Chapter Update

Alabama

R. Michael Huddle #235

Congratulations to chapter member Lisa Dykes on receiving the Quality Care Award during the Nephrology Nurse Recognition Luncheon at the 2019 ANNA National Symposium in Dallas. What an interesting, educational, and exciting symposium it was! Susie Carswell, chapter secretary, also attended the symposium.

Our chapter is planning educational events and a celebration for Nephrology Nurses Week. Details will be sent to chapter members via ANNA Connected as soon as dates are finalized. If you have program ideas or are interested in being a volunteer leader, please contact a chapter officer – Thelma Cunningham, Florence Norris, or Susie Carswell. We need your input so we can meet the needs of our members.

Arizona

Desert Vista #501

With assistance from Alexion, our chapter hosted two educational presentations on June 6. Dr. German Hernandez presented Identifying Atypical HUS in a Patient with Acute Renal Failure. The second topic, Increasing Patient and Family Engagement in the Dialysis Setting, was presented by Vicki Brantley from ESRD Network 15 and Jeff Needham, a hemodialysis patient. Both topics were extremely interesting, and the second presentation provided a patient perspective.

Our next chapter educational offering is planned for Nephrology Nurses Week in September. Please respond to the chapter survey so that we can gather information about our chapter members’ needs and requests.

Lisa Dykes, a member of the R. Michael Huddle Chapter, received the Quality Care Award during the Nephrology Nurse Recognition Luncheon at the 2019 ANNA National Symposium in Dallas.

Hazel Taylor #239

Chapter officers have been busy planning the upcoming Annual Update. The program is scheduled for September 27 at the Hoover Library in Hoover, AL, and will offer approximately 6.0 contact hours. We are excited about the meeting agenda. Watch for more information.

We also are planning a dinner meeting for August on Fibroblast Growth Factor 23. Watch ANNA Connected for more information.

Desert Vista chapter officers attended the 2019 ANNA National Symposium in Dallas.

Desert Vista chapter members attended an educational program featuring presentations on atypical hemolytic syndrome and increasing patient and family engagement in the dialysis setting.
Chapter Update

California

Nephros South #506

Chapter President Wendy Lester has been invited to present an evidence-based project on the benefits of exercise therapy during dialysis at the 2019 National Renal Administrators Association Annual Conference in October. She continues to demonstrate her leadership and vision for nephrology nursing and advocate for patient care.

On April 30, Amgen sponsored a chapter educational event at Morton’s Steakhouse in the Gaslamp district in downtown San Diego. With an audience of 30 nurses, Dr. Rodolfo Batarse discussed the role of Parsabiv® in the treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism in adult patients on hemodialysis. His engaging teach-back style of presentation was interesting, educational, and fun.

We have plans for upcoming presentations on hepatitis C, peritoneal dialysis, and transplant to fulfill our commitment to provide our members with interesting educational events and opportunities for leadership and networking. We are thankful for the participation of our members and guests.

We hope members enjoyed the special 50th anniversary issue of the Nephrology Nursing Journal. This edition was a tribute to the history of nephrology nursing and included a timeline of nephrology nursing, ANNA, and innovations in dialysis. We especially enjoyed the pictorial history and memoirs. We have come a long way as nephrology nurses, and we have an exciting future ahead!

Florida

South Florida Flamingo #206

Our chapter was proud to be awarded the Outstanding Chapter Recognition Award at the 2019 ANNA National Symposium in Dallas. Four chapter officers attended the LEAD Workshop and National Symposium. We are so thankful for being recognized for our hard work to support the mission of ANNA.

Congratulations also to our chapter president, Shushanne Wynter-Minott, who was awarded the Ron Brady Memorial Award for Excellence in Volunteer Leadership during the symposium.

Welcome to our new members for March and April: Martheen Charlot, Janine Huggins, Sandra Lam, Jennifer Saitta, and Tammy Klemens. We look forward to having you as part of our chapter.

The South Florida Flamingo created a poster for the 2019 ANNA National Symposium. Pictured (from left) are chapter officers Karen Hill (treasurer), Linda Boucher (secretary), and Shushanne Wynter-Minott (president).
forward to seeing all of you at upcoming events and activities.

Chapter members participated in two educational dinners. One meeting was held at Ruth Chris Steakhouse in Coral Gables, FL, during National Nurses Week on May 7 and was hosted by Velphoro®. Another meeting was hosted by Amgen at Truluck’s in Fort Lauderdale, FL, on June 11. Both events were well attended.

We are planning a celebration for Nephrology Nurses Week. Watch for more information on ANNA Connected. The chapter is always open to ideas and suggestions, and always looking for members to be more active and plan meetings.

**Georgia**

**Dogwood #224**

Chapter members had a wonderful time reconnecting with colleagues and celebrating ANNA’s 50th anniversary at the National Symposium in Dallas. The meeting featured so many great speakers, including chapter members Rowena Elliott and Loretta Jackson Brown. We welcome ANNA President Tamara Kear, President-Elect Lillian Pryor, ANNA Chapter Support Team Leader Deborah Degree, and all the other new leaders.

Thank you to Otsuka for sponsoring our chapter’s learning event in May entitled *Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease*. We enjoyed welcoming new members and meeting new renal colleagues.

The Dogwood Chapter was well represented at the 2019 ANNA National Symposium in Dallas.

Dogwood chapter members visited the exhibit hall during the 2019 ANNA National Symposium.

Elizabeth Washington and Erma Boykin congratulated Candesia Forsythe (center) on winning a door prize at a Dogwood chapter event.
Chapter Update

The Kidney Walk at Atlantic Station in Atlanta on May 18 was a resounding success.

Welcome to four new chapter members: Heather Akridge, Danilza Collado, Sandra Lopez, and María Pena. We look forward to seeing you at chapter meetings and events!

Check out our Dogwood Chapter community page in ANNA Connected for weekly Capitol Hill legislative updates and like our Facebook page to see posts regarding the fall education event to help you prepare for certification. We would love to hear about your summer activities and your plans to celebrate Nephrology Nurse Week in September. Contact us via ANNA Connected and share your ideas and achievements.

Illinois

Windy City #305

Congratulations to chapter member Tricia Littig, who won an ANNA Evidence-Based Practice Project Grant ($5,000) this year.

Our chapter had a wonderful turnout for our Spring Dinner/Educational Meeting. Dr. Michael Aragon, Chief Medical Officer for Outset Medical and a practicing nephrologist, presented Tablo and the Future of Dialysis. Tablo® is an all-in-one solution for water purification and multiple dialysis modalities for acute and self-care environments. Nearly 30 people attended this program, which was held at the Wildfire Restaurant in Oak Brook, IL.

As this issue was going to press, registrations have been coming in for our chapter’s annual Nephrology Nursing: Back to the Basics program, scheduled for August 23 at the Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network Facilities in Itasca, IL. The all-day program will prepare nurses for the nephrology nursing certification exams and offer contact hours for dialysis technicians seeking recertification. This will not be a day of all work and no play. Lectures will be broken up by several raffles and a box lunch. This is usually our most well attended chapter event. It is a great way to network with your local chapter colleagues, study for an exam to advance your career, and possibly come home with a gift as well! Registration information is available on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ANNAwindycity.

Watch our Facebook page for updates as they become available.

The 2019 Nephrology Nursing Practice, Management and Leadership Conference will be held in San Diego, CA, on October 12-14, 2019. Visit www.annanurse.org for more information.

We are more than halfway through our calendar year. Now is a good time to start thinking about becoming a chapter officer in the new year. You still have several months to shadow an officer to gain perspective of the role responsibilities, so that you will not feel like a novice during the following year. Plus, you will have the support of former officers, regardless of the chapter office that you choose to pursue. Contact any officer through our chapter Facebook page. Let us know if you have ideas, topics, speakers, or sponsors for a future dinner/educational program or ideas for future program locations. Suggestions for chapter activities are always welcome. Our chapter is only educational and fun as our most active members, so please don’t be shy; get involved!

Louisiana

Fleur-de-Lis #263

In May, our chapter hosted an educational dinner meeting in Baton Rouge, LA, featuring Hollie Eskew as guest speaker. The host was Selina Kennedy, Executive Account Manager with Fresenius.
Medical Care North America. Hollie presented *An Overview of Phosphorus Control and Real-World Data for Velphoro® in Dialysis Patients*. Selina, our gracious host, became a new member of ANNA and our chapter shortly after the meeting.

In June, chapter members educated the public about chronic kidney disease at the Shady Grove Baptist Church Health Fair in Baker, LA. The health fair was very successful with many attendees.

Our next chapter educational dinner meeting will be held in New Orleans. Stay tuned for more opportunities to network and serve.

Welcome to our new members: Mary Stewart, Bridget Taylor, and Selina Kennedy.

Our chapter needs a health policy representative. If you are interested in serving in this role, email President-Elect Eleanor Stewart at eleanor.stewart@fmc-na.com.

**Maryland**

**Baltimore #101**

The Baltimore Chapter is the only ANNA chapter in the DMV area (Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia). In order to serve the larger geographic area, the chapter leadership committee has decided to move the annual seminar to a more central location. Mark your calendar for October 20 for a full-day conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Annapolis, MD. Breakfast, lunch, and a coffee break snack will be included. We have been able to keep the cost low thanks to corporate sponsors. If you would like to spend the weekend in Annapolis, we have reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate.

The annual seminar is an opportunity for dialysis nurses and technicians to earn CNE credits, learn about new treatments for our patients, and hear important information regarding vascular access from experts. ANNA lists social gathering of nephrology practitioners as a core value that supports members and improves longevity in the practice.

The chapter held a dinner meeting in Annapolis in May. Fifteen members enjoyed crab cakes and salmon at a popular waterfront restaurant while we learned about hyperkalemia in the CKD population. Thank you to our speaker, Dr. Eli Roza, who traveled from Hagerstown, MD, to join us.

If members from the Eastern Shore, western Maryland, Washington, DC or northern Virginia would like to host a dinner meeting in your area, please contact the chapter leadership committee through ANNA Connected. We will help you make the arrangements.

**Missouri**

**St. Louis Metro #307**

Chapter officers took a quick trip to Dallas in April to attend the LEAD Workshop. We networked with other...
chapter officers and returned with some good ideas that we are hoping to start in our chapter this year. Watch ANNA Connected for more details.

On April 30, our chapter and Relypsa hosted a dinner program at Bonefish Grill addressing the rising potassium threat in renal patients. Dr. Gary Singer was the speaker. It was a fun and educational night, and we enjoyed some great food and networking!

**Nebraska**

**Platte River #324**

The chapter planning committee has been working on our *Sixth Annual Distance Learning Day*, which is scheduled for August 6. If you are interested in learning how your chapter can provide an education day using Livestream, contact Jina Bogle at jibogle@nebraskamed.com. To attend the Education Day via Livestream, register on our chapter website at www.annaplatteriverchapter324.nursingnetwork.com.

We held an educational meeting on May 21. Gina Brittain presented *An Overview of Phosphorus Control and Real-World Data for Velphoro® in Dialysis Patients*. Thank you to Trisha Hall and Fresenius for organizing and sponsoring this event.

**New Jersey**

**Garden State #125**

We are planning upcoming educational events. We will host a fall conference at the Crown Plaza in Edison, NJ, in October. More information will be distributed as soon as the program has been finalized.

The chapter leadership committee attended the ANNA National Symposium in Dallas. The chapter won second place for our beautiful poster.

The Spring Conference at the Breakers in Spring Lake, NJ, on May 16 was very successful. Topics included transplantation, antibiotics, population health, medication reconciliation, and preparing for surveys. Thank you to Gail Dewald, Dr. James Matera, Dr. Vishnu Potluri, Caroline Steward, and Kim To-Lui for taking time out of their busy schedules to make the
Chapter Update

The Garden State Chapter hosted a spring conference and awarded two conference attendees a 1-year ANNA membership.

New York

Northeast Tri-State #120

The chapter held a CE on Wheels program on Home Dialysis: Patient-Centered Dialysis While Maintaining Safety and Efficacy at five locations in our region; Albany Medical Center, Westmere Dialysis, Albany Regional Kidney, Plattsburgh ARA, and Adirondack Medical Center. The program was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our yearly fall full-day program is in the planning phase and is scheduled for November 3.

Two chapter officers – President Jean Colaneri and Treasurer Bonnie Reid – attended the 2019 ANNA National Symposium in Dallas. Congratulations to Jean, who received the ANNA Board of Directors Award during the symposium. We are proud of all Jean does for our chapter and ANNA!

Check ANNA Connected for the most up-to-date information on chapter activities and CE opportunities.

Long Island #122

The chapter held its Spring 2019 Nephrology News & Updates Conference on June 4 at the Chateau Briand. We had a wonderful turnout and thank our local members for continually supporting our chapter. Topics included education about the water treatment room, nursing health, infection control, the story of APOL1, and emergency preparedness, which was presented by our past chapter president, Deborah Halinski. The panel presentation featured three patients speaking on infection control and handwashing from a patient perspective.

Our fall conference is scheduled for October 29. We look forward to seeing everyone then! Stay tuned for registration details on our website at https://annali122.nursingnetwork.com.

Great Lakes #128

Watch for registration material for our Annual Teaching Day, which will be mailed to chapter members in August. Our conference will be held on October 6 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Rochester, NY. We are planning another exciting program and hope to see everyone there. When you receive the meeting flyer, please share it with your colleagues by posting it in your workplace. Encourage staff who are not ANNA members to attend. Not only do they receive CNE credit, but the conference offers a great opportunity to network and connect with staff from other units. We also raffle two ANNA memberships. You could be one of the lucky winners!

North Carolina

Cardinal #201

We thank all the presenters, nurses, social workers, dietitians, patient care technicians, and pharmacists who attended the 2019 North Carolina State Meeting, and contributed to the meeting’s success. Save the date for next year’s North Carolina State Meeting, which will be held May 20-21, 2020.

Welcome to our new officers who took over in April: President Kim Proulx, President-Elect Alice Hellebrand, Health Policy Representative Jamie Bellucci, and Secretary Chung Huey (Jessica) Ho.

Chapter members Alice Hellebrand, Madeline McLoughlin, and Chung Huey (Jessica) Ho participated in the LEAD Workshop, which was held prior to the ANNA National Symposium in Dallas.

Our chapter is looking for volunteers for the treasurer intern position for 2019-2020. Also, we are working on a Nephrology Nurses Week celebration to take place on September 10. Chapter officers are planning to meet to discuss these details soon.

Members of the Greater Charlotte Chapter accepted the Chapter STAR (Successful Teamwork = Achievements and Recognition) Award for Education during the 2019 ANNA National Symposium.
Our new 2019-2020 officers are President-Elect Theresa Campbell and Health Policy Representative Yolanda Cherry Smith.

A dinner meeting will be held during Nephrology Nurses Week (September 8-14). The date will follow via ANNA Connected.

We invite chapters members to quarterly meetings. Our July meeting location and time will be sent via ANNA Connected.

Special recognition to Barbara Lowinger, who has been an ANNA member for 50 years and working as a nephrology nurse for 53 years!

Greater Charlotte #202

The chapter was excited to be presented with the Chapter STAR (Successful Teamwork = Achievements and Recognition) Award for Education during the 2019 ANNA National Symposium in Dallas.

We had the pleasure to collaborate with our state sister chapters for the statewide symposium on May 22-23 in Cary, NC.

Chapter Secretary Anne Thomas attended the ANNA Health Policy Workshop in Washington, DC, on June 10-11.

Our next educational dinner will be held in August. An email will be sent to members closer to the meeting date.

Blue Ridge #262

Our chapter has started a Facebook page to enhance communication with our members.

We will hold a dinner program on August 29 with Dr. Manley, a nephrologist and partner at Mountain Kidney Associates. More details will be distributed as they become available.

Ohio

Tri State Ohio #317

Chapter officers are currently planning educational events and networking opportunities. We also are looking for volunteers for chapter officer positions for next year; mentorship and training will be provided! Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/annatristateohio, email annatristateohio@gmail.com, or refer to the communications sent via ANNA Connected for more information, or if you would like to get more involved with the chapter.

Black Swamp #323

During the month of May, Dr. Andrew Ko, Medical Science Liaison for Relypsa, Inc., provided two presentations on Veltassa® for our chapter. There was a presentation in the Cleveland area on May 14 and a repeat presentation in Maumee, OH, on May 16. Dr. Ko is an excellent speaker, and he will be presenting in Findlay, OH, in July.

Pennsylvania

Three Rivers #104

The chapter has held three business meetings this year. The first meeting was held on April 20 to prepare for the Spring Ahead conference, and the second meeting was held on May 16 to wrap up the outstanding business from the Spring Ahead conference. The conference was well attended. The evaluations were
reviewed and suggestions for topics for next year’s conference were discussed. Thanks to everyone who attended and to our outstanding speakers. Our third business meeting was held on June 9 at Max and Erma’s in Monroeville, PA.

While attending the 2019 ANNA National Symposium in Dallas, President Nina Mazzei-Parrish and Treasurer Sue Carter wanted to reach out and show our appreciation to a few ANNA members and national office staff members who have given our chapter a helping hand throughout the year. Nina and Sue honored the following individuals with Sarris chocolate candy bars: Jackie Myers from the ANNA National Office for all of her help and assistance; Gerry Zingraf, CEAB Chairperson, for all her help and detailed emails as we completed and corrected our CE application; James Thoms, ANNA Chapter Support Team, who has given our chapter his support and applause when we are the last ones to cross the finish line; and Mike Cunningham, former ANNA Executive Director, for his many years of service to ANNA and to recognize his retirement. Our chapter has many more wonderful friends. Your leadership, kindness, and hard work are truly appreciated!

The chapter participated in the DCI Mount Pleasant Purpose Project at the YMCA in Mount Pleasant, PA, on May 19. This was a community-based educational project with the goal of educating the public on kidney disease. It was very informative and well attended. We thank the committee for the opportunity to participate and for all their hard work.

Our next activity is the Western Pennsylvania Kidney Kamp. The chapter will provide dinner on August 1 and help with the evening dance. The camp is for children with kidney disease and is sponsored by DCI. The chapter participates in Kidney Kamp every year and always looks forward to doing activities with the children.

We welcome new members. Please feel free to contact any of our committee members for meeting ideas, educational activities, or events at your facility. We welcome your input.

Keystone #110

Keystone Past President Paula Richards, President Lauren Pepe, and President-Elect Icar Noel attended the 2019 ANNA National Symposium in Dallas. It was great networking and supporting Keystone member Tamara Kear, who assumed the role of ANNA National President during the meeting. Secretary Colleen Pittman also was recognized for earning the Janel Parker Career Mobility Scholarship.

In June, Paula Richards, Colleen Pittman, and Icar Noel attended the ANNA Health Policy Workshop in Washington, DC, and met with legislators on Capitol Hill. This was a great learning experience, and they brought back useful information to share with our chapter.

We are still planning the program for our 2019 Fall Day of Learning. If you have suggestions for speakers or specific information you would like included this year, please contact Lauren Pepe at ldc2179@yahoo.com.

Tennessee

Memphis Blues #240

Chapter members enjoyed a great educational dinner meeting at the Char Restaurant. Dr. Moustafa Moustafa from South Carolina Nephrology and Hypertension of Orangeburg, SC,
presented Managing Phosphorus with Velphor® and Proven Results in Clinical and Real World Settings. Thanks to Brenda Warren from Fresenius Medical Care for hosting the dinner and speaker. A door prize was awarded, and we raised a lot of money with a raffle basket giveaway.

On June 1, many chapter members supported the National Kidney Foundation at the West Tennessee Kidney Walk.

We are planning a CE offering in the fall. Please continue to check the chapter posts on ANNA Connected for more information.

Texas

Gulf Coast #204

Our chapter inducted new officers – President-Elect Aelyn Abardo and Treasurer Marichelle Galang – during our membership meeting at Chama Gaucha Brazilian Steakhouse in Houston, TX, on April 18. ASCT Leader Deborah Degree presented an excellent educational session on behalf of Pentec during our membership meeting at Dimassi’s Mediterranean Buffet in Pearland, TX, on May 30. We also inducted Secretary Tanya Scott at this meeting.

All chapter members are invited to participate in the Education at Sea Carnival Cruise we are hosting on August 15-19. We will be providing 6.15 CNE credits during this event. For more information, contact cruise coordinator Danel Monroe at 832-317-9249.

Now is the time to start planning for the 2019 Nephrology Nursing Practice, Management, and Leadership Conference in San Diego, CA, on October 12-14. Visit the ANNA website for more details on national events.

The Gulf Coast Chapter is here to serve you. If you have any suggestions or ideas for education or events, please contact a chapter officer via ANNA Connected. Additionally, if you are interested in volunteering, send an email to a chapter officer via ANNA Connected. We would be happy to hear from you!

Alamo City #205

Thirty-four attendees participated in our May chapter meeting held at Fleming’s Steakhouse at the Quarry Market. Maya Floyd from Angen hosted the meeting, and Dr. Christopher Glanton discussed The Role of Parsabir® in the Treatment of Secondary Hyperparathyroidism in Adult Patients on Hemodialysis.

Also in May, Anita Saldana, membership officer, and Esme Guerra, past chapter president, visited a local college and represented our organization at the Summer 2019 Career Fair. Many graduates learned about ANNA. The fair helped spread the word about our organization, member benefits, and how nephrology nurses enrich patient care.

In June, Chapter Health Policy Representative Patti Gomez traveled to Washington, DC, for the ANNA Health Policy Workshop and met with some of our elected government officials. She advocated for ANNA and our patients. The trip was a great success in making face-to-face contact with policymakers and assisted in building a rapport with local and state level officials.

Our June educational meeting was held at Piatti Italian Restaurant and Cuisine. Dr. Kevin Charlton from Otsuka Pharmaceuticals presented Advancing the Management of Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease. Twenty-five attendees learned more about this disease process.

Our July chapter meeting was held at Paesano’s at the Quarry. Dr. George Aronoff from Rockwell Pharmaceuticals spoke on Hypocalcemia and Calcitriol, a routine and important medication for patients on dialysis. The audience was captivated by the very informational and interesting presentation.

Dallas #208

Thank you to the ANNA chapters for your generosity in supporting the ANNA Chapters Give Back program during the 2019 ANNA National Symposium in Dallas. We were honored to receive your numerous gift cards to support needy dialysis patients. We elected to provide gifts to the Parkland Unscheduled Dialysis Patient Program, which serves dialysis patients without a designated dialysis clinic or funding for treatments. They have a very large population of patients who are only able to get dialysis on an emergent basis through the emergency room.

Meredith Jessup, a renal social worker at Parkland, expressed how grateful the facility was for the gifts. She is working with the nurse practitioners on the renal unit to identify patients who have the greatest needs. Meredith reported the gift cards are being used in a variety of ways according to patient need, including transportation passes, blood pressure cuffs, pill boxes, and other personal items. They also plan to use some of the gift cards to stores that sell groceries to assist patients struggling to follow their renal diet due to limited funds.

Congratulations to chapter member, Glenda Payne, on receiving the ANNA Nephrology Nurses Educator Award and the Nephrology Nursing Journal Writing Contest Award in the Clinical Practice category.
Chapter Update

Chapter officers thank the many chapter volunteers who donated time throughout the 2019 LEAD Workshop and the ANNA National Symposium. Volunteers included both nurses and CCHT staff who are working toward a degree in nursing. We support the idea of growing future nephrology nurses who are focused on excellence. Your enthusiasm and diligence were central to making our Welcome to Dallas chapter tables a success. Thanks to: Lillybeth Calma, Laura Cato, Sybelle Gesman, Theresa Henkel, Joshua Jael, Jose Mananghaya, Marilyn Marvelo, Sandra Rauls, Naveena Reddy, Sara Salzman, Tippi Sellers, Belinda (Bunny) Taltl, Beth Varghese, and Angie Weiler.

We are planning a dinner event for Nephrology Nurses Week so please look for more information, which will be sent via ANNA Connected in July. Members, please be sure your ANNA profile has your current email. New members, you must set up your ANNA Connected profile in order to receive these communications. Follow us on our new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/annadallaschapter and our website for education event registration at annadallas.nursingnetwork.com.

Washington

Pacific Northwest #503

Our chapter will host a 1-day educational event, Nephrology and Certification Review, at Seattle Children’s Hospital on November 10. We are currently contacting speakers and selecting topics. We also will hold a 2-day educational event, Renal Update 2020, at Lynnwood Convention Center in Lynnwood, WA, on February 27-28.

Our chapter hosted a meet and greet educational dinner in Everett, WA, on May 16. A $5 donation from each attendee was given to Seattle Children’s Kidney Camp. The event included complimentary dinner, education, and an opportunity to win door prizes.

Our chapter officers and education committee members are looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events. Follow the chapter on Facebook (ANNA 503 Pacific Northwest – www.facebook.com/ANNAchapter503) and on ANNA Connected.

So far this year, our chapter has donated $550 to Seattle Children’s Kidney Camp and given away 12 free ANNA memberships and 7 registrations to Renal Update 2020 as door prizes. Our chapter
education committee welcomes any member who is interested in participating. Please contact kidneyclass@gmail.com.

Puerto Rico

Caribbean #210

Congratulations to our chapter officers for 2019-2020: President Rebeca Rodriguez, President-Elect Ruth Lebron, Secretary Rita De Jesus, Treasurer Elizabeth Gines, and Health Policy Representative Marien Saade.

On May 4, our chapter celebrated our 30th anniversary at the Ponce Ferial Convention Center in Ponce, Puerto Rico. We offered an educational program entitled ANNA Caribbean Chapter Celebrating 30 Years in Puerto Rico: Promoting Excellence in the Practice of Nephrology Nursing. Eighty-five nurses and other health care professionals attended the activity, which was approved for CNE credit by the Ohio Nurses Association. One-year ANNA memberships were given away randomly to two attendees. The lucky winners were Hector Alicea from Hospital Auxilio Mutuo and Valeria Rivera from Atlantis Healthcare, Mayaguez.

Members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter participated in a meet and greet dinner event in Everett, WA. Participants included Linda Franklin, Sarah Lai, Robin Lee, I Pan, Lynda Ball, Judy Mallon, and Nancy Colobong Smith.

Caribbean chapter members Marien Saade, Alexandra Brioso, Myriam Centeno, Emily Martinez, Ruth Lebron, Melissa Muñoz, Elba Canel, and Rebeca Rodriguez attended the ANNA National Symposium in Dallas.

Caribbean chapter officers and members celebrated the chapter’s 30th anniversary. Pictured (from left) are Rita De Jesus, Marien Saade, Elizabeth Gines, Rebeca Rodriguez, Melissa Muñoz, Ruth Lebron, Emily Martinez, and Jeannette Dominguez.

Members of the Caribbean Chapter – (from left) Alexandra Brioso, Marien Saade, Ruth Lebron, and Jeannette Dominguez – participated in the 28th Patient Encounter of the Puerto Rican Kidney Foundation. Ruth Lebron won a gift card during the event raffle!