September 2010 Online Newsletter

The Greater Kansas City AACN

Chapter of The American Association of Critical Care Nurses

A letter from the President,

I would like to welcome all of our new Board members who have made the commitment to serve our chapter this year. We made our Board transition in June and we have some familiar faces and new faces on the board. We were able to accomplish our chapter goals last year and we have high hopes of achieving our goals for this upcoming year which include adding a 3rd critical care class and increasing membership. We want to continue to support the national theme of "Stand Tall" and encourage all of you to do this in your daily practice and with your local chapter events. We welcome any and all volunteers who would like to become more active with the chapter. We had a very successful Vision's in 2010 and I want to thank the Vision's Planning Committee for their outstanding work. I also want to thank Cheryl Rader (Past-President) and Paula Ising (Past-Secretary) for all of their hard work in making Visions successful. They have agreed to be co-chairs again for Vision's 2011 and anyone with ideas or time to help would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to a great, successful year for our chapter. Please keep in touch with us and let us know what we can do to help support you in your practice.

Sincerely, Laura Sanders



Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Progressive Care/Critical Care Course Centerpoint Medical Center

September 27, 29, 30, October 11, 20
25, November 8, 2010.

CCRN Review Course at St. Luke's East

• November 4 & 5, 2010

VISIONS~ Save the Date!

• March 3 & 4, 2011

Our vision is dedicated to creating a health care system driven by the needs of patients and families where critical care nurse make a difference.

Recognizing our Members

Vivian Porter Achieving Lifetime Membership

Vivian Porter has been an active member of the local chapter assisting and coordinating the Progressive Care Course since the beginning. Vivian also took on the combination of the Progressive Care Course and the Critical Care Courses which has proven to be incredibly resourceful for the GKC chapter. Vivian is being honored for her commitment to AACN and the GKC chapter by being given a lifetime membership to AACN. Thank you, Vivian!

Congratulations KUMC

The University of Kansas Medical Center
Medical Intensive Care Unit, Neuroscience
Intensive Care Unit, Medical Transplant
Intensive Care Unit, and Cardiothoracic
Intensive Care Unit have achieved Beacon
Awards for their excellence in their
intensive care units! Great job guys!

CALL FOR HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVES

Contact Akiko Kubo by email if you are willing to be a representative for your hospital.

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Welcome New Board Members!

President Laura Sanders President-elect Kay Luft

Treasurer Nancy Barr

Treasurer-elect Angelia Foster

Secretary Lisa Riggs

Education Chair Nancy Richards

Education Chair-elect Tammy Carroll

Membership Co-Chairs Akiko Kubo & Michelle Bolen

Scholarship Coordinator Nancy Haynes
Communications Director Cheryl Buntz
Historian Barb Meyers

Visions Chairs Cheryl Rader & Paula Ising

Region 14 Chapter

Advisor (KS&MO) Cheryl Rader

Chapter Update

At the June board meeting voting occurred to change back to a "Chapter with Walls". This will allow the chapter to serve better by allowing access to the National member list for members in the Kansas City area. This will help keep you updated on Chapter activities via emails along with a membership card.

Beginning July 2011 we will implement a nominal annual fee to continue with this chapter membership. Please visit our website for more information.