Dear Registrant:

Thank you for registering for The 2017 National Symposium to be held April 7-10, at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, DC. We are delighted that you have chosen to attend ANNA’s National Symposium! Please be sure to review your email confirmation with your registration record and payment information. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ANNA National Office at 888-600-2662.

In this confirmation letter we have included information regarding transportation to the Symposium, registration, and other topics to assist you in preparing for the meeting. Please read this information before leaving for the meeting to help your trip go smoothly.

On Thursday, April 6, join us for our Welcome Reception/Movie Night beginning at 5:30 pm. Enjoy refreshments and network with your colleagues prior to the viewing of The American Nurse, a film documentary produced by symposium keynote speaker Carolyn Jones. What a great way to kick off a successful meeting! This event is open to all registrants.

The Opening Ceremonies/Janel Parker Memorial Session will take place on Friday, April 7, beginning at 4:00 pm, and the Grand Opening of Exhibits will begin at 5:45 pm. Refreshments will be served as you view displays reflecting the state-of-the-art in technology, products, and services.

General sessions and educational programs begin on Saturday, April 8. Rise and shine and join your friends at the Healthy Living/Fitness Walk that will take place on the property of the Marriot at 6:00 am. Registration begins at 5:45 am. Participants will have the opportunity to download an MP3 recording of an educational session to enjoy during the walk – don’t forget your iPod or other listening device! Following the walk, a corporate breakfast symposium (pending corporate support) will begin at 7:15 am. Don’t miss networking with your colleagues who share similar interests while sharing information, advice, and support at the Specialty Practice Networking Sessions. Topics are chosen based on suggestions and questions posed by members throughout the year.

Educational programs and exhibits continue through the day on Sunday, April 9. Join colleagues for the Nephrology Nurse Recognition Lunch at 12:00 nn (lunch will be served). Later that day, hear and view the work done by your colleagues by attending the Abstract Presentations at 4:30 pm.

From the Opening Session through the close of the Symposium on Monday, you will have the opportunity to focus on the important and unique roles of nurses as both patient care providers and patient advocates. You are not obligated to attend the sessions you registered for and may choose different sessions onsite subject to availability; however, we encourage you to access your registration online and make any session changes before March 28, 2017. Please view session information in the program book while onsite in DC. Do not use the brochure you received in the mail as a guide for sessions since some sessions may have changed. The most up-to-date program is posted on ANNA’s website at www.annanurse.org/2017-symposium. Room assignments are listed in the Symposium App and the Program-at-a-Glance provided in your registration packet you will receive onsite. We look forward to seeing you in DC!

Sincerely,

2016-17 Conferences Committee & ANNA Board of Directors
Welcome to the 2017 ANNA National Symposium  
April 7-10, 2017  
Washington, DC

There is always some confusion when arriving in a new city or attending your first ANNA meeting. Hopefully, the following information will assist you in where to go, how to get there, where to register, what sessions and events are available, and how to enjoy DC!

**Hotel and Travel Information**

The Marriott Wardman Park is the official hotel for the 2017 National Symposium. Please contact the Marriott Wardman Park (2660 Woodley Road NW) at 877-212-5752 to make your room reservation. Or, feel free to go directly to ANNA’s website at [www.annanurse.org/2017-symposium](http://www.annanurse.org/2017-symposium) to reserve a room online and receive the conference rate. Do not make your reservations directly on the hotel website. ANNA’s discounted hotel rates are as follows: Marriott ~ $209 single/double, plus taxes (currently 14.5%, subject to change without notice). When planning your travel agenda, remember that hotel check-in times are 4:00 pm and check-out is 12:00.nn.

**Transportation**

The distance to the Washington Marriott Wardman Park from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) is 7 miles; from Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), 24 miles; and from Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI), 34 miles. Discounted airport shuttle service is offered by SuperShuttle between these airports and the hotel. Book online via the discounted reservation link at [www.annanurse.org/2017-symposium](http://www.annanurse.org/2017-symposium). One-way taxi fare from DCA is approximately $30 and from IAD approximately $60 (rates subject to change).

**National Symposium Registration**

ANNA Registration will be held at the Convention Registration Desk located on the lobby level of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. The Registration and Information Desks are staffed by National Office representatives who are familiar with ANNA activities and are happy to answer any questions you may have. However, we will also be assisted by local convention bureau representatives who are not familiar with ANNA, but are familiar with the hotel and DC. Please ask for a National Office staff person for any questions specific to ANNA. ANNA volunteers will be available in several association booths during exhibit hours and are ready and capable to answer any questions.

**Preregistered Attendees**

If you have registered in advance for the Symposium, go to the "Preregistered" line on site in DC and show your registration receipt. A packet of materials, as well as a badge, will be issued to you. If you encounter problems, please see a National Office staff person. All outstanding balances owed must be paid before you can complete your registration. Once you have picked up your badge and other material, your registration is complete. You do not need to register each day for the meeting.

**Guests**

Guest registration ($100) is available for ONE guest per registrant and entitles the guest to visit the Exhibit Hall only. A “guest” is defined as a spouse, family member, significant other, friend, or an adult child (over 16 years old). A co-worker, associate within the health care/nephrology community, or corporate representative does not qualify as a guest. Guest fees do not include CNE, admission to educational sessions, meal functions, box lunches, Town Hall, or corporate-sponsored symposia.

**Orientation for New Members, First Timers & International Attendees**

This session is for you if this is your first ANNA National Symposium or first ever ANNA Meeting, or if you are a new member, nonmember or International attendee. If you are a “first timer,” we will explain details of the meeting and the association. Join us for a brief welcome discussion from **3:00 pm-3:45 pm on Friday, April 7**. Refer to the Program-at-a-Glance you’ll receive at registration for the room assignment.
Registration Packet Materials

Program Book
The Program Book is designed to give you direction and a description of the sessions, events, and exhibits. Take time to orient yourself to the hotel and meeting space with the maps provided. Meeting rooms will be in the Marriott Wardman Park. All session room assignments are indicated in the quick reference Program-at-a-Glance which will be included in your registration materials.

Name Badge – Lead Retrieval System
A name badge and a badge holder will be issued to you. You must wear your name badge at all times to attend sessions, luncheons, receptions, and gain entrance to the Exhibit Hall. A white Symposium badge with “MEMBER” designates a current member of ANNA; blank white Symposium badges are for nonmembers; blue is an exhibitor; and pink is for guests. Separate white Symposium badges for preconference/postconference are designated by “PRECON” or “POSTCON.” All badges will have bar coding on them to facilitate your exhibit hall visits. Exhibitors will have scanning devices that will allow you an efficient way to provide your name, address, telephone number, and email address for future contact.

Online Library
ANNA's National Symposium Online Library makes accessing meeting materials an added bonus of attending. The online library will be available at www.annanurse.org/library. All meeting registrants will be provided unlimited free access to all approved educational sessions (including the live audio and presentation slides) in the online library. All paid full Symposium attendees will receive an additional five CNE for FREE! See page 13 of the brochure for details.

Continuing Nursing Education Credit and Evaluation Form
Contact hours for the Preconference Workshops on Friday, April 7, range from 5.0 to 5.75 and the main program has been awarded 15.75 contact hours. The postconference offers an additional 3.0 contact hours. If corporate support is received for symposia, additional contact hours may be available. To receive your continuing nursing education (CNE) credit, you must evaluate each session you attend by going to ANNA’s Online Library at www.annanaurse.org/library and completing the online evaluation. Detailed information will be provided onsite.

Online Speaker Reference Materials
Speaker reference materials (handouts) for educational sessions will be made available in the Online Library to attendees prior to the start of the Symposium. Attendees are encouraged to preview and print any session materials they would like to bring with them to the Symposium. Only attendees who purchased printed speaker reference materials at the time of registration will receive a printed copy of the materials onsite. Please note: Preconference or Postconference speaker materials will not be included in the speaker reference materials distributed onsite. In addition, speaker reference materials that are not received from presenters prior to the printing deadline will not be included.

Miscellaneous Information

Welcome & Networking Reception
All Symposium registrants are welcome to attend a special Welcome & Networking Reception / Movie Night on Thursday, April 6, at 5:30 pm to network with friends, enjoy refreshments, and view The American Nurse film documentary produced by symposium keynote speaker Carolyn Jones.

ANNA Publication Sales
ANNA publications will be available for sale at the ANNA Publication/Information Desk beginning Friday, April 7, at 2:30 pm, and ending Monday, April 10, at 11:30 am. Many of ANNA’s publications will be available for sale including the newly revised Nephrology Nursing Scope & Standards of Practice (8th Edition) and the Contemporary Nephrology Nursing (3rd Edition). Check out ANNA’s website for a complete listing of publications for sale, www.annanaurse.org.

Opening Ceremonies/Janel Parker Memorial Opening Session
Opening Ceremonies, the Symposium kick-off event, begins at 4:00 pm on Friday, April 7. The ceremony will include recognition of ANNA’s volunteer leaders, corporate members, and scholarship recipients. Contact hours will be awarded for the Janel Parker Memorial Opening Session The American Nurse Project with Carolyn Jones. Don’t miss this exciting event!

Exhibits
The Exhibit Hall opening will be held on Friday, April 7, at 5:45 pm-8:15 pm. Enjoy beverages and light food selections set up throughout the hall. Our corporate colleagues are large contributors to the success of the Symposium, and bring you the latest in technology, supplies and materials that are essential in providing patient care. Because of our exhibitors, we can provide you with many “perks” that add to your learning experience and offer you an affordable registration fee. Please thank them for their participation as you visit their booths throughout the meeting.