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Delaware Valley Chapter



Welcome Summer!

The DVANN Board would like to wish all of its members a happy and healthy summer! We have had some wonderful events the past few months, and look forward to providing you with even more educational events, social events, and philanthropic opportunities!

Look inside to see what DVANN has been up to the past several months, and don't forget to check out our Member Spotlight!

Upcoming Events!

DVANN/DANN Joint Dinner

June 8th

Join us for our first joint dinner with the Delaware Chapter of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses!

DVANN Summer Social Event

July 9th

Bring family and friends to DVANN at the MANN to watch *Back to the Future!* This is a fun event and BYO!

DVANN Membership Appreciation

September 15th

Our annual membership appreciation dinner will again be held at Riverwinds restaurant!

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DVANN Member Spotlight

DVANN is extremely fortunate to have such wonderful and dedicated membership. We are proud to spotlight three current

DVANN members that are currently on the NANN Board.

Take a look at their Q&A to learn a little more about Jean, Lori, and Taryn!



Regina (Jean) Grazel, MSN, RN, BC, APN-C

President, National Association of Neonatal Nurses

Project Coordinator, NJ DOH Critical Congenital Heart Disease Screening Program

New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics

What do you like most about DVANN?

I love everything about DVANN. It is a vibrant local chapter of NANN with a long history of success that continues to grow and adapt to meet member needs. The chapter's success is due to strong leadership and active members whose love of what they do shines forth. DVANN continues to attract and involve dedicated neonatal nurses from the area. The chapter provides excellent educational programs as well as rewarding community service projects and fun activities to bring fellow neonatal nurses together, meet new friends and strengthen camaraderie. Friendships and contacts that I made through DVANN endure today and have been a great source of professional support. I am proud to be a member and a former president of the NANN, Delaware Valley Chapter.

What made you want to explore leadership on a national level?

As a CNS, I functioned in a leadership role in the hospital and was involved in spearheading many initiatives, directing projects and overseeing committees on the unit and division levels. As the coordinator of the nation's first legislatively mandated CCHD screening program, I am charged with leading a public health program statewide. Volunteer positions with DVANN on several committees including executive committee roles (treasurer, president-elect, president) provided additional professional development opportunities to gain association leadership experience. Driven by the desire to make a difference and commitment to a worthwhile cause, I sought greater involvement in the association at the national level. Colleagues and friends; however, played an important part and were very influential in my decision. I am thankful for those who gave me encouragement and the confidence to pursue leadership positions in NANN and ultimately run for president.

What are you most proud of (either personally or professionally)?

Well, you probably don't want to hear me brag about my kids so I'll focus on my professional achievements. I'm most proud of my work with NANN. It has been a very rewarding and awesome experience to influence policy, guide neonatal nursing care and positively affect the profession by active participation on committees and service on the Board of Directors. I am honored to serve as the President of NANN, following in the footsteps of many exceptional nurse leaders. I hope that I will inspire others to take that next step and get involved in NANN. I am proud of the remarkable work that NANN does on behalf of neonatal nurses, and the infants and families in our care.

How could DVANN membership best contact you if they wish to reach out to you?

Membership can contact me via email at rgrazel@aapnj.org.

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DVANN Member Spotlight (continued from pg.3)


Lori Brittingham, MSN, RN, CNS, ACCNS-N

President Elect, National Association of Neonatal Nurses

Neonatal Clinical Nurse Specialist, Reading Health System

What do you like most about DVANN?

DVANN offers so much, but for me, the most valuable benefit of DVANN membership has been the opportunity to network with neonatal nurses across the region, sharing ideas and best practices and making lifelong friendships.

What made you want to explore leadership on a national level?

I became a NANN member as a new neonatal nurse and was immediately drawn in to becoming more involved. I was very fortunate to have some really great mentors that pushed me to be a leader at the bedside, and eventually a leader on a much larger scale. NANN has helped to shape my career as a neonatal nurse and I am thrilled to be able to give back- to help shape the future direction of the association and to support neonatal nurses across the country.

What are you most proud of (either personally or professionally)?

I am so proud of being a member of the neonatal nursing community, working side by side, every day, with the brightest and most caring and compassionate nurses in the profession.

How could DVANN membership best contact you if they wish to reach out to you?

I would love to hear from DVANN members! The best way to reach me is via my personal email, lbritt3604@gmail.com.


Taryn Edwards, MSN, CRNP, NNP-BC

Director-at-Large, National Association of Neonatal Nurses

Surgical Nurse Practitioner for General, Thoracic, & Fetal Surgery and the Newborn/Infant Intensive Care Unit at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

What do you like most about DVANN?

DVANN is a great group of neonatal professionals that is dedicated to promoting the highest standards of neonatal nursing care and supporting our families in the hospital and out in the community.

What made you want to explore leadership on a national level?

It has always been one of my goals to serve at a national level. I knew that once my term as President and Past-President were completed for DVANN that I was going to want to work at the national level. I am humbled to serve as your voice on the board and proud to say that I am a DVANN member.

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DVANN Member Spotlight (continued from pg.4)

What are you most proud of (either personally or professionally)?

I am the first one in my immediate family to go to college. So I am proud that I graduated from the University of Pittsburgh (H2P for my fellow PITT graduates!) with my BSN and the University of Pennsylvania with my MSN.

How could DVANN membership best contact you if they wish to reach out to you?

Please feel free to contact me at any time. The best way to get in touch is through email. My address is edwardsta@email.chop.edu

If there is a member or members you would like to see in our Member Spotlight, please email cailin.tallent@gmail.com

Membership Update

Kelly Roebuck, BSN, RN

Hi! We are so glad to have each and every one of you as part of our DVANN membership. Our Chapter consists of a group of 252 very talented and motivated individuals who proudly were awarded the Chapter Membership and Recruitment award at last year's NANN conference! Congratulations to you all on this amazing accomplishment.

For those of you who are new to DVANN or are interested in joining, DVANN is a non-profit chapter of NANN serving neonatal nurses in Southern New Jersey and Southeastern Pennsylvania. We offer a variety of continuing education events, support nursing research and evidence-based practice, and promote awareness of legislative issues impacting neonatal nursing practice and family health. To become a member of DVANN, one must first be a part of NANN which can be done by registering at www.nann.org.

In an effort to keep our members actively engaged, we have many great educational and fun social events. Our next event is our summer dinner at A.I. duPont Hospital for Children, which is an educational offering with a presentation on SCID and NRP updates. We also have a July social event, which will be *Back to the Future* at the Mann Center, followed by our Membership Appreciation Dinner in September. Please see our upcoming events on our website, www.dvannnurses.org/. We hope you plan to join us!

To our current members, thank you all for your continued dedication and participation. If you aren't already a member, we hope you plan to join us and look forward to seeing you at our events in the future!

DVANN Out and About

Philabundance

For the second year in a row, we participated in packing food for families in the Delaware Valley! Philabundance serves 90,000 Delaware Valley residents weekly, and we helped to pack almost 1,000 boxes of food for seniors! We can't wait to do it again!



March of Dimes March for Babies

The March of Dimes March for Babies couldn't have been on a more beautiful day! Thousands came out to the Art Museum to walk/run for babies, and the DVANN table promoted education on safe sleeps as well as a sleep-sack raffle!



Advocacy Update

Tommie Farrell, RNC-NIC

This year will be very exciting as we approach the 2016 election cycle and the race for the Presidency. It is also a time when your elected officials are distracted with what's happening as November approaches, often not focusing on issues close to home. It will be important to remind them that the healthcare system, our nursing practice, and our patient population are out there as a vital part of the communities that they serve.

On April 11, I spent the day in Harrisburg at the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association lobby day, "Code Blue: Nursing Emergency." Nurses were invited to participate in bring attention to House Bill 476. This involved a general education session about the bill, and meetings with our elected officials individually to shine a light on safe staffing legislation. This bill has a lot of support from both sides of the aisle BUT needs a push from everyday working colleagues like us, who are at the bedside or in practice where short staffing negatively impacts healthcare and our small patients. We have all felt the crunch of working shorthanded, and have felt the pressure to do more with less in this time of crisis. The following is from the PSNA website:

"A recent American Nurses Association (ANA) study found that 54% of nurses in medical and emergency units reported spending insufficient time with patients and 43% worked extra hours due to short staffing. We also understand that working in such an environment depletes morale and leads to medical errors and nurses leave the profession.

PSNA has been advocating a Safe Staffing model for the past *six years* that addresses the individuality of each unit and setting through the work of a staffing committee. This committee is made up of at least 50% nurses and 50% other personnel and requires a 66% vote on final adoption of a staffing plan. This model will take into account variables such as patient acuity, unit layout, and ancillary support to determine the appropriate number, skills, experience, and education of the nurses on a given unit" (PSNA, 2016)."

The PSNA website has a link on their advocacy page that will take you directly to your State Representatives where, with just a few clicks, you can easily request that they lend support to this bill. Both the New Jersey State and Delaware State Nurses Associations have advocacy pages, which I visit regularly for any active legislation. However, these pages also provide ways for you to find your own legislator. I encourage you to use this contact information to remind them of issues in your practice that need attention. They appreciate the voice of a nurse. They **KNOW** we are the nucleus of the healthcare system and they want to hear from us.



Treasurer's Report

Annette Jones, BSN, MBA, RNC-NIC



Income

	January-March 2016	Year to Date
Membership Dues	880.00	880.00
Dinner Meetings:		
King of Prussia	20.00	20.00
PPS	150.00	150.00
Total Vendor Contributions	1000.00	1000.00
Member Donations	0.00	0.00
NANN Awards	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00

Expenses

	January-March 2016	Year to Date
Event Expenses:		
Speaker Gifts/Cards	50.00	50.00
Donations	0.00	0.00
Winter Dinner Meeting	835.64	835.64
March of Dimes Table	1000.00	1000.00
Miscellaneous	225.14	225.14
TOTAL	\$2,110.78	\$2,110.78

Ending Balance 3/31/16: \$19,295.09



Einstein Medical Center Montgomery is looking for experienced NICU RNs to join our team of exceptional nurses who care for our youngest patients.

Do you have the following?

- Current Pennsylvania RN license, active and in good standing
- Recent NICU experience
- CPR certification through the American Heart Association (BLS)
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Night Shift positions are available

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Or contact Stephanie Brooks, Recruitment Specialist, @ 484-622-7080

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Please Send Us Your Ideas!

Is there something that you would like to see in the *Preemie Press*?
Is there a member you would like to see featured in our "Member Spotlight?" Would your organization like to advertise with DVANN?

Please send inquiries and newsletter submissions to Cailin Tallent at cailin.tallent@gmail.com



Save the Date!

June

Summer Joint Meeting with DANN:

SCID with Dr. Jen Heimall & NRP Updates with Patti Clifford, MSN, RNC-NIC

June 8th, 2016 from 5:30-8:30pm at AI duPont Hospital for Children

July

DVANN Social Event:

***Back to the Future* at the Mann Center with the Philadelphia Orchestra**

July 9th, 2016 at 7:30pm

September

DVANN Membership Appreciation Dinner

September 15th, 2016 from 6:00-9:00pm at Riverwinds Restaurant

October

NANN's 32nd Annual Educational Conference

October 26th-29th, 2016 in Palm Springs

November

DVANN Fall Conference: Neonatal Cardiology for the NICU Nurse

November 14th, 2016 at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia