

ANNA

The Year in ANNA History

Looking Back: 2007-2008

The Year in Review



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President

- More than 70 nephrology nurses convened in Washington, DC for ANNA's 9th Health Policy Workshop in June 2007 to lobby for issues important to ANNA, nephrology nurses, and individuals with kidney disease.
- ANNA developed an educational program, *Insights into Anemia Management: What Every Nurse Should Know* and delivered it to 40 chapters during 2007-2008.
- Over 70 current and future ANNA leaders were called together in September 2007 to attend a Critical Issues Conference in Philadelphia. The goal was to create an environment for ANNA's continued growth and success over the next 5 years.
- To create opportunities for new volunteers and to give relief to some overstretched volunteers, ANNA developed the ANNA Resource Corps (ARC), an online volunteer database for all ANNA members. **Suzann VanBuskirk** served as ARC advisor.
- **Charlotte Thomas-Hawkins** and **Linda Flynn** completed and published their study, "The Work Environment, Nurse Staffing, Workload, Processes of Nursing Care, and Nurse-Reported Nurse and Patient Outcomes in Hemodialysis Settings."
- Under the leadership of Gail Wick, ANNA updated its Strategic Plan to ensure ANNA's continued success in advancing nephrology nursing practice through advocacy, education, and excellence.
- New ANNA publications included:
 - *Career Fulfillment in Nephrology Nursing: Your Guide to Professional Development* (2nd Edition)
 - *Core Curriculum for Nephrology Nursing* (5th Edition)
 - *Nephrology Nursing Certification Review Guide* (4th Edition)
- ANNA's Fall Meeting for Nephrology Nurse Managers, Advanced Practice Nurses, and Clinicians in San Francisco was a well-attended program with over 700 registrants.
- The 39th National Symposium, held in Philadelphia in April 2008, proved to be another highly successful educational and networking event, attracting more than 1,500 nephrology nurses.
- ANNA renewed its National Office management services agreement with Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc. and Executive Director services agreement with Michael Cunningham through 2014.
- Association membership, reaching its highest number this century, surpassed 12,000 members and 114 chapters.
- The concept of ANNA's Virtual World was formed, and design of the project began.
- ANNA representatives participated in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Community Forum for the development of Interpretive Guidelines for the new Conditions of Coverage for ESRD Facilities.

