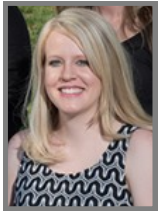
The responsibilities of the Board of Directors are:

- Assure the organization maintains and holds true to the mission, vision and values of AACN
- Evaluates the performance of the CEO
- Participates in developing the strategic direction of the organization
- Ensure and adequately manage resources of the organization

- Maintain and strengthen AACN programs and services
- Ensure legal and ethical accountability of the organization

The highest priority for the Board of Directors this year is the interviewing, selection and hiring of the new CEO. After 12 years as the CEO, Wanda Johanson will be retiring. The second highest priority facing the Board of Directors over the next few years is maintaining the mission, vision and values of AACN in the ever changing healthcare environment.

Please join us in congratulating Lisa on her appointment to this important role!



SPOTLIGHT ON YOU! STEPH OXANDALE, RN, CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY PROGRESSIVE CARE UNIT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HOSPITAL

Why did you become a nurse?

I decided to enter the healthcare field after my dad passed away my freshman year of college. I didn't know what I wanted to pursue, so I began working in the hospital as a phlebotomist to gain experience and exposure to the various opportunities within healthcare. I decided I wanted to pursue nursing shortly thereafter. I was able to see how nursing could provide that personal care to each patient and family and get them through an extremely vulnerable time in their lives.

What about your job as a nurse makes you most proud?

Being a nurse is very rewarding. I am most proud when I am able to act as a true patient advocate and help the patient

make informed decisions. Nursing is not only about caring for the patient immediate needs, but also providing education and making a deep impact on the lives of our patients. I enjoy making a connection with my patient and their family and developing a trusting relationship. It makes me extremely happy and proud when I see my patients come back to the unit once they have healed. It is such a rewarding experience to see them happy, healing and enjoying their life!

Tell us about an extraordinary patient care experience as a progressive care nurse.

As a progressive care nurse I get to experience a variety of patients through the continuum of their hospitalization. The patients come to the unit in a critical state

and progress to the level of wellness that they may transition home. This unique level of care allows me to use my critical thinking skills and help educate patients about their disease process.

How has AACN played a role in your career?

AACN has played an important role in my career. AACN has helped with my professional development through certification. I pursued AACN certification by obtaining my PCCN. By obtaining my PCCN it has pushed my development as a progressive care nurse to a new level and increased my education. AACN is a great support for continued development. The educational offerings that are available, especially at the local level, are outstanding

UPCOMING EVENTS: VISIONS AND NTI 2014

AACN Conferences offer a broad range of learning opportunities developed by national experts. Be sure to keep a look out for more information about the following local and national conferences:

The **27th Annual Visions Symposium** will be held on Thursday March 6th and Friday March 7th at the Ritz Charles Hotel in Overland Park, KS.

This annual program is designed to inform critical and progressive care nurses on updates in practice and changes to practice guidelines.

Topics that will be presented include: Pediatric Head Injury, Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy, Athletic Heart, Sepsis, Adrenal Insufficiency in Trauma Patients, Street Drugs, Heat Failure and Hemorrhagic Shock, Tachyarrhythmias, and much, much more. Look for Early Bird Registration details, coming soon!



AACN's **National Teaching Institute and Critical Care Exposition** is the premier conference for high acuity and critical care nurses. Registration is open now for this year's NTI May 19—22, Denver, Colorado. Register before April 3rd and take advantage of the Early Bird Registration discount.

RESOURCES: AACN CLINICAL TOOLKITS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Developed by experienced nurse educators and subject matter experts, these toolkits include topic-specific clinical practice tools as well as resources for initiating change which may be used to:

- Further your own knowledge
- Share with colleagues
- Present to your unit or hospital leadership

Currently there are two toolkits available for you to download and share.

Check them out online: www.aacn.org
Select Clinical Practices, then select Clinical Toolkits.

Implementing the ABCDE Bundle at the Bedside. This tool kit provides validated, evidence-based clinical knowledge, resources and guidelines for implementing the ABCDE Bundle to prevent the unintended consequences of critical illness such as delirium, prolonged ventilation and excessive muscular deterioration — a timely clinical topic applicable to any critical care, progressive care or step-down unit.

NTI ActionPak: Strategies for Managing Alarm Fatigue. Focused on clinical alarm safety, this ActionPak provides evidence-based strategies, resources and best practices for reducing the impact of environmental alarms, thereby improving patient safety and increasing workplace effectiveness.



DO YOU KNOW YOUR GKC AACN HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE???

Center Point Hospital—John Wood john.wood@hcamidwest.com
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Hospital Representatives are key connection points to your local chapter and can provide information about upcoming CE offerings, chapter events, and AACN membership. Don't see your hospital listed? Consider serving as a hospital rep! Email us at aacn.gkcc@gmail.com

Congratulations To the Following Newly Certified Nurses!!

CCRN	CCRN (cont.)	PCCN	CMC
Debra Abbott-NKCH	Alyssa Morrison-KU	Bethani Rhodes-KU	Erin Moyer –NKCH
David Bates-Truman	Anne Njoroge-KU	Cole Fox-KU	
Abby Bauer-KU	Kacie Pauls-KU	Malanna Tressler-KU	
Amy Brown-KU	Evan Petrie-KU	Brittany Case-KU	
Taylor Buckler-KU	Julie Prater-KU	Janet Marts-KU	
Stephanie Dilley-NKCH	Brenda Salazar-KU	Aubriana Schneider-NKCH	
Kathleen Edwards- NKCH	Samantha Shuey-KU	Becky Retter-NKCH	
Glennis Fuller-NKCH	Logan Smith-Truman	Shelly Monshower-NKCH	
Paige Hooker-KU	Katlyn Spohn-KU	Anna Riehl-NKCH	
Jessie Kramer-KU (peds)	Ellen Thomas-KU	Reynel Walden-NKCH	
Cathy Manning-NKCH	Mindy Thomas-KU	Jeanette Smith-NKCH	
Lauren McCall-KU	Angie West-KU	Sameera Ali-NKCH	
Sara McManus-Truman	Lindsay Weaver-KU	Editha De Guzman-NKCH	
Katie Morgan-NKCH			