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

The Year in Review

- 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!