Arizona

Desert Vista #501

Our chapter officers are returning to their roles for another year. Thank you to President Cindy Schneider, Treasurer Gloria Haught-Neese, Secretary Minerva Rodriguez, and Health Policy Representative Courtney Roach. We are seeking a chapter member to serve as president-elect. Contact us at desertvistachapteranna@gmail.com if you are interested in joining our team.

The year started with a great presentation on Acute Kidney Injury: Hepatorenal Syndrome on February 20 at Ocean Prime. Dr. Hugo Vargas, hepatologist, and Dr. Mira Keddis, nephrologist, presented their respective perspectives on the topic.

Some of our chapter members continued to broaden their knowledge by attending the 20th Annual Southwest Nephrology Conference. Topics included transplantation, self-care, ethics, primary care referral to nephrologist, and more.

Due to COVID-19, our participation in the Kidney Walk is on hold until the fall. Our educational event tentatively scheduled for May is also on hold. We will contact our members about new events when all is clear. Stay safe!

California

Nephros South #506

While Nephros South has suspended educational meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, the chapter has not suspended our commitment to our members and our patients.

ANNA President Lillian Pryor was prophetic in her message in the January 2020 issue of the ANNA Update when she challenged nephrology nurses to make an “IMPACT.” In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we now are all tasked to take Initiative in the workplace, Mentor nephrology providers, Partner with other multidisciplinary members of our renal team to create a whole health environment, Ask questions that promote best practice, Collaborate with industry agencies to improve kidney care, and Transform our own workplaces to meet the challenges for providing safe, patient-centered care. These are not just lofty goals to strive for, but necessary steps to perform at the highest level of our practice to survive this unprecedented time in history.
By making an IMPACT, nephrology providers are committing to providing the highest quality care to our patients in the safest possible care environments. Whether we practice in an outpatient dialysis setting or hospital-based service, engage in telehealth or video connect visits, we are partnering with our renal team of nurses, physicians, pharmacists, dieticians, and social workers to provide appropriate care in a safe health care milieu. Our goal is to mitigate the risk for infection from COVID-19 when best practices and knowledge are changing every day. ANNA, the American Society of Nephrology, and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention have provided infection prevention and control guidelines for keeping our patients and ourselves safe. We are collaborating with industry to modify our current technology and create new technology to assist us in the spectrum of acute dialysis to home care. Yes, this is a time for transformation and a new era in kidney care!

While we need to maintain social distancing, nephrology nurses are still very connected in our mission to deliver quality care while maintaining everyone’s safety, health, and sanity.

**Florida**

**South Florida Flamingo #206**

Welcome to our newest chapter members: Donna Blehar, Yuk Leung, Wistadia Pierre, Francis Bolla, Sharon Brown, Michelle Dawodi, Terry Gibson, Liudmila Guas, and Velma Wizzard. We are happy you have joined our chapter. We welcome you to participate in our events and activities.

On March 7, we held a Nephrology Education Day for RNs, APNs, and dialysis technicians. The program drew 41 participants and offered 6.0 contact hours. Thank you to our talented speakers and to our sponsors: Otsuka, Physician Dialysis, Amgen, and Memorial Transplant Unit. Thank you also to Unique Interventional Radiology and Amgen for providing breakfast and lunch.

**Suncoast #213**

Our Annual Seminar on the beach is coming up in July. Save the dates of July 17-19! Rooms are available at Little Harbour Inn in Ruskin, FL, and the meeting will be held at the Sunset Grille on the same property. Hotel rooms are being held so please ask for the ANNA rate. We hope to host a certification review course on July 17 and then our meeting on July 18-19. We will be offering contact hours for the certification course in addition to our usual meeting offerings. You are welcome to come to the certification course if you want to review your knowledge base. We will send out an agenda as soon as possible. Please plan to join us, and bring your families! For more information, contact a chapter officer:

- **President** Marie Montagna – marie.montagna@fmc-na.com
- **Secretary** Angela McKenna –
Georgia

Dogwood #224

Thank you to Otsuka Pharmaceutical for sponsoring a brunch for our chapter on March 14. The event included a discussion of Depression in CKD Patients led by Dr. Ajazi. ANNA President Lillian Pryor talked about upcoming ANNA events, and Dr. Loretta Jackson Brown reviewed the latest updates on COVID-19.

We enjoyed celebrating World Kidney Day on March 12. A shout out to all of our certified nephrology nurses, dialysis nurses, nurse practitioners, and technicians in recognition of your achievement, especially on Certified Nurses Day which was observed on March 19!

Congratulations to chapter member Dr. Kelly Dyar, who will be serving as the Georgia Nurses Association President-Elect for Nursing Education.

We are excited to welcome our newest members: Echo Ahmad, Lhonda Edwards, Krissi Kelley, Angelina Newman, Karen Prince, Tonya Ramey, Denise Adams, Eletia Brown-Clarke, Barry Huisteller, Kayla Lester, Edith Nau-Pichonneau, Amy Outlaw, Lucy Meg Quint, and Abby Smith.

Our chapter Certification Review has been moved to September in celebration of Nephrology Nurses Week. The 2020 ANNA National Symposium has been rescheduled to August. Visit the ANNA website at www.annanurse.org/symposium-2020 for updates and further details.

A fall dinner/educational program is in the early planning phase. We are working toward a program in September to celebrate Nephrology Nurses Week. Stay tuned to our chapter Facebook page and ANNA Connected for all the details as they become available.

We will be the host chapter for the 2020 Nephrology Nursing Practice, Management and Leadership Conference, which will be held at the Hilton Chicago on October 17-19. Watch our Facebook page and ANNA Connected, as we may be looking for chapter volunteers to assist with hosting activities. Visit the ANNA website at www.annanurse.org/fall-2020 for more details regarding this conference.

Facebook page for information from your chapter officers as these media will be the quickest, most accurate, and up-to-date information from us. As always, chapter officers are looking for volunteers, new topics for programs, new locations for our events, as well any ideas for new activities. Contact a chapter officer through our Facebook page to share your thoughts. Support your chapter! Stay safe and healthy!

Maryland

Baltimore #101

The chapter decided to postpone the dinner conference until further notice. We have not started plans for the Fall Conference to date. We hope to see many of you at the National Symposium.

Minnesota

Southeast Minnesota #316

COVID-19 has certainly changed our world. After monitoring the evolving situation, the chapter cancelled our 2020 Spring Conference, which was originally planned for May 16-17. The health and safety of attendees is our top priority. We also realize how important it is for all nephrology team members to be caring for...
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patients.

Save the date for the 2021 Spring Conference! Please mark your calendars for May 15-16, 2021. We will post new information as it becomes available. If you have ideas and suggestions for topics and speakers, we would love to hear from you!

The chapter is looking forward to supporting the Gift of Life Transplant House Golf Tournament on July 13. The chapter supports this annual event by providing financial contributions and volunteers to help with registration of golfers.

We welcome to our incoming chapter officers as they step into their roles: President Sally Hamilton, President-Elect Ashley Anderson, Secretary Heather Collier, Treasurer Tracey Gohmann, and Technician Education Advisor Sadie Halverson.

Members are always welcome to join our chapter officer conference calls. Contact us via ANNA Connected, Facebook, or email at seminnesota316@gmail.com.

Missouri

St. Louis Metro #307

Thank you to Kathy Ehrhard for her many years of service as our chapter secretary. She has served our chapter faithfully and brilliantly and will be missed as a chapter officer!

Welcome to our new chapter secretary, Janelle Chamberlin! Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and enthusiasm with our chapter. Our other officers are Treasurer Cheryl Cress and President Jacque Tanquary.

Chapter members gathered on February 25 (“Fat Tuesday”) for an educational dinner meeting at Maggiano’s Little Italy. The program, Suspecting and Managing Rare Kidney Stones, was very informative. This program and dinner were provided by Retrophin.

Our chapter supported the National Kidney Foundation by forming a team for the Kidney Walk and raising funds. Due to the need for social distancing, the St. Louis Kidney Walk was virtual this year.

Planning is underway for our Fall Nephrology Education Day. Member involvement is needed to make this a beneficial workshop. Watch for meeting dates via ANNA Connected and plan to participate.
Nebraska

Platte River #324

On March 12, in conjunction with ANNA and Amgen, our chapter hosted The Nurse Perspective: Elevating the Critical Role of Nurses in the Management of Secondary Hyperparathyroidism at Charleston’s Restaurant in Omaha, NE. The speaker was Jane Davis. We conducted a business meeting and were excited to have 20 attendees. Two attendees won door prizes, including a Nephrology Nurses Week water bottle and a Nephrology Nurses Week roll-up blanket.

Our Planning Committee for Education – Denise Murcek, Michelle Gilliland, Peggy Gerlach, Teresa Aspinall, Peggy Sue DeLaet, Jina Bogle, Penny Dennis, and Angie Craig – have begun to plan for our Distance Learning Education Day. Mark your calendars now for September 15, 2020! Once again, we will host live attendees in conjunction with the ANNA National Symposium in Orlando in April. The day education program. Please share on ANNA Connected any topics you would like to see presented at the program. We would love to hear from you!

New Jersey

Jersey North #126

Our chapter canceled the spring conference originally planned for March. The new date for Renal Issues 2020 is September 24. Visit our chapter website at https://annajerseynorth126.nursingnetwork.com for updates, chapter scholarship information to be awarded in September, and to make sure your profile and email are up to date.

New York

Northeast Tri-State #120

Our chapter held an evening non-CE program on home hemodialysis. Paul Jarvis from NxStage presented “Bringing It Home” via Zoom so that we could continue to hold an educational offering while practicing social distancing.

Three chapter officers had planned to attend the ANNA National Symposium in Orlando in April. They still hope to attend the meeting, which has been postponed until the end of August.

This year’s chapter officers are President Jean Colaneri, President-Elect Marianne Neumann, Treasurer Bonnie Reid, and Secretary Marianne Sorrell. Please contact an officer via ANNA Connected if you are interested in helping in any way or if you would like to know more about chapter volunteer positions.

Planning is underway for the fall full-day education program. Please share on ANNA Connected any topics you would like to see presented at the program. We would love to hear from you!

North Carolina

Greater Charlotte #202

During this difficult time of fighting COVID-19, our chapter sends thoughts and prayers for everyone’s safety. We know you as nurses are working so hard for your patients, but we encourage you to take some moments for self-care, too. We look forward to the day when we can resume “normal” activities. Thank you for all you are doing!

Blue Ridge #262

The 14th annual ANNA North Carolina Symposium has been postponed until August 12-13, 2020, due to COVID-19. The event will still be held at the Embassy Suites in Cary, NC.

Ohio

Tri State Ohio #317

Thank you for your dedication to patient care during this unprecedented time in history and health care. Our chapter is planning educational events for 2020 and encouraging members to get involved. Visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/annatristateohio or email annatristateohio@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to a great 2020!

Black Swamp #323

Chapter Health Policy Representative Glenna Frey was the speaker for a two-part educational series at Fostoria Community Hospital. The first presentation entitled Saving a Life: What They Didn’t Teach Me in School was held on January 29 and offered 1.0 contact hour. Then on February 27, Glenna presented Heroes or Crazy: Living Kidney Donation, which also offered 1.0 contact hour.

All chapter dinner educational events for March, April, and May were cancelled due to COVID-19.

We are trying to keep members informed by sending emails and ANNA Connected messages urging them to contact their members of Congress about issues that are vital to all healthcare workers. These include increasing personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution; increasing options for dialysis patients to train for home dialysis; and thanking members of Congress for all they are doing.

ANNA also is providing information and supporting the well-being of nephrology nurses with updates and resources available on the website at www.ananurse.org/covid and www.ananurse.org/wellbeing.
Pennsylvania

Three Rivers #104

Congratulations to our 2020-2021 chapters officers: President Nina Mazzei-Parrish, President-Elect Sue Ralph, Secretary Sue Carter, and Treasurer Terry Starrett. The officers assumed their new roles in April. Due to the challenges of COVID-19 and the postponement of the ANNA National Symposium, outgoing officers worked with the incoming officers to help orient them to their new roles and responsibilities. Let’s hear it for teamwork!

Congratulations also to Jill Kratochvil, director of the Western Pennsylvania Kidney Kamp, on being named the recipient of the Small Hands Big Heart Award for 2020. This award recognizes a National Kidney Foundation (NKF) volunteer for their time and advocacy, not only for the NKF but for kidney patients everywhere. Jill is an employee of DCI Renal Services of Pittsburgh.

Our education committee members have postponed the Spring Ahead into Nephrology conference that was scheduled for May 3. The conference will now be held on October 4, 2020, at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) East in Monroeville, PA. The program will offer contact hours and include a variety of speakers and topics. Lisa Miller Hedin, former chapter president, will present “What Is Cannabis? Dive into the Weeds with CKD and Drug Interactions.” Lisa is also a featured speaker at the 2020 ANNA National Symposium. Another chapter member, Kimberly Wallace, will present “The Relationship of Oral Health to the Hemodialysis Patient.” Our education committee is very excited to have these speakers and more at our conference. Please save the date of October 4!

Our chapter would like to thank all the health care workers for their time and dedication to the care of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. These last few months have proven to be very stressful and challenging for everyone. Thank you for all that you do!

Keystone #110

We all have been very busy dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we were happy to welcome four new chapter members: Tamesha Caldwell, Brian Gatheru, Jennifer Gelak, and Michael Luna. Our intentions to plan educational dinners have taken a backseat while we deal with COVID-19 and keep our vulnerable patients safe.

Our chapter hosted a successful meeting on February 11, 2020. Dr Salil Joshi presented Percutaneous Fistula Creation. Thanks to Ryan Deady, Regional Director of Vascular Access Centers, for supporting this educational meeting and for years of service to the nephrology community.

We are planning a virtual learning event for some time in the late spring.

Tennessee

Memphis Blues #240

Our new chapter officers are:

- President Susan Bridger
- Treasurer Artrena Ores
- Secretary Jewell Smith
- Health Policy Representative Lynette Murdock

Our chapter hosted a successful meeting on February 11, 2020. Dr Salil Joshi discussed Fabry Disease: An Unrecognized Genetic Disorder with Progressive Renal Involvement. There was a robust discussion around clinical manifestations and clinical considerations for patients with Fabry disease.

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to impact our profession, please know our chapter is here to support you. Thank you for your commitment to our patients and our profession. We appreciate you. Stay safe!

Texas

Gulf Coast #204

Our March chapter meeting was hosted by Sanofi Genzyme U.S Medical Affairs and held at Chama Gaucha Brazilian Restaurant. Dr Joseph Ray discussed Fabry Disease: An Unrecognized Genetic Disorder with Progressive Renal Involvement. There was a robust discussion around clinical manifestations and clinical considerations for patients with Fabry disease.

As the COVID-19 crisis continues to impact our profession, please know our chapter is here to support you. Thank you for your commitment to our patients and our profession. We appreciate you. Stay safe!

Virginia

Tidewater #241

Our chapter is in lockstep with all first responders during the COVID-19
pandemic. Everyone’s hard work is so appreciated! We will get through this as a nation and as a profession. Our chapter continues to make monetary donations to the local food bank. There is a need for food for individuals who have lost their jobs or are too ill to work. Chapter members also continue to collectively donate to the Vietnam Disabled Vets.

Chapter President Janyce McLin is planning several educational dinner meetings for this fiscal year. Watch for more information regarding dates and locations.

Chapter officers have met to discuss and review chapter plans for this fiscal year. President Janyce McLin continues to keep chapter members informed and engaged through ANNA Connected and encourages members to remain engaged at all levels of the association (local, state, and national).

Washington

Pacific Northwest #503

Our chapter hosted a successful 2-day event entitled Renal Update 2020 at the Lynwood Convention Center. The program drew 130 registrants on the first day and 110 on the second day. Thank you to our exhibitors, whose support is much appreciated: Alexion, Amgen, AstraZeneca, Northwest Kidney Center, Otsuka - Medical Affairs, Otsuka - Sales, Pentec Health, Puget Sound Kidney Center, and Relypsa. Thank you also to our planning committees and volunteers for all your hard work: Lynda Ball, Nancy Colobong Smith, Nancy McAfee, Sharon Tugwell, DeAnne Dey, Naomi DeVega, Irene Krall, Sara Lai, Lulu McManigal, Rhonda Campbell Duggan (left) was the speaker at a Pacific Northwest Chapter dinner event. Also pictured is Nancy Colobong Smith, Pacific Northwest chapter member and ANNA National Director.
Kristin McNeil, Lindsay Williamson, and Judy Mallon. During the event, we offered door prizes, including a 1-year ANNA membership, admission for Renal Update 2021, dialysis books, core concept, etc. We also held a fundraiser to support Children’s Hospital dialysis summer camp.

Alexion provided a complimentary non-CE dinner event. Rhonda Campbell Duggan presented “Diagnosing Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome: A Patient Case Journey.” Over 20 people registered and attended the dinner.

During this time of fighting COVID-19, please be safe and practice good hand hygiene and social distancing. Follow us on Facebook for updates: ANNA 503 Pacific Northwest Chapter.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin #304

Our Nephrology Update 2020 program to be held in Wausau, WI, has been postponed. We hope to offer the program later in the year.

We in Wisconsin are extremely proud of the professionalism displayed by nurses, patient care technicians, social workers, dietitians, and physicians. While dealing with patient fears, concerns, and problems, they also are facing fear for themselves and their families. Whether it be shortage of staff or supplies, missing rides for patients, or helping patient families during the quarantine process, these providers continue to demonstrate their dedication and compassion. Our chapter is proud of our members who are serving in these roles. We are hoping for a return to some semblance of normal. Prayers to all!

As an ANNA member, you play a valuable role in the organization’s success. We value all you do and want to celebrate your role in our community!

Are you, or someone you know, a Chapter Champion?

**ANNA Champions do things like:**
- Volunteer
- Teach
- Participate
- Health screenings, walks, and awareness campaigns
- Recruit new members
- Pitch in to keep the chapter going
- Share evidenced-based practice tips

**Chapter Champions:**
- Have been an ANNA member for 1 year or more
- Contribute to ANNA’s mission to improve members’ lives through education, advocacy, networking, and science
- Serve as a liaison between the ANNA chapter and their community, workplace, colleagues, and clients
- Consistently participate in kidney health awareness activities in their local community

To submit a member name for consideration, go to: annanurse.org/champion