Florida

South Florida Flamingo #206

The chapter held an educational dinner meeting on February 16 at Cafe Vico in Fort Lauderdale. The program was hosted by Amgen, and Dr. Cris Gibson gave a presentation on osteoporosis/osteodystrophy. A basket was raffled to raise money for the chapter.

Illinois

Windy City #305

We hope that spring will bring us renewed hope, happiness, and a sense of normalcy in our personal and professional lives.

We welcome our new chapter members: Timetra Clark, Anitha Philip, Cristina Trevizo, Natalie Bonk, Mark, Gulian, and Alicia Guzman. Thanks for joining our chapter, and we hope to see you at our next event.

Looking forward to August, we will again be offering Nephrology Nursing: Back to Basics. This 1-day review of nephrology nursing content is valuable to those planning to take a nephrology nursing certification exam (CNN, CDN). We will announce the program date as soon as it is determined.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us plan chapter events, programs, and activities. If you are interested, contact a chapter officer by visiting our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ANNAwindycity, or check ANNA Connected for more information and to get updates on our upcoming events.

We also want you to share your thoughts and ideas to keep our chapter moving forward. We know that the pandemic has forced us to redesign our lives and how we do things. We hope to see you soon. Stay safe and healthy!

Kentucky

Bluegrass #322

We held our first business meeting and our first educational offering in January. We will hold a business meeting the third Thursday of every month. Everyone is welcome. We will continue having a CE offering every month through June. The next offerings are scheduled for February 25 and March 25.
The Kentucky Living Donor Act has a bill number (HB 75). We encourage everyone to contact their legislator and ask them to support this bill. We have been communicating via ANNA Connected about this legislation.

Our chapter awarded a free membership to Karen Huff for her service to the chapter. Congratulations!

We were looking forward to World Kidney Day on March 11. We hope all engaged patients to support them and recognize the impact the disease has on their lives and communities.

Maryland

Baltimore #101

We have two educational offerings planned. We are still awaiting our ability to approve contact hours. As soon as approved, we will send more information via ANNA Connected and Facebook. Stay tuned! We looking forward to when we are able to meet in person. Stay safe!

Missouri

St. Louis Metro #307

Our chapter is hosting a two-part virtual educational series. The first event was held February 18 and featured two sessions: “COVID-19 and the Kidney” presented by Dr. Jada Khourey and “Management Strategies for Intradialytic Hypotension” presented by Dr. Gaeme Mindel. The second event in the series is scheduled for March 25 and also will feature two presentations: “Palliative and End-of-Life Care: Taking Care of the CKD Patient” by Lisa Koester-Wiedemann and “Vascular Access Update” by Dr. Steven Jander. Thank you to the speakers and attendees for helping make our chapter’s first virtual educational events a success.

Stay tuned! We plan to offer a fall virtual educational event as well.

In collaboration with the National Kidney Foundation and in support of our patient population, our kidney walk team – St. Louis Metro ANNA Kidney Crusaders – will participate in the 2021 St. Louis Kidney Walk on March 21.

Chapter officers are planning special ways to honor our members during Nurses Week (May 6-12).

Congratulations to chapter member Stuart Mott for his contribution to the article “Clinical Consult: Techniques for Self-Cannulation,” which was published in the September/October 2020 issue of Nephrology Nursing Journal. Article co-authors were Dori Schatell and Patricia Patterson.

Heart of America #313

The chapter has stayed very busy and active in spite of COVID. We offered a free virtual all-day CE program on October 1, 2020, and received approval to make the recording available as an enduring activity to all members for free.

We are thankful to our vendor sponsors who continue to assist us to offer programs every month, both with and without contact hours. These programs are always valuable updates to help us keep our practice current.

Thank you to our 2021-2022 chapter officers for your commitment: President Jennifer Branch, President-Elect Suzie Cummings, Secretary Molly Cahill, Treasurer Karl Bauder, and Health Policy Representative Jane Hafner. Thank you also to Laurie Hinnensteel for the time she has dedicated over many years helping to sustain our chapter.

Chapter officers met by Zoom to start orientation and planning for the year. We are planning a social hour for our chapter as a meet and greet in May.

Contact us (mlccnm@gmail.com or jennifer.branch68@gmail.com) if you need contact hours. Our chapter fall meeting received rave reviews!

Nebraska

Platte River #324

Welcome to our chapter officers for 2021-2022: President Michelle Gilliland, Treasurer Angie Craig, Secretary Penny Dennis, and Health Policy Representative Peggy Sue DeLaet. Denise Murcek is Immediate Past President.

Thank you to outgoing officers – Treasurer Teresa Aspinall and Secretary Peggy Gerlach – for their hard work and contributions.

We welcome any member who would like to consider serving as chapter president-elect. The role description is available on the ANNA website, and several former officers with years of experience are available to help a member assume the role of president-elect.

The chapter education committee has begun planning the next education day to be held on September 8. We plan to host both in-person (if possible) and virtual as usual. The chapter also will present a few short educational presentations on a weeknight, hopefully via Zoom. Watch for more information to be shared via ANNA Connected.

New Jersey

Jersey North #126

We are planning to have an all-day educational meeting in the fall. Hopefully, it can be in person by that time.

Our chapter officers for 2021-2022 are President Kim Proulx, President-Elect Alice Hellebrand, Secretary Chung Huey (Jessica) Ho, Treasurer Madeline McLaughlin, and Health Policy Representative Jackie Bellucci. We are recruiting volunteers for chapter president, president-elect, secretary, and treasurer for future years.

New York

Northeast Tri-State #120

Our chapter is busy making plans for how and when to provide educational opportunities to our members.

Welcome to our incoming chapter officers who will assume their roles after the ANNA Virtual National Symposium in May: President Maara Sterling, President-Elect Marianne Neumann, Health Policy Representative Jean Colaneri, Treasurer Bonnie Reid, and Secretary Marianne Sorrell. We are excited to start another ANNA year. Please contact any officer via ANNA Connected with questions, concerns, and suggestions, or if you are interested in getting more involved with the chapter.

Ohio

Black Swamp #323

Our chapter continues to offer virtual educational programs to members until we are allowed to meet in person. On January 14, NephU provided two virtual presentations titled Measurement-Based Care: Using Patient-Centered Outcomes to Drive Collaborative Care and Quality Metrics. On January 28, NephU again offered two virtual presentations titled The Importance of Population Health: A Focus on Chronic Kidney Disease. On February
The chapter welcomes Donna Zaccagnini to our education committee. Donna is a staff nurse at DCI Five Points Clinic in Monroeville, PA, and the registered nurse for the Western Pennsylvania Kidney Kamp. She has been in the nursing field for 29 years and a nephrology nurse for 4 years. A few years ago, Donna heard that the previous Kidney Kamp nurse was planning to retire and decided that this would be a great opportunity to give back to the community. Donna enjoys working with children and finds nephrology nursing challenging and exciting. Welcome aboard, Donna!

Speaking of Kidney Kamp, it will be held virtually this year on August 1-6. Our chapter is working with Kamp Director Jill Kratochvil to help contribute to care packages that will be sent to the campers. As far as education, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we canceled the Spring Ahead into Nephrology conference and will reschedule for a date to be announced this fall. More information will be provided once a date has been confirmed.

The new ANNA chapter year begins on May 4, 2021. Welcome to our new incoming officers – President Sue Ralph, Treasurer Terry Starrett, and Health Policy Representative Nina Mazzei-Parrish – as they prepare to take on their new roles.

If you are interested in joining the chapter education committee, please reach out to a chapter officer or current committee member. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you to all the healthcare workers, nurses, PCTs, and CCHTs who care for patients every day. Continue to stay focused, safe, and healthy.

Keystone #110

In early December, we offered a free CE virtual event with a local nephrologist, Dr. Teehan. He gave an hour-long presentation about the effects of COVID-19 on patients with end-stage kidney disease and acute kidney injury. Following the success of this educational event, we plan to hold similar CE offerings bi-monthly. We have started planning our upcoming speakers. These presentations will be offered for a small fee to support the chapter. This area of the country is extremely busy with patients with COVID-19, and our local nurses have really stepped up to the plate to help!

Pennsylvania

Three Rivers #104

Representative stay focused, safe, and healthy.

We welcome new chapter members Ken Adams, Sarah Dunmore, and Erin McGinness. We can’t wait to be able to meet you in person! In the meantime, we will continue to notify chapter members of virtual educational events.

Texas

Gulf Coast #204

Congratulations to our new chapter officers for 2021-2022: President Tanya Scott, President-Elect Marichelle Antonio Espiritu, Treasurer Manjusha Thomas, Secretary Chantal Scott, and Health Policy Representative Mario Braza.

Welcome to our new chapter members: Jun Espirit, LaTabitha King, and Heather McCord.

Despite the pandemic, our chapter continues to be active and hold regular virtual educational meetings. In December, we participated in an educational meeting with the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Houston Gulf Coast Chapter. This online meeting consisted of two segments: (1) Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children: The TCH Experience and (2) Self-Leadership in a Pandemic (and Every Other Crisis). Both segments included very relevant and informative topics regarding COVID-19.

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our in-person annual holiday celebration due to the pandemic. Instead, we hosted our first Annual Virtual Christmas Party, which was a big success and so much fun. We had an ugly sweater contest, Christmas song karaoke, “Name That Tune” game, and gift raffles. We were excited and honored to have a very special guest, ANNA President Lillian Pryor. We appreciate Lillian taking time out of her busy schedule to participate in our event.

We are thankful and blessed for our members who continue to stay active and involved in the chapter despite the challenges of the pandemic. We are looking forward to the ANNA 2021 Virtual National Symposium in May. Be safe and stay healthy!

Alamo City #205

Things are looking up with more of us receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. We encourage our members who have already been vaccinated to continue wearing masks and routinely washing your hands.

Due to encouraged social distancing and the holidays, our chapter progress has slowed down. We did elect chapter officers for the 2021 year, and they are eager to get things going once restrictions are lifted. Our chapter officers include President Jeff Tyer, President-Elect Jane Wilson, Secretary Gail Dewald, Treasurer Dolly Baker, Health Policy Representative Kathy Herrera, Website/Social Media Jack Miller, Community Project Co-Chair Anita Saldana, STAR Point Chair Mary Ann Salazar, and Historian Esme Guerra. We thank our elected officers and all other nominees for stepping forward to lead our chapter.

Dallas #208

The chapter held its first virtual educational offering of the year on February 24. The program was titled Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease and sponsored by Otsuka Pharmaceutical.

Congratulations to Donna Painter, chapter member and senior board advisor, on the publication of her article, “Preventing Home Dialysis Complications,” in the American Journal of Nursing.

You may now connect with the chapter on our new Twitter account: twitter.com/dallasannachap1.

We are currently working on several virtual educational offerings for later in 2021.

Utah

Intermountain #516

Our chapter held its first live and virtual event on January 26 with great success. Chapter President Kristin Larson presented Peripheral Vascular Update; 1.0 contact hour was awarded. The night was filled with very useful information, great food, and fun! Thank you to Amgen for sponsoring the night. Many attended in-person following COVID guidelines while others attended virtually via Zoom.

Stay tuned as the chapter officers are working to schedule more educational events in the near future with the option to attend in-person or virtually. Information will be sent through ANNA Connected.

Welcome to our new chapter members: Kristin Larson, Tanya Scott, and Martha Johnson.

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Welcome to our new members! Our chapter is now 78+ strong and continues to grow each month. We are happy you are part of our chapter! Please reach out to a chapter officer with any input or ideas for future events.

Washington

Pacific Northwest #503
Welcome to Irene Krall as our new chapter president for 2021-2022!

The chapter planning committee worked hard to plan Renal Update 2021, a 2 half-day virtual event held on March 4-5. Thanks to our speakers: Liz McNamara, Cheri Constantino-Shor, Dr. Peter Gregory, Dr. Dan Lam, Dr. Aaron Wightman, Megan Nolan, and Bessie Young. Thank you also to the following members who helped put together this virtual event: Lynda Ball, Lindsay Williamson, Nancy Colobong Smith, Sarah Lai, Sharon Tugwell, Nancy McAfee, DeAnne Dey, Irene Krall, Naomi DerVega, and Judy Mallon.

During this difficult time, chapter members Nancy Colobong Smith and Judy Mallon have been helping out in the COVID-19 vaccine clinic.

Please continue following us on ANNA Connected. Stay safe and healthy during these trying times.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin #304
We hosted our first virtual educational offering on January 7 in conjunction with Northcentral Technical College and the National Kidney Foundation of Wisconsin. Lynda Ball presented The ABCs of Vascular Access: Assessment Before Cannulation. We were pleased to have over 20 registrants participate.

We hosted another virtual offering on March 4 entitled Communication between Transplant Centers and Dialysis Facilities.

Free Resource Supports Nephrology Nurses in Developing Research

The ANNA Research Modules are a series of five educational programs created by the 2020-2021 ANNA Research Committee for nephrology nurses to use as a resource in developing research and research grant proposals. Topics include:

1. Getting Started with Research Development
2. Qualitative Research
3. Quantitative Research
4. Evidence-Based Practice for the Nephrology Nurse
5. Proposal Development

These educational modules are designed to assist ANNA members in applying for the clinical practice, research, and evidence-based practice grants available through ANNA. The content of the modules is free for ANNA members and nonmembers! Each module also offers contact hours (processing fees apply).

Access these educational modules at annanurse.org/research-modules. Learn more about the grants available from ANNA at annanurse.org/research-awards.

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Missed a recent ANNA webinar? Go to the Webinar Archives in the ANNA Online Library. All webinar recordings are free to view, and contact hours are available for educational webinars. (Contact hour processing fees are $10 for ANNA members and $20 for nonmembers.)

Webinar topics include:

- NINJA: Reducing AKI due to Nephrotoxic Medications
- Calcium, Phosphorus, and PTH in Pediatric ESRD Patients
- What Happens When Your Patient Receives ‘The Call’ for a Kidney Transplant?
- Reducing the Risk of COVID-19 in the Dialysis Setting (Note: This webinar offers free contact hours.)
- Volunteering with a Community-Based Kidney Screening: National Kidney Foundation’s KEEP Healthy Program
- CNN-NP Certification and Recertification

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