

ANNA

The Year in ANNA History

Looking Back: 2011-2012

The Year in Review



Dr. Rowena W. Elliott
President

- Dr. Rowena W. Elliott was elected the first African-American and doctoral-prepared (PhD) national president of ANNA.
- ANNA was one of five major organizations that partnered with the American Kidney Fund in the “Pair-Up” national campaign to increase education and screening for chronic kidney disease.
- ANNA joined Partnership for Patients, a new public-private partnership that helps improve the quality, safety, and affordability of health care for all Americans.
- ANNA established a new collaboration with two physician nephrology organizations – the American Society of Nephrology (ASN) and Renal Physicians Association (RPA) – to review and revise ANNA’s position statement entitled: *Joint Position Paper on Collaboration between Nephrologists and Advanced Practice Nurses*.
- ANNA joined the Nursing Community in advocating for support of Nursing Workforce Development Programs and continued funding for nursing education and research.
- ANNA was one of many nursing organizations that pledged support for the “Joining Forces” initiative developed by the U.S. White House and First Lady Michelle Obama. Goals of the initiative are to increase awareness of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injury in military veterans.
- ANNA collaborated with Amgen for the *Cornerstone of Care: Connecting Nurses’ Expertise with Improved Patient Outcomes* Chapter Programs.
- More than \$100,000 in scholarships, awards, and grants was distributed by ANNA to members and chapters.
- ANNA’s 42nd National Symposium was held in March 2011 in Boston, MA, with more than 900 in attendance.
- ANNA held the Health Policy Workshop for ANNA members who have an interest in health policy in June 2011 in Washington, DC.
- Nephrology Nurses Week was celebrated September 11-17, 2011, to honor all nephrology nurses. The theme “Soaring to New Career Heights” highlighted the way nephrology nurses can challenge themselves to go beyond the status quo and advance their careers as nephrology nurses.
- The ANNA Fall Meeting for Nephrology Nurses, Managers, and Advanced Practice Nurses was held in October 2011 at the Hilton Atlanta in Atlanta, GA. More than 450 attended the conference.
- The *Nephrology Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice*, 7th Edition, was made available as an eBook.
- The *Nephrology Nursing Journal* moved all articles beginning with the year 2000 to ANNA’s Online Library. All ANNA members can now access *NNJ* articles free of charge as a member benefit of ANNA.
- ANNA conducted a formal review and revision of its Strategic Plan.
- ANNA launched a “Free for 3 / Strive for 5” membership incentive program.
- Dr. Hazel Dennison was hired as ANNA’s Director of Education Services.

