

ANNA

The Year in ANNA History **Looking Back: 2003-2004**

The Year in Review



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President

- ANNA produced the *Discover Nephrology Nursing* brochure, which was designed to attract both student nurses and registered nurses to nephrology, and to attract nephrology nurses who are not members of ANNA to join the Association.
- The Association joined Kidney Care Partners (KCP), a coalition of kidney disease organizations representing professionals, providers, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and patient support organizations.
- ANNA chose to honor Janel Parker, one of its greatest leaders and visionaries, following her untimely and accidental death on August 26, 2003. A Career Mobility Scholarship was renamed the Janel Parker Career Mobility Scholarship.
- ANNA held its first ESRD Education Day on August 15, 2003, under the leadership and guidance of ANNA Legislative Consultant Nancy Sharp.
- ANNA's Fall Meeting in Savannah, GA broke attendance records for a Fall program with 425 registrants and 35 exhibitors. The Fall 2003 and Winter 2004 Audio-Conferences also set new records with chapters hosting a combined 193 sites and 1,550 participants!
- The Association subscribed to a Web-based political communications service called CapWiz that allowed ANNA members to gain more political information and to easily write letters to their legislators with just a few clicks of the mouse!
- ANNA delivered its biweekly "RenalWEB E-News" and monthly "ANNA E-News" to members via email. Member contacts throughout this 12-month period through mail and email totaled more than 500,000!
- With Suzann VanBuskirk at the helm, ANNA continued the work of the *Nephrology Nursing Shortage and Solutions: An Invitational Summit* as four task forces worked on the outcomes of the Summit.
- ANNA was awarded a \$13,000 Nurse Competence in Aging Grant by the American Nurses Association (ANA). The funds will be used over 2 years to enhance the education of nurses in caring for older adults.
- The 35th National Symposium, held in Washington, DC, proved to be another highly successful educational and networking event!

