California

Nephros South #506

During a recent business meeting, chapter officers took time to share a meal and celebrate our many years together. We are committed to serving our chapter members as we navigate the changes in providing nephrology care in the future.

On November 21, 2019, Nephros South hosted an educational dinner event at Seasons 52 in La Jolla, CA. The event was sponsored by Daiichi Sankyo. Approximately 20 dialysis nurses and technicians, physicians, and renal pharmacists attended a presentation by Dr. Kalantar-Zadeh on Iron Deficiency Anemia in Non-Dialysis Dependent Chronic Kidney Disease. It was an interesting and informative discussion on the treatment of iron deficiency anemia in the CKD population that promoted engagement and interaction from the audience.

Plans are underway for future educational events. In a time when it is more difficult to provide these events, we are grateful for the support of our sponsors, speakers, members, and guests.

SoCal United #517

2019 was a regrouping year for our chapter. Our simple goal was to meet the ANNA rechartering requirements, and we successfully met that goal!

Our chapter was formed by merging the Inland Empire and Surfside chapters. Unfortunately, the newly formed chapter went dormant until late 2018 when current board members responded to ANNA’s request to serve.

The 2018-2019 chapter officers – President Jonna Allison, President-Elect Marisa Curiel Garcia, Secretary Rachna Thakur, Treasurer Larry Binuya, and Health Policy Representative Amy Heerschap – got right to work creating and implementing our ANNA workplan.

As we met and exceeded the ANNA requirements to re-charter, the following are highlights of the 2019 year.

• In April, President Jonna Allison and Health Policy Representative Amy Heerschap attended the ANNA National Symposium in Dallas, including the LEAD Workshop, and donated ANNA’s $750 travel grant to the chapter.
• Chapter members participated in ANNA’s online education program on mentoring. We included a contest, and Sharon Sharpe won free attendance (including 7.0 contact hours) to the Annual Renal Forum.
• Chapter officers attended ANNA’s Nephrology Nursing Practice, Management, & Leadership Conference in San Diego.
• Chapter members participated in the Annual Renal Forum in Irvine, CA, on October 20. The chapter donated $500, raffled a basket donated by chapter officers, and gave away “flu season survival kits” (which also were donated). Health Policy Representative Amy Heerschap presented “Health Policy in Nursing: A Focus on the Dialysis Community” during the forum.
• Chapter members participated in the Loma Linda Health Fair in Loma Linda, CA. Chapter officers donated $500 for prizes and volunteered at the event.

San Joaquin Valley chapter members attended a program on hyperparathyroidism. Pictured (from left) are Rey Manzano, Pearlie Cua, Jarnail Gill, Melissa Manlimos, Daryl Inocencio, Julie See, Karen Echavez, Dr. Anjay Rastogi (speaker), Ciciel Asparin, and Zarah Abejo.

Our chapter officers for 2020 are President Jonna Allison, President-Elect Cintia Perez, Secretary Rachna Thakur, Treasurer Larry Binuya, and Health Representative Amy Heerschap. Our 2020 goals are rechartering and increasing chapter member participation.

San Joaquin Valley #532

The chapter celebrated Nephrology Nurses Week with a presentation on hyperparathyroidism. The program, sponsored by Amgen, was held at Ruth Chris’ Steakhouse in Fresno, CA. Dr. Anjay Rastogi from UCLA provided an informative discussion of the topic. Thank you to Amgen for providing the educational program and the sumptuous dinner for our chapter members.
South Florida Flamingo chapter members enjoyed an educational dinner on “Calcium Management in Secondary Hyperparathyroidism” at Cafe Vico Italian Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale.

On December 10, 2019, we hosted an educational dinner on The Nurse Perspective presented by ANNA in collaboration with Amgen and Unique Interventional Radiology. Chapter President Shushanne Wynter-Minott was the speaker. The dinner was held at Soho Asian Bar and Grill in Aventura, FL. Dr. Rosenthal also spoke about access management.

Chapter members attended the Florida Society of Nephrology Meeting in St. Petersburg, FL, in January. Chapter members also will attend a 1-day educational event on January 18.

The chapter is planning a 2-day certification review for the first weekend of March. We also are looking forward to attending the ANNA National Symposium in Orlando in April.

Finally, we are seeking members to fill chapter officer roles for 2020-2021.

Suncoast #213

Our chapter had a busy fall, holding two dinner meetings that offered contact hours. Dr. Aaron Emmel discussed ADPKD: An Overview of Pathology, Diagnosis, and Disease Progression. Twelve members attended the program held at Grillsmith in Tampa, FL, and nine members attended the program held at Capital Grille in Sarasota, FL.

One of our goals for 2019-2020 is to reach out to members in our very large geographic area and bring ANNA closer to their homes in the hope that we can improve member participation. Working toward that goal, we held an informational meeting about ANNA for inpatient RNs at Tampa General Hospital on December 15, 2019.

We are looking forward to a wine and cheese party at our chapter president’s home in January. If you are interested in participating, contact Cindy Toombs.

We also are looking forward to the upcoming collaborative meeting on January 17-18 with all three ANNA Florida chapters and the Florida Society of Nephrology (FSN). The ANNA portion of the meeting will be held on January 18. Please join us by registering on the FSN website at www.floridasonocietyofnephrology.com/event/fsn2020. The fee is $60 for 6 contact hours, including the mandatory 2-hour program on human trafficking.

We also are preparing for our annual meeting in Ruskin, FL, in July.
Georgia

Dogwood #224

Our chapter hosted our annual holiday meeting on December 5, 2019, with a presentation by Dr. Tazin Aijaz on *Autosomal Dominant Polycystic Kidney Disease: Disease Burden*. Thanks to Otsuka Pharmaceutical for sponsoring this educational event. It was a great evening with each guest bringing a gift donation for the Marine Toys for Tots® celebration.

ANNA President-Elect Lillian Pryor and Director Angela Taylor-Smith have been busy at the national level with organizational strategic planning. We would like to thank the entire ANNA Board of Directors for all the work they do for ANNA!

We are very excited to welcome our newest chapter members: Ethel Bailey, Kimberly Johnson, Erecelene Kinnebrew, Lananh Nguyen, Carolyn Mayes, and Misuk Kim. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and events!

Watch for details regarding our upcoming nephrology nurse certification review, *Leap into Certification*! This program, which was rescheduled from 2019, will be held on February 29.

We look forward to seeing our colleagues from around the world at the ANNA National Symposium in Orlando this spring! We are excited to reconnect with old friends and meet new renal nurses. We also are excited to build upon our nephrology knowledge and learn about the interesting endeavors of other ANNA chapters. Fun times are ahead!

Illinois

Windy City #305

Welcome to our new chapter members: Sarah Bowen and Estee Lute Teodoro.

Our chapter’s plan for the New Year includes hosting a spring and fall dinner/educational event. The spring program will most likely be held in a Chicago suburban area as we still tend to hear from more members who reside in the six-county area surrounding Chicago. Our chapter’s geographic area is very diverse, reaching from the western and northern borders of Illinois into northwestern Indiana. Chapter officers would love to host the fall program farther outside of Chicago if we can get assistance from members residing in the western, northern, and/or eastern areas of our chapter. Any assistance in recruiting sponsors, selecting topics, and scouting locations would be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in volunteering or simply have a great idea for a chapter event, please contact Gary Reschak, chapter secretary, at 2unicorn7@comcast.net.

Our fall dinner/educational event in October 2019 was well attended. The program, sponsored by AstraZeneca and held at Gibson’s Bar & Steakhouse,
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featured a presentation by Dr. Chase Williams entitled "Clinical Review of the Burden and Treatment of Hyperkalemia in CKD." We hope to have the same great turnout, a great meal, and an informational lecture at our spring dinner/educational event, which is still in the planning stages.

Our chapter is also planning to present an all-day Back to Basics: Nephrology Nursing Review program during the summer. This annual CNE-approved program is a great way to informally prepare for successfully completing a nephrology certification exam (CNN, CDN) through content review and test-taking tips. This program is not all work with no play. Lunch and snack breaks are included as well as chapter fundraising raffles to break up the day.

Chapter officers for the 2020-2021 year will be announced in the next issue of the ANNA Update.

ANNA Connected is our primary method for informing chapter members of chapter events. Be sure that your email address is current with the ANNA National Office. You also can keep informed about chapter events through our chapter Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ANNAwindycity.

Plan ahead and start the New Year off with travel plans! Register for the 2020 ANNA National Symposium at the Caribe Royale in Orlando, FL. The symposium is THE place to become energized and renew your enthusiasm within your professional organization and chosen clinical specialty. Learn, lead, and connect with your nephrology colleagues from across the nation and join ANNA in promoting excellence in nephrology nursing and patient care!

Prefer a fall conference? Plan to attend the 2020 Nephrology Nursing Practice, Management & Leadership Conference at the Hilton Chicago in October. Our chapter will be the home chapter for this event! For additional information on ANNA national events, visit annanurse.org.

Our chapter is always looking for member participation to plan programs, events, and new activities and to identify new locations for programs. Please share any ideas and suggestions that would further enhance your experience within your local ANNA chapter. Our chapter is only as educational and fun as our most active members, so please contact a chapter officer and get more involved. You are never alone in ANNA!
Kentucky

Bluegrass #322

Congratulations to chapter member Jill Debolt, who recently retired.

Maryland

Baltimore #101

Our annual Fall Conference was a great success. We were delighted with the great attendance and variety of information shared.

We are looking forward to an exciting year with several programs planned. More information is available via ANNA Connected, our chapter Facebook page, and our chapter website, www.baltimoreanna.com.

Minnesota

Southeast Minnesota #316

You are invited to attend the 2020 Spring Conference at the Doubletree Hotel in Rochester, MN, on May 16-17. Saturday evening, May 16, will start with a keynote presentation featuring Sam Trevino. The chapter also will host a social hour to provide an opportunity for networking and fun.

Sunday, May 17, will continue with a presentation on surveillance readiness by Glenda Payne followed by presentations on dialysis fluid management, home dialysis, pediatric to adult dialysis transition, and transplant issues. There will be gift and prize drawings throughout the day, so be sure to mark your calendar!

The chapter officers are pleased to welcome Ashley Anderson to the role of president-elect for 2020-2021. Sally Hamilton will step into the president role. Tracey Gohmann will continue as treasurer, and Heather Collier as secretary. The chapter welcomes Sadie Halverson, who has graciously agreed to take the ad hoc role of technician education advisor to assist the chapter to provide education for our technician members.

Members are welcome to contact any chapter officer to suggest educational topics. We are easy to find! Contact us at seminnesota316@gmail.com or through ANNA Connected, and follow our chapter on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SoutheastMinnesota316.

Missouri

St. Louis Metro #307

On August 27, 2019, Relypsa provided an educational program entitled Potassium Rising: Addressing a Recurring Threat in Patients. Attendees learned more about Velassa’s role in the management of hyperkalemia. Attendees enjoyed the presentation, great food, and networking.

Nephrology Nurses Week is a special time to celebrate our talented and hardworking local chapter members. We hosted an educational meeting offering contact hours at Top Golf using the CE on Wheels program. We had a lot of fun sharing stories and getting to know one another better.

We are hosting an evening dinner meeting at Cyrano’s Cafe in historic Webster Groves, MO, on January 23.
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Amgen is partnering with ANNA to provide a program titled The Nurse Perspective: Elevating the Critical Role of Nurses in the Management of Secondary Hyperparathyroidism. This is a great way for our chapter to start the New Year. We hope to see all our members there!

New Jersey

Garden State #125

This year, the chapter leadership committee will be continuing our efforts to bring you educational events that will provide best demonstrated practices in nephrology nursing. A dinner meeting presented by ANNA in collaboration with Amgen is scheduled for 5:45 pm on January 30 at the Breakers in Spring Lake, NJ. The meeting is free. Information is posted on our chapter website, and flyers were posted at facilities.

Mark your calendars for May 14. Our Annual Spring Meeting will be held at the Breakers in Spring Lake, NJ. We will be sending information as soon as the program has been finalized.

As always, we will continue to reach out to our members and keep them informed of any pertinent information in the nephrology field. If you have questions, contact Miriam Rodriguez at miriam4909@gmail.com.

New York

Northeast Tri-State #120

Our chapter celebrated a successful 2019 year. We offered a full-day educational program and two evening webinars. We held two fundraisers at our fall conference. We raffled beautiful baskets and sold soaps, which were handmade by the mother of chapter member Maarika Sterling. Below is part of a letter our chapter received from the woman who made and donated the soap for our chapter fundraiser:

“Our family has a history of kidney disease. Forty some years ago one of my older daughters, then a teenager, was diagnosed with kidney disease and ultimately had to go on dialysis. She was blessed to have a twin, who was a perfect match for a transplant. Almost 20 years ago my younger daughter was diagnosed with the same kidney disease and alas there was no twin to donate.
But another miracle, the kidney disease went into remission. She became a nephrology nurse practitioner. I am so grateful for all those who work in the field of medicine, for the good care my family has received, for the research that is being done to mitigate this disease, and for the dedication of those who work in the field of nephrology. I am very pleased to donate these handmade soaps to the local chapter of ANNA for their fundraiser.

Our chapter is planning our educational offerings for 2020, and we are looking for anyone interested in helping. Please reach out to any of the officers via ANNA Connected with any questions or to express your interest in helping.

North Carolina

Cardinal #201

Our chapter sponsored Christmas gift cards for dialysis families in the area. Clinic social workers submitted names to our chapter officers.

Welcome to our new chapter members and those who have renewed their membership: Anna Kong, DaVina Smith, Hugh Carroll, Claire Hodges, Bonnie Southern, Kelly Cobb, Camellia Elder, Joseph Hamilton, Susan Mwang, Mary Noble, Jacqueline Sebastian, Catherine Snyder, Rose Harnois, Pamela Harris, Gary Jambor, and Madelaine Sachs. We encourage you to take advantage of your membership opportunities and to become active in our chapter. Contact President Theresa Campbell at tcamp1908@yahoo.com to let her know your interests.

If you have not had the opportunity to attend an ANNA meeting or would like to attend another, there are two upcoming meetings. The 2020 ANNA National Symposium will be being held April 19-22 in Orlando, FL. For more information, visit annanurse.org/2020-symposium.

For a meeting closer to home, the North Carolina ANNA chapters are hard at work planning the Annual North Carolina Statewide Symposium scheduled for May 20-21 at the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC. Watch for more information. This is an
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opportunity to network with other members of the nephrology community, meet chapter members, and obtain contact hours.

Greater Charlotte #202

Our chapter hosted a fabulous fall conference titled Nephrology Essential Updates on November 9, 2019. Attendees earned 7.0 contact hours and enjoyed a delicious breakfast and lunch with homemade desserts provided by AstraZeneca. Presentations by advanced practice registered nurses included: “Living Kidney Donation” by Glenna Frey; “The Cardiac Kidney Connection” by Leah Smith; “Acute Kidney Injury” by Emily Simoneau; “Home Therapies” by Anna Pasour; and “Access: Changes on the Horizon” by Nancy Marvin.

Our holiday party raffle fundraiser on December 5, 2019, was a great success. Several area children and their families who live with kidney disease were provided for during the holiday season.

Our chapter is looking forward to several educational dinners, state and national symposia, and fun activities in 2020. Stay up to date by following us on Facebook: “ANNA Greater Charlotte Chapter #202.” Please make sure your email is current on your ANNA membership, or contact a chapter officer.

Kristin Larson captivated the audience with a presentation on medical malpractice during a symposium hosted by the Red River Valley Chapter.

Maria Regnier shared her expertise and knowledge of the latest federal rules related to dialysis during a symposium hosted by the Red River Valley Chapter.
North Dakota

Red River Valley #341

Our chapter hosted the 9th Annual Dialogues in Dialysis symposium at the University of North Dakota Medical Education Center in Fargo, ND, on October 10, 2019. Topics included organ stunning, dialysis management and interventions, nutritional considerations in kidney disease, medical malpractice, home therapies, and the latest federal rules related to dialysis. Speakers included ANNA members Maria Regnier, Kristin Larson, and Sandy Reagan. The symposium offered 7.25 contact hours and was well attended by nephrology nurses in the tristate area despite the impending winter weather.

Planning is already underway for the 10-year anniversary symposium in 2020. The tentative date is October 1. ANNA members are encouraged to contact a chapter with your suggestions for topics or speakers.

Ohio

Tri State Ohio #317

Our chapter is looking forward to a great 2020! Officers are currently planning educational programs and CNE events and encourage members to get involved. We are looking for volunteers to step into officer positions; mentorship and training will be provided! Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/annatristateohio or email annatristateohio@gmail.com if you are interested in getting more involved or would like more information.

Black Swamp #323

Our chapter participated in a webinar hosted by the Ohio Kidney Foundation on November 20, 2019. The topic was Recovery of Organs from Drug Overdose Deaths.

On December 4, 2019, our chapter participated in a dinner and education awareness program on ADPKD at Nagoya Restaurant in Perrysburg, OH. The speakers were Drs. Jill Green and Geoff Lockwood. Proceeds from the holiday raffles were donated to the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio and Kidney Conversations. Our chapter also awarded a 1-year ANNA membership and other raffle prizes.

The chapter is seeking volunteers to assume officer positions for the upcoming year. We still need volunteers to come forward.

Pennsylvania

Three Rivers #104

Our chapter held a business meeting on November 2, 2019. During this meeting, we welcomed a new education committee member: Adriel Vire.

On December 14, 2019, education committee members enjoyed a breakfast brunch with Santa. During brunch, they planned activities for the year. The first activity will be an educational brunch on January 19 at UPMC East in Monroeville, PA. This presentation will feature a speaker from Amgen who will present The Nurse Perspective: Elevating the Critical Role of Nurses in the Management of Secondary Hyperparathyroidism.

A CNE presentation by the educational committee is also being planned. Chapter members will receive more details in the near future.

Chapter officers plan to attend the 2020 ANNA National Symposium in Orlando. They are currently working out the details for this trip.

The next event will the Spring Ahead into Nephrology Conference. This conference, scheduled for May 3 at UPMC East in Monroeville, PA, will feature a variety of speakers and will offer contact hours. The program also will include basket raffles to raise money for Western Pennsylvania Kidney Kamp and a chance to win a free ANNA membership.

The last scheduled event is the Western Pennsylvania Kidney Kamp. Our chapter will sponsor afternoon craft activities and help with an evening dance party.

Our chapter is recruiting officers and volunteers to help on the education committee. If you are interested, contact Chapter President Nina Mazzei-Parrish at mazzei50@yahoo.com. Join us! We would love to have you participate!

Keystone #110

Reflecting back on 2019, our chapter had a successful year. We held many events and engaged in productive networking across the nephrology spectrum. We met educational goals and remain a financially sound chapter. Without our members, we would not be able to continue the success we have. We appreciate you all!

Thank you to all of the attendees who helped make the day of learning successful. We had a great turnout and saw a lot of new faces! In addition, we had great vendor presence and support. We raised almost $250 from the raffle baskets, and we plan to apply it towards our Ronald McDonald House volunteer project. We are planning this event for early 2020 and will post information on ANNA Connected. If you would like to
help prepare and serve food to the families of sick children in Philadelphia, PA, please plan to participate.

Welcome to our new members: Ameshia Batts, Elena Drak, Yan Elison, Uche Enigwe, Alexis Freeman, Sarah Henderson, Teresa Ortiz, Donna Bradish, Carolyn Chila, Jinny Downing, Jennifer Kuhns, Eric Mika, and John Zalot.

The Keystone Chapter’s “day of learning” program featured a variety of topics, including the treatment of hyperkalemia.

Keystone chapter members gathered for a day of learning with friends and colleagues in Trevose, PA.

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Dallas #208

The chapter had an exciting year of programs in 2019. We look forward to 2020 with a full slate of new officers. Our officers for 2020-2021 are: President Mary McGraw, President-Elect Teleshia Coleman, Secretary Vicky Lamb, Treasurer/Immediate Past President Diedre Pahrik, and Health Policy Representative Phung Tran. Teleshia and Vicky are new to chapter officer roles. Getting new and younger members involved in leadership helps ensure a strong continuation for our chapter. 2020 will be a great year!

Our all-day CNE event is planned for early January. Chapter officers will be continuing our plan for growth by taking our CNE program on wheels to members outside of the immediate Dallas-Fort Worth area.

We also will continue our collaboration with area schools of nursing, promoting nephrology nursing. Phung Tran kicked off this project in November 2019 by presenting on acute renal replacement therapies.

Virginia

Tidewater #241

Thank you to Shannon Harris of Fresenius Pharmaceuticals for sponsoring an educational dinner meeting at Ruth Chris Steak House in Virginia Beach, VA, on December 5, 2019. Chapter members enjoyed a delicious meal and an informative presentation by dietitian Allison Bazigos on the use of Velphoro® in dialysis patients. The chapter appreciates all of the educational opportunities that ANNA provides its members.

Planning is underway by the chapter leadership team in relation to chapter meetings and educational activities for 2020. Chapter members, please make sure your profile is up to date in ANNA Connected, especially your email address, because this is how we share invitations and local chapter events with members. We welcome your ideas on topics, speakers, and locations for meetings.

Washington

Pacific Northwest #503

On November 10, 2019, our chapter hosted a successful educational event at Seattle Children’s Hospital. We had a total of 79 attendees and raised $250. Thank you to our wonderful speakers: Nancy Colobong Smith, Nancy McAfee, Lynda Ball, Naomi DeVega, and Alice Chamberlin.

We held two Meet & Greet activities in Oregon in November 2019 – one in Medford on November 20 and one in

Texas
Portland on November 21. Special thanks to Lynda Ball and Nancy McAfee who represented our chapter at these dinner events.

We are working on the final details for Renal Update 2020, which will be held at the Lynnwood Convention Center on February 27-28. Registration is open!

The chapter education committee welcomes returning volunteer Lindsey Williamson and new volunteers Sarah Lai and Irene Krall.

Watch for news and updates via ANNA Connected, and join us at Renal Update 2020 in February.

The chapter officers for 2020-2021 are: President Nancy McAfee, President-Elect Irene Krall, Secretary Lulu McManigal, Treasurer Nancy Colobong Smith, and Health Policy Representative Sharon Tugwell. Follow chapter events on ANNA Connected and Facebook. We look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

**Puerto Rico**

Caribbean #210

Chapter President Rebecca Rodriguez participated in roundtable discussions held on November 1 and 8, 2019, to establish public policy on renal health in Puerto Rico. This initiative, sponsored by the President of the Puerto Rico House of Representatives and the Puerto Rico Renal Council, is an effort to reach consensus among various organizations representing the renal community. The primary objectives are to define renal health care, identify barriers to access of care for renal patients, design a road map of care for the different stages of chronic kidney disease, and implement public policy.