Alabama

Hazel Taylor #239

Our chapter was well represented at the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX, in May. All chapter officers as well as some additional chapter members attended. It was an honor to see our chapter member, Dr. Angie Kurosaka, become ANNA National President! We are also excited that two other chapter members are serving on the national Board of Directors: Sara Kennedy, Treasurer, and Tanisha Leonard, Emerging Nephrology Nurse Professional Fellow.

We are working with several pharmaceutical and other vendors to present dinner meetings. We will be finalizing dates so watch for an email with that information.

Mark your calendar now to attend the 38th Annual Nephrology Update on October 14. We have lined up some great speakers and topics, such as updates on vaccines (including COVID information), peritoneal dialysis, continuous renal replacement therapy, and more.

Please contact a chapter officer if we can help you: President Patti Patterson, President-Elect Jamie Horton, Secretary Cindy Richards, Treasurer Sara Kennedy, and Health Policy Representative Tanisha Leonard. Program Committee members are Angie Kurosaka and Kimberly Whitt.

California

Nephros South #506

Our chapter hosted an educational dinner event sponsored by Vifor Pharma on May 18. Dr. Charles White, Senior Medical Science Director, presented CKD-Associated Pruritus: Disease State and Clinical Update. While participants enjoyed dinner at Seasons 52 in La Jolla, Dr. White captured our attention with his discussion of new research and treatment for “itching,” a common complaint among our patients.

Chapter President Wendy Lester represented our chapter at the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX, in May. Kudos to Wendy for her joint presentation with Ursula Chester from the Gulf Coast Chapter on Dealing with the Loss of a Patient in the Dialysis Unit.

On June 7, our chapter hosted an educational event sponsored by Otsuka Pharmaceutical. The topic was Living Kidney Donation: One Solution for Patients with ESRD.

We also are planning another educational meeting this summer. Regaining some of our pre-COVID momentum, our chapter is grateful for these opportunities to gather in person for education, networking, and fun. We welcome all members to take advantage of these offerings. And just as important, remember to savor the simple joys of life and take time for self-care every day. Stay balanced or risk burnout!

Colorado

High Country #502

Our chapter, which represents Colorado and Wyoming, held an educational dinner meeting on the topic of Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease in Denver, CO, on April 14. Twelve members attended. Thank you for your participation!

Our 2022-2023 chapter officers are President Kate Brady, President-Elect Courtney Monroe, Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Patterson, and Health Policy Representative Candice Berrera. The board is planning to hold Zoom meetings and more dinner meetings this year in north and south Colorado. We also are planning a full-day educational meeting on October 9. The location and topics are still being developed. We would appreciate help from chapter members who would like to volunteer to work on this event.

Another change this year is that we plan to start sending health policy updates to chapter members by email to notify you of upcoming legislation that may be of interest. Legislators pay attention to emails and letters from nurses. Nurses are highly respected, and we should use that position to advocate for change.

Watch your email for announcements and details about these events. If you are not receiving our emails, please check your spam folder or your notification selection in your member account on the ANNA website. We are open to new ideas for community service opportunities or group opportunities for education in Colorado or Wyoming. Contact us through ANNA Connected.

Florida

South Florida Flamingo #206

Our chapter was honored with the Chapters Strategic Collaboration Award and the Chapter STAR (Successful Teamwork = Achievements and Recognition) Award for Membership at the 2022 ANNA National Symposium. So many many stepped up to make our chapter exceptional!
Congratulations to our chapter president, **Debra Hain**, who received the prestigious Outstanding Contribution to ANNA Award. She was awarded a lifetime membership to ANNA and a beautiful plaque and pin.

**Darlena Banas** also attended the symposium in person this year.

Chapter President-Elect **Jane Sapp Wallace** attended three virtual meetings with Florida Congressional aides, including Jared Honts, the legislative aide to Senator Rick Scott (R-FL). She addressed the following topics: “Sustaining Telehealth Flexibilities for the Dialysis Provider Community,” “RHA’s Ongoing Concerns with the CMS ESRD Treatment Choices Model,” and “The Ongoing Impact of COVID-19 on the Dialysis Provider Community.” Thank you for representing nephrology nurses on the political stage to help our nurses, patients, and community. Go to ANNA Connected to read more about this important work.

**Pamela DePiola** and **Debra Hain** started a community outreach program to educate the public on kidney health. On March 24, they spoke at the Victory Place International Center in Lauderhill. **Agnes John** also attended. Thank you for your service to our community! If you would like to become involved in this very needed and important role, contact **Pamela DePiola**, chapter health policy representative.

Welcome to our new members: **Bo-Michelle Bachiller**, **Darlinernst Joachim**, **Darien Diaz Ferrer**, **Lakisha Johnson**, **Wendy Lindgren**, and **Victoria Vidal**.

Welcome also to our new student members: **Melissa Alvarez**, **Diana Kanukwa**, **Dayami Lopez**, **Anel Merceron**, **Sheffiga Rose**, **Kimberly Valet**, **Julia Julmice**, **Mikayla Lynch**, and **Melissa Ralh**.

We hope these future nurses are considering nephrology as a career. We encourage everyone to support new members as they learn all that ANNA has to offer and introduce them to our chapter’s networking opportunities.

On May 17, **Andrea Hoogwerf** with Bayer Pharmaceutical presented **Kerendia**, A Treatment Option for Patients with CKD Associated with Type 2 Diabetes at City Fish Market in Boca Raton. Everyone enjoyed the evening and learned useful and interesting new information. We celebrated Nurses Week and, along with the raffle fundraiser and door prizes, everyone went home with a beautiful candle and some sweets.

On June 7, Dr. **Cris Gibson**, Medical Science Liaison for Amgen, hosted our...
meeting at City Fish Market in Boca Raton. He presented *Review of Hyperplasia of the Parathyroid Gland*. Attendees had the opportunity to win raffle and door prizes, which was a nice way to end the night.

Watch for upcoming educational meeting announcements on ANNA Connected and our chapter Facebook page.

**Suncoast #213**

Our chapter had a busy start to 2022 with a collaborative meeting in January with the Florida Society of Nephrology and the ANNA South Florida Flamingo and North Central Florida Chapters. At the recent ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, the Florida chapters were awarded the Chapters Strategic Collaboration Award with each chapter receiving $500. We are planning to collaborate with the Florida Society of Nephrology again in January 2023 for the meeting in Bonita Springs, FL.

In May, we moved our meeting to Pier 22 in Bradenton, FL. Fresenius sponsored dinner and a speaker. Dr. Michael Bruculleri spoke on *Clinical Experience and Implications: High Potency Phosphate Binding to Activate Control with Velphoro*. The chapter held a drawing and gave away a $25 gift certificate and a 1-year ANNA membership.

Angela McKenna, Marie Montagna, and Cindy Toombs attended the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX, in May. As chapter president, Marie’s registration was paid for by the National Office! Maybe one of you would like to be a chapter officer. Think about it! Chapter officer elections are held at our annual meeting.

Angela McKenna was awarded the Janel Parker Career Mobility Scholarship at the National Symposium. Remember, there are many scholarships available to you as an ANNA member. Congratulations to Angela and good luck with your MSN! If you have questions or need more information, please contact a chapter officer:

- President *Marie Montagna*, mmontagna1949@gmail.com
- Treasurer *Angela McKenna*, angela.Mckenna@fmc-na.com
- Health Policy Representative *May Midel*, mmidel@tgh.org
- Secretary *Cindy Toombs*, cindy.toombs@me.com

Please be thinking of how to assist us with the chapter. We will be forming a chapter board of directors to help with the fall meeting and to be a resource for the officers. Please consider being an officers or member of the board to keep our chapter vibrant.

Watch for an announcement via ANNA Connected regarding our fall meeting!

**Illinois**

**Windy City #305**

Our chapter hosted a very successful educational dinner on May 10 at the Gibson Bar and Steakhouse in Oakbrook, IL. Dr. Manish Jain, an expert rheumatologist, gave an outstanding presentation on *Targeting Lupus Nephritis with Lupkynis*. Thank you to Aurinia Pharmaceuticals, Inc., for sponsoring this event. It was a great night of networking among ANNA members and members of other nursing organizations in Illinois, including the Philippine Nurses Association of Illinois and the Chicago Nurses for Diabetes Charter Lions Club.

We look forward to collaborating with them in the future and hopefully recruit some nurses as new members.

Our chapter conducted a short meeting during the evening and welcomed our new chapter secretary, Bessie Baldovino, and national Board of Directors member, Michelle Gilliland.

The chapter hosted another successful educational dinner on June 6 at the Truluck’s Ocean Finest Seafood Restaurant in Rosemont, IL. Dr. Gates Colbert, a nephrologist from Texas, gave a presentation on *Korsuva: Managing Moderate to Severe CKD-Associated Pruritus in Adult Patients on Hemodialysis and Veltassa: Managing High Levels of Potassium (Hyperkalemia)*. Attendees included nurses, technicians, and other allied healthcare professionals. Thank you to Vifor Pharma for sponsoring the event.

On June 29, Outset Medical hosted a dinner at Calucci Restaurant in Rosemont, IL.
Kentucky

Bluegrass #322

Congratulations to our chapter for winning the Outstanding Chapter Recognition Award. We worked hard for this achievement and appreciate all our members for participating in this effort.

We are raising money for the Kidney Health Alliance of Kentucky (KHAKY), which serves kidney disease patients and their families in Kentucky. We are raising funds for the opportunity to rappel down a 12-story building in Lexington, KY. Contact Teresa Villaran if you would like to support our team.

Maryland

Baltimore #101

We are incredibly proud of our chapter president, Glady Happi, who is working at a medical mission in Cameroon, Africa. She is hauling donated medical supplies, and our chapter helped to pay for some of the shipping costs for this mission. What a great job Gladys is doing, and we are lucky to have her as a chapter member!

Michigan

Michiganna #312

Congratulations also to our chapter president, Teresa Villaran, for presenting her poster entitled “Intersection of Social Justice and Health Care: Nurses Can Lead These Discussions” at the 2022 ANNA National Symposium.

We are looking forward to a chapter educational dinner meeting on Fabry disease sponsored by Sanofi to be held in August.
Gerardo Infante and Myesha Hollins. The president-elect position remains open, and we are seeking a volunteer to fill that position.

During the 2022 ANNA National Symposium, our chapter won the Chapter STAR Award for Leadership. Congratulations also to our members for winning awards, including Gerardo Infante, New to Nephrology Practice Award; Kourtney Rudolph, Quality Care Award; Donna Bednarski, Ron Brady Memorial Award for Excellence in Volunteer Leadership; and Emily Straw, Fresenius Medical North America Career Mobility Scholarship.

Our chapter has partnered with many organizations over the years. Our chapter will continue to partner with the National Kidney Foundation for community involvement events. Watch your ANNA Connected emails for further updates.

Missouri

St. Louis Metro #307
Chapter officers attended the 2022 ANNA National Symposium as well as many of the volunteer leadership training sessions virtually. We are striving to become the best chapter officers we can be. It is an honor to serve our chapter! Watch your email for opportunities to participate in chapter activities, including monthly educational activities, business meetings and advocacy/service events.

Nominate an outstanding patient care technician, nurse, or nurse practitioner for an award to be presented at our Fall Education Day on September 17. A framed certificate and gift will be given to recognize exceptional service to the renal community. Nomination forms will be sent via ANNA Connected to members on August 1 and must be submitted by September 1.

Vifor Pharma provided an educational dinner at Maggiano’s Little Italy on May 19. Dr. Gary Singer introduced us to the new medication, Korsuva, for the treatment of pruritus in hemodialysis patients.

On June 23, we enjoyed a dinner presentation at Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar provided by Natera/Renasight on genetic testing for individuals with a diagnosis or family history of chronic kidney disease.
Chapter Update

Otsuka will host an educational event on the state of autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease on July 21. Our all-day Fall Nephrology Education Day is scheduled for September 17. Plan to attend! This is the first all-day, in-person event our chapter is hosting since before COVID! Look for a flyer in your email.

For our “Minute with a Member,” Nicole Williams is an active chapter member from the St. Louis area. She has been a nurse since 1991 and a nephrology nurse since 2012. She was recruited to serve renal patients by Dr. Dalal and started her journey with DaVita. Currently, she is working at ChromaLloy American Kidney Center providing chronic outpatient hemodialysis treatment. Nicole learned about ANNA from a fellow co-worker, Pat Jackson, and has been an active member ever since.

Nicole’s super power is compassion! Her patients love her and feel safe and secure knowing she is handling their care. Nicole is a foodie and while she could not name one favorite food, she enjoys the adventure of trying new things. When asked what single thing could turn a bad day around, she said the smile or laughter of a child. Her greatest accomplishment is her success as a single parent raising a son, who is now 22 and in college. Thank you to Nicole for all the ways she supports ANNA, her patients, and her family!

Nebraska

Platte River #324

During our monthly meeting in May, we confirmed our elected chapter officers for 2022: President Michelle Gilliland, Treasurer Angie Craig, Secretary Penny Dennis, and Secretary-Elect Michelle Johnson. We enjoyed having Stephanie Reveles from Akebia Therapeutics join the May meeting as our guest.

Our chapter held two educational dinner presentations this spring, and plans are underway to hold three more dinner presentations this summer. In June, Dr. Gerry Zingraf presented a program on transplant; the presentation was approved for 1.0 contact hour. We will host our chapter’s annual education day on September 15 at the Scott Conference Center on the University of Nebraska Omaha campus. We are planning a full day of presentations and networking. Mark your calendars!

Michelle Gilliland and Angie Craig attended the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX, in person. They were able to connect with each other and share their experiences. Michelle Johnson attended the preconference on “Recognizing and Caring for Various Complications in Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease” virtually.

New Jersey

Jersey North #126

Planning for our fall Nephrology Nurses Week celebration is in progress. We will be hosting an educational dinner meeting with contact hours in September and hope you will be able to join us. By the time this article is published, all the details will be available on our chapter website at annajerseynorth126.nursingnetwork.com. Information also will be sent to your email via ANNA Connected.

Congratulations to Drs. Alice Hellebrand and Jessica Chung-Huey Ho, who each earned their DNP degree in May. Congratulations also to those of you who have recently graduated. If you are a nurse or technician who is a chapter member and currently in school to advance your degree, consider applying for a chapter scholarship. The application is available on our chapter website, and the scholarship will be awarded at our Nephrology Nurses Week celebration in September.

If you know of a member who should be recognized in a chapter article, please send information to Cathy Picarelli at catherine.picarelli@hmhn.org.

New York

Northeast Tri-State #120

Our chapter is planning to hold a fall educational dinner program and a virtual educational program with contact hours. Look for the most updated information in ANNA Connected. If you have questions or would like to be involved with the chapter, please contact a chapter officer via ANNA Connected.

North Carolina

Greater Charlotte #202

We were excited to have almost 100 participants (several from our chapter) at the ANNA North Carolina Statewide Symposium in Cary, NC, on May 18-19. It was great to hold an in-person gathering with networking, 10.5 contact hours, and about 30 vendors. Thank you to Rhonda Duggan and Hananie Felix for their many

Congratulations to Stuart Mott, who received a lifetime service award from the St. Louis Metro Chapter.
Our chapter will be holding several educational dinners this year, so please watch for announcements via ANNA Connected.

Blue Ridge #262
Welcome to new member Betty Jo Ellis from South Carolina.
We enjoyed networking with our members and colleagues at the ANNA North Carolina Statewide Symposium and the ANNA National Symposium in May.
We continue to brainstorm regarding ideas to increase chapter membership and participation. If you have any innovative ideas, please contact a chapter officer.

Tar River #268
On May 18-19, we participated in the ANNA North Carolina Statewide Symposium with IPRO ESRD Network of the South Atlantic. The Blue Ridge, Cardinal, Tar River, and Greater Charlotte Chapters collaborated with IPRO to host the 2-day symposium on Unique Challenges for the Nephrology Professional. The meeting drew almost 100 attendees and featured many interesting and entertaining speakers.

Ohio
Black Swamp #323
On June 8, chapter members gathered for our first in-person educational event since the start of COVID. We met at Rockwell’s Restaurant for an Overview of Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease presented by Jill Green from Otsuka Pharmaceuticals. We held a business meeting and received a legislative update from Glenna Frey, our chapter health policy representative. The event was free to celebrate nephrology nursing, and raffle prizes were awarded.

On June 12, chapter members participated in the first National Kidney Foundation Northern Ohio Kidney Walk held at the University of Toledo. The event was organized by Glenna Frey, co-director of Kidney Donor Conversations, and our chapter provided the volunteers.
We are busy making plans for more educational events so continue to check your mail!
Please consider serving as a chapter officer for the 2023-2024 term. The current officers are willing to mentor and help new officers.
Pennsylvania

Three Rivers #104

Our chapter presented the Spring Ahead into Nephrology Conference on May 1. Several speakers discussed newer topics regarding nephrology staff and patients, such as vascular access, mental health of the renal population, as well as the transplantation process. Additionally, several vendors participated and educated attendees about current dietary supplements and medications to help those with kidney disease. Attendees included registered nurses and patient care technicians, and contact hours were awarded through the Ohio Board of Nursing Association. A basket raffle was held at the end of the conference to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). The raffle funds will be presented to the NKF at a later date. Leading up to this conference, several “Lunch and Learns” were held to educate nurses about new and upcoming medications. Our chapter is planning future activities to support our goal of educating nephrology staff.

Keystone #110

Welcome to our newest members: Navein Arumugasamy, Abigail Cienski, Stacey Knoth, and Tanya Marosi.

A few chapter officers and members attended the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX. The chapter created a poster for display at the symposium.

On June 2, we held an in-person dinner meeting on Fabry Disease presented by Sanofi at Seasons 52 in King of Prussia, PA.

Chapter officers and members attended a dinner meeting hosted by Mark Sanford from AstraZeneca. It was a fun and successful event full of education and networking. We look forward to seeing more members attend future events. Stay tuned for more educational meetings as chapter officers meet to make plans for future events.

Interested in volunteering as a chapter officer? Reach out to a current chapter officer for more information. Our 2022-2023 officers are Immediate Past President Colleen Pittman, President Shelby Hisler,
Tennessee

Memphis Blues #240

Some of our chapter officers and members attended the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX, in May. What a fun time we had and how wonderful it was to see friends and colleagues face-to-face after such a long hiatus. Chapter President Susan Bridger, President-Elect Catherine Pantik, and Secretary Jewell Smith were on hand to ensure our chapter was well represented at the conference.

Dr. Jami Brown presented a poster on “Health Disparities: Preventing Chronic Kidney Disease and Its Progression Among BIPOC Communities.” Dr. Brown is also a member of ANNA’s Leadership Committee.

Now is the time for you to get involved! We need you! Our chapter wants to hear from you and wants you to participate in making this chapter great. If you are not yet ready to take on the role of chapter officer, there are still many ways you can participate to help your chapter. Please reach out to our chapter officers. We want to hear from you!

Chapter officers for the year 2022-2023 are:

- President Susan Bridger, sphbridger@gmail.com
- President-Elect Catherine Pantik, cathypantik@me.com
- Secretary Peachy Delamerced, peachy1300@hotmail.com
- Treasurer Lynette Murdock, murdock.lynette@gmail.com
- Health Policy Representative Jewell Smith, divajms26@gmail.com

Stay tuned to ANNA Connected for information on upcoming chapter events.

Texas

Gulf Coast #204

Our chapter officers for 2022-2023 are President Marichelle Antonio Espiritu, President-Elect Bindu Simon, Secretary Rosie Olivares, Treasurer Manjusha Thomas, and Health Policy Representative Mario Brazat.
Several chapter members attended the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX. We had so much fun visiting with fellow colleagues again. Our chapter holds monthly dinner meetings. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and times. We welcome all nephrology healthcare providers to join us. We also are recruiting nursing students so they can learn about nephrology nursing. Contact a chapter officer with any questions or ideas you may have. We are a nephrology family, and we welcome all ideas. Let’s get motivated to get involved and help one another. We can start by planning to attend the 2023 ANNA National Symposium in Palm Springs, CA.

Alamo City #205
On May 12, our chapter hosted a webinar offering 1.25 contact hours. Eight participants listened to a wonderful presentation by Mary Schira on Liver Failure and Chronic Kidney Disease. Four chapter members attended the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX, in May. Attendees included President Jane Wilson and President-Elect Gail Dewald.

Congratulations to Jane Wilson, who was the winner of the Clinical Practice Award. She also won the Clinical Employee of the Year at the South Texas Veteran’s Administration.

On June 5, our chapter officers met to plan for the year ahead. We are planning monthly educational dinners, community events, and a full-day seminar to be held on September 24. The program will offer contact hours and feature six topics to enhance your practice. Elia Keck volunteered to serve as Special Projects Chairperson. Topics include new fistula formation techniques, let your voice be heard (hot topics in health policy), end-of-life discussions, ethics, living donor transplant, and preventing organ stunning in hemodialysis patients. Register on the Alamo City chapter website at annaac.nursingnetwork.com.

The chapter is offering a $500 scholarship to a person working with nephrology patients who is in nursing. Members of the Memphis Blues Chapter attended the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX. Pictured (from left) are Jewell Smith, ANNA President Angie Kurosaka, Jami Brown, and Susan Bridger.

Members of the Memphis Blues Chapter enjoyed networking with other ANNA members in the ANNA National Symposium Exhibit Hall. Pictured (from left, sitting) are Kelly Dyar, Jami Brown; (standing) Lillian Pryor, Loretta Jackson Brown, Maryam Lyon, and Jewell Smith.

Gulf Coast chapter member Manjusha Thomas was named the winner of the Board Directors Award at the 2022 ANNA National Symposium. Tanya Scott (center) accepted the award on Manjusha’s behalf.
Gulf Coast chapter officers Pauline Marroquin, Aelyn Abardo, and Rosie Olivares attended the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX.

Gulf Coast chapter members Aelyn Abardo and Pauline Marroquin attended the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX.

Congratulations to Alamo City chapter member Jane Wilson, who was honored with the Clinical Practice Award at the 2022 ANNA National Symposium.

Alamo City chapter officers Jane Wilson and Gail Dewald attended the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX.
school pursuing an RN (or higher) degree. The scholarship application is on our chapter website (annaac.nursingnetwork.com) with a submission deadline of August 26 at midnight. We hope to receive multiple applications. Applicants must be from the San Antonio, Corpus Christi, and Laredo area.

Our June educational dinner was hosted by Outset Medical at Pappadeaux’s in San Antonio, TX. The room was packed with attendees who learned about Use of the Tablo HD Machine during Supply Shortages with CRRT. Otsuka Pharmaceutical hosted our dinner in July on the topic of Major Depression Disorder in CKD. It was another great networking event with quality time spent with our colleagues.

**Dallas #208**

Our chapter welcomed the 2022 ANNA National Symposium to the Fort Worth Convention Center.

Thank you to ANNA chapters for their donations and raising $320 for Camp Reynal, a 6-day camp experience for children with kidney disease. Thank you to members for their participation in the raffle prize and kidney pin sales, raising over $500 for chapter and member services.

We offered an educational dinner, hosted by Vifor, with 52 members in attendance.

Congratulations to members in helping our chapter win the Chapter STAR Award for Advocacy. Congratulations also to the following members on their achievements: Glenda Payne, Nephrology Nursing Journal Writing Contest Award in Clinical Practice; and Donna Painter, Nephrology Nursing Journal Writing Contest Award in Education.

Best wishes to Laura Cato on her appointment to the ANNA Leadership Committee and 3-year tenure on the ANNA Chapter Support Team.

Check out the fun festivities on our chapter Facebook page at www.facebook.com/annadallaschapter. Watch for more educational offerings and networking opportunities in the coming months.

**Utah**

**Intermountain #516**

Live meetings continued through the late spring and summer for our chapter.

In May, Melanie Harper, Sally Russell, and Kristin Larson attended the ANNA

The Dallas Chapter received the Chapter STAR Award for Advocacy at the 2022 ANNA National Symposium. Pictured (from left) are Mary Schira, Glenda Payne, Telesha Coleman, Nenita Cuellar, and Yvette Ronquillo.
National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX. During the awards ceremony, our chapter was presented the STAR Award for Education. Kristin Larson also began her 2-year role as ANNA National Secretary.

On June 23, Dr. Charles White of Vifor Pharmaceuticals presented a dinner meeting on CKD-Associated Pruritis. This was a well-attended event before we took a summer break. No educational meetings will be held in July but will resume in August.

Virginia

Tidewater #241

Our chapter was honored to sponsor the Virginia Uplift Foundation annual golf tournament held May 22 at the Bide-A-Wee Golf Course in Portsmouth, VA, and assist citizens in the Hampton Roads/Tidewater area of Virginia. The mission of the Virginia Uplift Foundation is to uplift our community on many levels. Each year, the Foundation awards scholarships to graduating college-bound seniors in the Virginia Beach School System. The Foundation holds an annual Talent Hunt program to encourage youth to showcase their gifts in fine arts, and seeks to expose youth to positive opportunities, including mentorship programs that familiarize them with science/nursing and allied health, technology, reading, engineering, fine arts, and math. In addition, the Foundation provides opportunities to participate in social projects during the holiday season through food delivery to underserved communities in Virginia Beach. The golf tournament also provided funds for Battered Women’s Shelters in Virginia Beach.

Our chapter hosted a virtual dinner meeting with contact hours on May 19. Participants enjoyed dinner on the chapter! Attendees ordered dinner, submitted receipts to Chapter Treasurer Beverly Grier-Smith, and were reimbursed up to $10 for their meal. Attendees enjoyed the Zoom presentation on Multi-Dose Vial Infection Prevention Practices. Special thanks to our chapter executive team for their innovative ideas. Chapter President Janyce McLin continues to encourage our team to think outside the box!

The Pacific Northwest Chapter displayed a poster at the ANNA National Symposium in Fort Worth, TX.

Members of the Caribbean Chapter met with the ANNA Board of Directors in Puerto Rico in February.

Members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter enjoyed dinner and networking while attending the ANNA National Symposium. Pictured are Joni Schneider, Nancy Colobong Smith, and Pat Madden.
Washington

**Pacific Northwest #503**

Our chapter sponsored an educational dinner meeting presented by NephU on *Nutritional Management in Chronic Kidney Disease*. Several ANNA members and other nephrology nurses attended.

Several chapter members attended – in-person and virtually – the ANNA National Symposium held in Fort Worth, TX.

We are planning another educational dinner meeting hosted by Vifor on *CKD-Associated Pruritis* and are reaching out to our colleagues across our region to join us. Please contact Irene Kral via ANNA Connected if you are interested in attending or for information on other upcoming events.

Puerto Rico

**Caribbean #210**

The ANNA Board of Directors held their winter meeting at the Caribe Hilton in our chapter’s beautiful island of Puerto Rico. On February 13, chapter members gave a presentation to the Board to share projects, experiences, developments, and challenges throughout our 35 years of history. Chapter officers were very grateful for this opportunity.

On May 3, Chapter President Yaritza Pizarro was interviewed by a staff member of the Puerto Rican Kidney Foundation. They discussed the care of the kidney transplant patient, and the program was transmitted on Victoria 840 radio station.

After 42 years of service as a nursing professional and 39 years as a nephrology nurse, Rebecca Rodriguez, decided it was time to retire and pursue new projects. We wish you the best, Rebecca! Thank you for being an outstanding leader and key person in the development of our chapter.

Congratulations to Emily Martinez, chapter secretary, who was promoted in her job in April!

On June 3-4, our chapter held an educational activity on *Diabetes Management* which offered 15.0 contact hours.

ANNA Chapters Encouraged to Participate in ‘Feed Your Kidneys’ Initiative

ANNA is pleased to announce a new way for ANNA chapters to celebrate Nephrology Nurses Week this year. During Nephrology Nurses Week (September 11-17), ANNA will fund grants for 10 chapters to donate $1,500 each to a local food bank. September is Hunger Action Month, and ANNA looks forward to supporting local communities through the Feed Your Kidneys program. Complete details are available at annanurse.org/feed-your-kidneys.

ANNA is donating $15,000 to food banks across America!

This community service program provides ANNA chapters with an opportunity to donate money and donate time. The chapter can select any local food bank/pantry to receive the donation. If your chapter needs to find a local food bank/pantry, we suggest searching through Feeding America, a nationwide network of 200 food banks and 60,000 food pantries and meal programs that provides food and services to people each year.

To participate, ANNA chapters must submit an application by August 1, 2022. Ten ANNA chapters will be selected and notified by August 15 if they will receive a $1,500 donation check from ANNA. Chapters that are not selected to receive a donation check can still donate time to the food bank/pantry of their choice. Learn more and complete the chapter application on the ANNA website at at annanurse.org/feed-your-kidneys.