Northeast

Three Rivers #104

We have been very busy at the grassroots level achieving a lot with only a hand full of hard working volunteers. Think how much more we could achieve if just a few more of our local members would step up and strengthen our group!

There were 80 attendees at the patient care technician (PCT) review course at Allegheny General Hospital on September 12. The evaluations were all positive, and the course was much appreciated. Thanks to Debbie Brouwer and her committee for a job well done.

Geraldine Bojarski Coobie also deserves a round of applause. She was the person behind the scenes doing all the preparatory work for the PCT testing sites.

Two chapter members were nominated for and featured in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette “Pittsburgh Best of the Best” Nurses Award: Stacy Fisher (DaVita, Homestead) and Nina Mazzei-Parrish (DaVita Pittsburgh Acute Program). Congratulations!

Our chapter and Renal Round Table group collaborated on the annual fall meeting held at Seven Springs. The theme was an historical review and practices to come in the renal arena. The highlight was President-Elect Susan Carter’s performance as she introduced each speaker and shared her own nursing time line with the audience – from her early days as a Penn State student to her present days at UPMC Pittsburgh. The audience’s laughter reflected the good time had by attendees. The prize of the conference went to Dr. Jamie Johnson who demonstrated how to easily fold a yellow isolation gown into a double glove and toss it away.

We ended the year with a holiday/business meeting held at the Melting Pot at Station Square.

To start 2010 we hosted two sites for the Winter Audio Conference on February 2. Ron Brown was the contact at DaVita Bloomfield, and Nina Parrish hosted the site at Kindred Hospital, Oakdale.

Christie Krapp has been coordinating the Spring Ahead conference to be held at West Penn Hospital on April 25. We are in the planning stages. If anyone would like to join the education committee, we meet the first Thursday of every month. This is your chapter; help us create your vision.

The 2010 officers want to recognize Patti McCartney for accepting the office of treasurer. Patti will be traveling to the National Symposium for leadership training.

Mark your calendars for the Kidney Gift of Life Gala to be held March 20 at the Circuit Center Ballroom, South Side, Pittsburgh. The gala will feature a night of professional gaming tables, casino raffles, and a silent auction along with music and dancing.

This year’s Gift of Life Awards Ceremony will honor one of our own members. Debbie Brouwer will receive the Small Hands Big Heart Award. We look forward to seeing you all at the gala as we give Debbie a round of applause.

Keystone #110

The chapter wishes a successful year to the following incoming officers: President Eric Imondi, President-Elect Laureen McClure, Secretary Carol Konopinski, and Treasurer Myrla Clark. Thanks to Past President Lisa Balk for her dedication this last year!

In December chapter members were invited to two dinner meeting presentations sponsored by Dave Wickersham of AMAG Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Michael Yoslov of Vineland, NJ, spoke on Management of Iron Deficiency Anemia in CKD at the Buck Hotel in Southampton and at Maggianos in King of Prussia.

Our annual Spring Fling will be held April 22 at the Radisson Hotel in King of Prussia. The program will feature a variety of topics, including the new CMS regulations, water treatment and, on a lighter note, laughter in the health care setting. Check your e-mails for registration information.

Following the tragic events in Haiti in January the chapter donated $500 to the relief efforts in that country.

For the Network 4, 9, and 10 meeting will be held in Hershey on April 29. We hope to see you there.

Northwest Tri-State #120

The chapter is busy getting ready for our spring educational program to be held March 21 in Lake George. For the first time we will be hosting it on a Sunday to help with attendance since the dialysis units are closed. We hope to have a terrific turnout.

We have a new officer this year. Mary Lou Wood from the Glens Falls Dialysis Center will be starting as president-elect. We look forward to working with her.

Susquehanna Valley #130

The Winter Audio Conference was offered at two sites on February 2 to try to give members different options and locations to attend. We appreciate Pinnacle Health System and North Central Pennsylvania Dialysis Clinics for volunteering to host the audio conference.

Chapter officers for the upcoming year are: President Arlene Smith, President-Elect Lori Mahaffey, Secretary Janet Fardella, and Treasurer Sally Purosky. If you are interested in being a chapter officer and have any questions, contact a current officer. They will be happy to explain the positions to you.

The Network 4, 9, and 10 meeting will be held in Hershey on April 29. We hope to see you there.

South Jersey #133

The chapter held the Winter Audio Conference at two sites: Our Lady of Lourdes hosted by Kathy Tarachi and FMC Woodbury hosted by Ann Caswell. A light dinner was provided by Kelly Urbaezowski of Shire. Attendees enjoyed dinner and earned 2.0 contact hours. We had a good turnout at both locations. As always, we welcome PCTs to our events.

We also had an educational dinner at Nonna’s Restaurant in Cherry Hill, NJ. This was sponsored by Pam DiCeRbo of FMC Pharmaceutical Division. Members enjoyed a delicious dinner and a lecture on How to Effectively Conduct a Treatment Options Class by Regina Cameron and also earned 3.0 contact hours.

Elections for new officers are in progress. Any member who has the desire to see our chapter grow and flourish and can donate a very small amount of time is welcome. Contact Joanne Carella at jcarella@ libertydialysis.com.
Southeast

Cardinal #201

Our chapter has entered the virtual world with the success of two satellite conferences in September 2009 and January 2010. The use of satellite conferencing is the result of the determination and brainstorming of our president-elect, Brenda Martin. This has given many members a chance to attend our educational meetings where otherwise they may not have been able to travel to the on-site meeting.

On January 12 the chapter enjoyed a presentation by Dr. Michael Casey on Hypertension and CKD. The meeting was another very successful satellite conference between Chapel Hill, Winston Salem, and Fayetteville. The chapter would like to thank Sharon Haney and Janet Thrower for their assistance in setting up the sites at Winston Salem and Fayetteville, respectively.

The chapter is working in collaboration with the Greater Charlotte Chapter, host of the North Carolina Statewide Meeting. The meeting is planned for June 2010. Cardinal officers are also getting ready for their trip to San Antonio in May for the National Symposium.

The chapter has added a PCT advisor to our executive committee. Give a warm welcome to Lawanda Poole, a PCT at the Rolesville clinic. She also will assist with the chapter Web site.

The chapter Web site is up and running on the ANNA Web site and can be found at http://cardinal.anna-nurse.org. Check us out! While a few glitches are being worked out on the Web site, you may view our last two presentations on ANNA Connected. Once logged in to ANNA Connected, click on eGroups and you will see the Cardinal Chapter listed under Chapters. Click on Cardinal Chapter, and then click view website. The presentation for September 14 is located under chapter events, and the January 12th meeting is just above the chapter events box.

Lorraine King has recently accepted a position with Renal Research Institute as Education Coordinator for the North Carolina dialysis clinics.

Palmetto #203

Welcome all members from the Capital City Chapter. We are honored to have you merge with us and look forward to a great year of getting to know each other and working toward our common goals.

Elections were held in January, and officers for the upcoming year are: President Deborah Brooks, Treasurer Michele Root, and Secretary Karen Delcioppo. Please show them your support and volunteer your time and talents when called upon.

The Winter Audio Conference was held February 2 at the home of Deborah Brooks in Charleston, SC. Lilly Wing hosted the program at McLeod Medical Center for the folks in the Florence, SC area. Thank you to both! If you have an interest in hosting a meeting within the state, contact Deborah Brooks at brooksdh@musc.edu and we will be happy to help with the details.

Jennifer Payton held numerous classes for those interested in sitting for the CCHT exam. There was a great response, and we are so proud of each PCT who has taken their career to a new level. The new CMS guidelines are upon us and this is a great step forward in improving patient care.

Be sure to renew your ANNA membership and update your contact information so we can keep you informed of upcoming events. Contact any of the officers with your questions, ideas, or concerns – we are here for you (brooksdh@musc.edu, michroot@aol.com, or kdel@homesc.com).

Gulf Coast #204

Thank you to the Texas ANNA Collaborative Committee for planning and providing a quality education event at the JW Marriott Hotel in the Houston Galleria area on January 15-16. It was well attended by over 150 nephrology nurses and professionals. Special thanks to our own Cynthia Washington for her contribution on the committee.

The chapter sponsored the Winter Audio Conference on February 2 at the Methodist Hospital Outpatient Dialysis Unit. The program was well attended, and the food was good, too! Congratulations to our new officers: President Elect Gail Messner, Secretary Anne Raulston, and Treasurer Dolly Baker. Special thanks to Eugenia de los Reyes for her past service as treasurer. Connie Rahe is to be commended for being instrumental in the chapter’s revival. She will continue to guide and mentor chapter officers. Thank you also to Kathy Spiegel who was responsible for the past year’s educational events.

Debbie Allen presented at the NKF’s Stephen Z. Fadem Update Professional Symposium on March 5. The meeting was held at the JW Marriott Hotel in Houston. Her topic was A Discussion of Hemo vs. PD. Debbie is well known in the Houston nephrology community as a knowledgeable home dialysis facility manager and advocate.

South Florida Flamingo #206

The chapter hosted the certification examinations for both nurses and PCTs at the South Miami Hospital. It was very well attended. Congratulations to all! Chapter members voted for this year’s officers. The following individuals were elected: President Norma Gomez, President-Elect Sylvia Vargas, Secretary Mait Molander-Barraza, Treasurer Rosalyn Tanudtandu, and Health Policy Representatives Myriam Alfonso and Joanna Lorenzo-Harrell.

A presentation on the New Science and Evidence for the
Utilization of Vitamin D in Today’s Kidney Patients was held at South Miami Hospital on February 11. The chapter raffled the ANNA publication Applying Quality Improvement in Clinical Practice.

Suncoast #213
The new year always starts out with a burst of energy and ideas for things to accomplish in our chapter. Already we are making plans for a dinner meeting in March and our annual 3-day seminar in June 2010.

Our officers remained the same for 2010 and their experience will help in our plans: President Stephanie Hull, President-Elect Carolyn Whidden, Treasurer June McClernan, Health Policy Representative Christy Johns, and Secretary Donna McDuffie. We also are proud of the members and volunteers in our organization and appreciate their assistance and participation.

More information will be forthcoming regarding our presentations. Feel free to contact Stephanie Hull (813-872-0933) or Donna McDuffie (813-265-9733) with any questions.

Dogwood #224
The chapter hosted a holiday celebration and educational dinner at Fogo De Chao on December 8. The title of the event was Management of Iron Deficiency Anemia in CKD with Feraheme. Thank you to our sponsor, AMAG, for their support. The event was well attended and was a great educational and networking opportunity.

Lillian Pryor also presented the educational topic, Vascular Access versus Temporary. A raffle was held, and Ann Leonard won the grand prize of a digital picture frame. We collaborated with the Marine Corps on the Toys for Tots program. Members contributed toys to support the effort.

The chapter hosted a certification exam at Emory Crawford Long Hospital on March 13.

Congratulations to our 2010-2012 chapter officers: President Angela Taylor-Smith, President-Elect Lillian Pryor, Treasurer Joan Wokpara, Secretary Lilleth Tiller, and Health Policy Representative Carolyn Dorsey. Thank you to our new planning committee members.

Thanks to Loretta Jackson Brown for her dedication to ANNA by serving as a chapter officer and Southeast Vice President. Thanks to Norma Heard for her perseverance and dedication while serving several years as a chapter officer. Thanks to Juanita Conner for her hard work.
and dedication while serving as our secretary.

The chapter will host a dinner educational meeting at Dolce Restaurant in Atlanta, GA, on April 13. We also will participate in the kidney walk on April 24. Sign up and join our team at www.kidneyga.org (under ANNA Dogwood). We also hope our members will join us at the National Symposium in May. Check your ANNA Connected account or the chapter Web site at annadogwood chapter224.com for upcoming events.

Music City #228

On January 14 Julie Dilorato presented the CNE on Wheels program, Immunization and Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease. The session was very informative, and we had a great time networking and sharing information. Also during the meeting our 2010-2011 officers were announced: President Judith Wales, President-Elect Elaine Atteberry, Secretary Anjoli Venkataraman, Treasurer Rose Smith, and Health Policy Representative Janet Wright. We thank our volunteers for coming on board to work in our chapter. We also want to express our appreciation to our outgoing officers: President Anita Tipton and Treasurer Cheryl Conquest.

The chapter hosted the Winter Audio Conference on February 2. This conference was very informative with a good turnout. Special thanks to DaVita for the use of their facility.

Hazel Taylor #239

We are pleased about our newly elected officers and excited about having a new officer. It has been a long time since we had new leadership joining the officer ranks. Congratulations to Tracey George and Sara Kennedy.

Hazel Taylor continues to promote the PCT certification exam with collaborative sites and offers of classes if needed. We look forward to getting back to our regular meeting place and hosting some great audio conferences this spring. Of course, the officers are making plans to attend the VLW and National Symposium. We look forward to serving the needs of our membership in 2010 and hope for the best year yet in attendance.

Acadiana #252

It’s transition time again. The chapter’s list of officers has some of the same names but not all are serving in the same role. Kathey Day began last year as the president-elect but moved into the position of president. She handled the move with grace and determination, never allowing the chapter to miss a beat in its plans for the rest of the year. Kathey will serve as president for the 2010 year. Falling in line as her president-elect will be Mary Michael Bogues. Mary Zapczynski will continue as treasurer, and Lisa Kerry was elected secretary. Angie Osborne will serve as health policy representative.

On January 14 Kathey Day, Gwen Ashley, and Gwen Austin took a road trip to the JW Marriott Galleria in Houston, TX, to kick up their heels at the 12th Annual Texas Collaborative Meeting. They spent the next 2 days enjoying Texas hospitality, networking, and learning. They each returned to Louisiana rejuvenated and inspired to kick it up a notch with some new ideas for educational meetings planned for our area.

On February 2 Acadiana hosted the Winter Audio Conference at Willis Knighton Career Institute, and the attendance was great. The chapter officers cooked up frito/chili pie to keep everyone warm and tummies quiet on that chilly night.

The Mardi Gras’ Krewe of Gemini parade took place February 13 on the Clyde Fant Parkway. Acadiana members set up awnings and a firepit and enjoyed plenty of food and drinks. More than a dozen members were seen throwing beads, catching beads, and passing out information on kidney disease to the throngs of partygoers. Blood pressures were taken for those willing to sit still for a few minutes, and advice on how to protect against CKD was offered.

On March 18 our chapter held a half-day event entitled Spring into Nephrology Nursing at the Willis Knighton Career Institute. Six locally and nationally known speakers presented topics offering 6.25 contact hours: Dr. Davinder Wadehra, Central Venous Catheter Infections; Fatemeh Mirkakhraee, Twenty First Century Evolving Pathogens and Emerging Diseases; Mary Zapczynski, Dialysis for the Non-Dialysis Nurse; Dr. Michael Torma, Hyperbaric Medicine and the Patient with End-Stage Renal Disease; Dr. Marisa Johnson, Home Hemo dialysis – Not for the Faint of Heart; and Sue McManus, New Science and Evidence for the Utilization of Vitamin D for Today’s Kidney Patients. Sue McManus’ presentation was sponsored by Abbott. We were fortunate to have several vendors participate and set up exhibits for attendees. AMAG Pharmaceuticals, Amgen, Medtronic, Angiodynamics, NxStage, Shire Pharmaceuticals, Jordon’s Crossing Hospice, Fresenius – Supply Division, Spectra Labs, and others contributed to make this a wonderful evening for all.
Central Virginia #258

Congratulations to our new chapter officers: President Cathy Bishop, President-Elect Robyn Jones, Past President Antoinette (Toni) Sperandeo, Treasurer Lyn Tubbs, Secretary Sharleen Holmes, Health Policy Representative Diane Kraynak, and Assistant Secretary Anne Webber. You can reach any of these officers via ANNA Connected so please let them know what you would like the chapter to provide this year.

The chapter enjoyed two educational programs. Barbara Reeder, Clinical Director, Critical Care, presented CVVHD, CVVHDF, and SCUF on Adults and Pediatric Patients on January 28, and the chapter participated in the Winter Audio Conference.

The officers are actively planning more educational sessions for 2010 so stay tuned for information via ANNA Connected and e-mail.

We are always interested in involving more members in generating ideas for the chapter so if you are interested, or just want to become more active planning local events, we have a spot for you that will not over-tax your time. In addition, if you have ideas for future educational sessions or have questions about the above events or volunteer opportunities, contact Secretary Anne Webber at awebbner@hiiweb.com.

Scenic City #269

Join our members on the “2010 Path to Certification.” On January 19, 42 local nephrology nurses attended the Certification Review Course (a repeat activity). Participants and local ANNA officers greatly appreciated the lectures provided by the five local certified nephrology professionals. As local nurses prepare for the exam, remember that we are here for you. Feel free to contact any of the local officers for help. We can form a study group for the exam. Local certified nurses with 20+ years of experience are willing to answer your questions. Contact virginia.smith@dcicinc.org and let us know what you need.

The chapter hosted the Winter Audio Conference on February 2 at DGI, Lysterly. On February 16 a free educational activity, Renal Bone Seminar, was offered at Erlanger Medical Mall’s Probasco Auditorium. Presentations included New Science and Evidence for Utilization of Vitamin D for Today’s Kidney Patients as well as Sensipar and Improved Management of SHPT in Patients on Dialysis. On March 9 an educational activity, Anemia Management Institute, was held at the Diagnostic Center.

The “2010 Path to Certification” ends on April 17 when local nurses will take the certification exam at Chattanooga State Technical College.

Palm Valley #271

The chapter welcomes San Juana Campos as our new president. We are still looking for volunteers to help make 2010 a great year with ANNA.

Rosie Oliveses and Irma Davila attended the Texas Collaborative Meeting in Houston, TX, in January. Palm Valley and ESRD Network #14 hosted a well attended cannulation workshop on January 30. Palm Valley plans to continue offering conferences in order to offer our PCTs their needed contact hours.

Sunshine Central #272

The chapter is planning a 1-day Spring Conference at Winnie Palmer Hospital in Orlando on March 20. We will feature the Abbott program, New Science and Evidence for the Utilization of Vitamin D for Today’s Kidney Patients, with Debra Hain as the speaker. This program will be an educational event featuring other topics such as CKD/iron deficiency anemia, end of life, the HeRO (vascular access), to name a few. Local physicians and pharmaceutical representatives also will be featured speakers. AMAG, Amgen, Genentech, VITAS, and Hemosphere, Inc. are sponsoring this event. We are asking our members to save the date.

We will continue with the same officers in 2010-2011: President/Secretary Renee Hill, Treasurer Karen Garvin, and Health Policy Representative Judith Cunningham. We are in need of a president-elect. A couple of our members are planning to attend the National Symposium in San Antonio.

North Central

Windy City #305

Our chapter started the new calendar year off by successfully hosting two sites for the Winter Audio Conference on February 2. Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood once again served as our west suburban host, and the newly built Sherman Hospital in Elgin served as our northwestern site.

Our chapter starts off the new fiscal year (April) by announcing our chapter officers for the 2010-2011 year. Congratulations to President Susan Kuester, Secretary Gary Reschak, Treasurer Mary Kay Larson, and Health Policy Representative Debra Kaiser. All of our officers participated in a chapter planning meeting with the primary goals of maintaining our chapter activities, increasing membership involvement, and encouraging officer and member mentorship over the coming year. With the start of a new fiscal year, now is a great time to consider a mentoring relationship with any of our officers so that you may become comfortable as an officer yourself next year. Contact any officer through the chapter Web site at http://home.comcast.net/~anna-windycity/chapter305/annawindycity.html (click the “Officers” page).

As of this writing, all of our new officers plan to attend the VLW and National Symposium in San Antonio in May. Hopefully, many chapter members also will attend and enjoy the same professional experiences that keep our chapter officers so involved and energized in ANNA.

Thank you to our chapter members for their participation in chapter activities throughout the past year, which may help our chapter place well in the Regional Chapter of the Year awards for 2009. The award will be presented at the National Symposium in San Antonio.

Stay in touch and up to date with all of our chapter activities through the chapter Web site. As new events are posted, they also will be sent to chapter members through ANNA Connected, so please be sure that ANNA has your correct and current e-mail address. You can update your e-mail address with ANNA at www.annanurse.org.

We are always looking for new ideas, new members, and new officers. “Contact Us” through our Web site. Tell us your ideas for an educational topic or a new place for a dinner meeting and keep us informed about your professional accomplishments. (We will post your accomplishments on the “Accolades” page of our Web site.) Our chapter is only as educational, informative, and fun as our most active members!
St. Louis Metro #307
Returning chapter officers for 2010-2011 are President Cheryl Cress and Secretary Patty Anderson. New officers are Treasurer Rick Rieth and Health Policy Representative Sharon McGlorn. The chapter thanks Arlene Neuman, past treasurer, and Annette Hood, past health policy representative, for their dedication and years of service to the chapter.
On February 2 the chapter hosted the Winter Audio Conference. We are planning several evening educational programs this year. Watch your e-mail for details.
Just as a reminder, if you are not receiving e-mails from the chapter, please update your e-mail address via the ANNA Web site.

Mid Plains #311
The chapter looks forward to another exciting year. Officers for this year are: President Barb O’Beirne, President-Elect Jacque George, Secretary Deanna Rico, Treasurer Betty Alexander, and Health Policy Representative Karl Bauder. New officers will assume their positions following the VLW in May. Thank you to our outgoing officers – Secretary Gayle Noller and Treasurer Jayne Niemann – for their dedication to our chapter these past 2 years. Thanks also to Karl Bauder and Jacque George for serving in the leadership positions of president and health policy representative the past 2 years. We are excited you have decided to accept an alternate position within the chapter!
Our chapter hosted the Winter Audio Conference on February 2. Information was sent to dialysis clinics and mailed to each member. If you have any questions, please contact Karl Bauder at midplainspres@gmail.com.

Heart of America #313
Our chapter enjoyed a Christmas party and held officer elections in December. Our officers are: President Carol Pope, President-Elect Monique White, Secretary Christine Corbett, and Treasurer JoAnn Ross. Sondra Garcia will continue to represent and support our chapter through legislation and policy.
We collected donations for Hope House, a local organization/shelter for abused women and children. Our dinner was complimented by an education presentation on the new KDIGO Guidelines by a representative from Genzyme.
We hosted the Winter Audio Conference at four locations. Flyers were sent out via email. More events are being planned, so watch your e-mail. If you haven’t heard from us lately, contact us so that your contact information can be included in our mailings.
We would love to see a large number of members at the National Symposium in San Antonio. Go to the ANNA Web site for more information on this wonderful learning and networking experience.
We continue to support the NKF in their efforts to promote education regarding kidney disease across the city. On March 17 members participated in the NKF Health Risk Assessment at the Truman Memorial Building in Independence, MO. Watch for e-mails in the future if you would like to attend any of these events.
On March 30 members will be participating in a legislative awareness day in Jefferson City. We will be screening the members of the legislature and educating them on kidney disease.
If you have any questions or comments or ideas, e-mail them to christine.corbett@live.com.

Southeast Minnesota #316
The 25th Spring Conference will be held April 15-16 at the Marriott Hotel in Rochester, MN. The conference theme is Look How far We’ve Come: Let’s See Where We’re Going and includes presentations on water treatment, transplant, dialysis home options, dialysis emergencies, and a training program for dialysis technicians. Watch for brochures or contact Erin Lander at lander.erin@mayo.edu for registration information.
Our new officers are President-Elect Tiffany Lohfink and Health Policy Representative Sum Keewan. John Peterson continues as treasurer and Mary Holstad as secretary. Erin Lander is the chapter president

Centennial #320
Chapter members met in December to elect officers and to celebrate the upcoming holidays. The officers for 2010 are: President Ardell Oberlander, President-Elect Kathleen Mitzel, Treasurer Laura Dahl, Secretary Kathleen Fox, and Health Policy Representative Karen Schneider.
On February 2 the chapter hosted the Winter Audio Conference. The event was successful. Thanks to the planning committee.
On March 29 the chapter will host an educational offering entitled New Science and Evidence for the Utilization of Vitamin D for Today’s Kidney Patient. For more information, contact Kara Vollrath at kvollrath@primecare.org or Ardell Oberlander at aoberlander@primecare.org.

Black Swamp #323
Chapter members attended an informational meeting on New Treatments for Iron Deficiency Anemia on December 3. AMAG Pharmaceuticals sponsored the dinner at the Maumee Chop House in Maumee, OH. Dr. Kaiser, a nephrologist, was the presenter. After the presentation all members enjoyed sharing stories from their own dialysis units.
Black Swamp is currently collaborating with the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio on its annual fall symposium. The chapter plans to sponsor a speaker for this event.

Platte River #324
Alas, again this year we were short of volunteers to fill chapter offices. Following the chapter executive board meeting and discussion, the officers for 2010 are: President Peggy Delaet, President-Elect Denise Murcek, Treasurer Jennifer Walker, and Secretary Terry Munsinger. Our new Webmaster is Millie Greenway. Our chapter Web site – www.platteriverchapter.org – is undergoing a face lift and soon will have a new look.
We have begun planning the 2010 Fall Joint Workshop with the Nebraska Kidney Association. It will be held in Lincoln this year. We are also planning a CNE meeting in March at Mahoney so watch for further information. We would like this to be an opportunity for membership growth so bring a friend and watch for a surprise.
Please feel free to visit our Web site or call any officer. It is time to renew your ANNA membership. This can be done electronically this year. If your e-mail address is correct with ANNA, you should have received directions via e-mail. If you are unsure, please log into the ANNA Web site and update your information. Be sure to renew when you are there!
The 2010 National Symposium is fast approaching. Consider attending this year and representing your chapter. It is a wonderful time to network with colleagues and friends and earn a lot of contact hours.
Registration information is available on ANNA’s Web site.
We want to challenge our members to become more active in our chapter by participating in planning, attending events, and serving in any
capacity in the chapter. Questions? Please contact an officer. Our information can be found on our Web site at www.platteriverchapter.org or on the ANNA Web site at www.annanurse.org.

Badger #326
The chapter held its annual Christmas Party at the Coachman’s Inn in Edgerton on December 1. The dinner and presentation were sponsored by Amgen. The speaker was Dr. Victor Rozas from Michigan. A delicious meal and great door prizes were enjoyed by all.

The new officers for 2010-2011 are President Sandy Wilkinson, President-Elect Bonnie Rogers, Secretary Barb Cascio, Treasurer Lila Jorgensen, and Health Policy Representative Jan Schuh.

On February 2 the Winter Audio Conference was sponsored by Wisconsin Dialysis, Madison and Beloit Memorial Dialysis. We want to thank them for their support.

Western
Greater Puget Sound #503
The chapter’s 2-day conference, Renal Update 2010: Celebrating 50 Years of Dialysis in Seattle, was a great success. The planning committee would like to thank the speakers: Dr. Leslie Wong, Alex Rosenblum, Patricia McCarley, Nancy Hewitt, Spaeth, Jim Curtis, Kate Brady, Lynda Ball, Michelle Girsch, Diana Hieboy, Ashley Jones, Dr. Suhail Ahmad, Aaron Harold, and Nancy McAfee. The chapter board thanks the planning committee for all of their hard work: Nancy Colobong-Smith (chair), Lynda Ball, Naomi DeVega, Cathy Hansen, Cara Havens, Susan Lee, Judy Mallon, Nancy McAfee, and Annie Tu.

Congratulations to our new chapter officers: President Nancy Colobong-Smith, Secretary Nan Kunze, Treasurer Judy Mallon, and Health Policy Representative Nancy McAfee. Thank you to Lynda Ball, outgoing secretary, and Carol Allen, past president.

Planning is underway for a summer educational dinner meeting. Watch ANNA Connected for details.

Northern California #504
With a new year our chapter would like to introduce our returning executive team: President Lauretta Williams, President-Elect Pete Reuben-Calixto, Treasurer Mei Chang, and Co-Secretary Barbara Svendsen. James Cooke has resigned his position as co-secretary, and Susie Soares-Phillips has accepted this role.

The chapter would like to remind members that business meetings are held the fourth week of every month. All members are invited to attend. Dates and locations of the monthly meetings will be sent to members via ANNA Connected.

Congratulations to Sheila Doss, who was elected Western Chapters Coordinator-Elect.

Watch for further information regarding The Five Dysfunctions of a Team, a unique approach to dealing with the dysfunctions in a team that will help attendees find solutions to overcoming those dysfunctions. This presentation will be held sometime this spring.

The chapter encourages members to renew their ANNA membership before the end of March to avoid the rate increase from $60 to $75 a year. As an ANNA member you enjoy many benefits, including the Nephrology Nursing Journal, ANNA Update, professional resources and publications, scholarships, grants, awards, and high quality educational programs.

Nephros South #506
Our slate of officers for 2010-2011 are: President Anneli Ford, President-Elect Wendy Lester, Treasurer Barbara Merkle, Health Policy Representative Gloria Booth, and Secretary Kathi Amarillas. The officers held a brunch business meeting on January 24.

Nephros South hosted the Winter Audio Conference at the San Diego VA Medical Center on February 9. On February 3 we participated in an Amgen-sponsored program at Ruth’s Chris Steak House in Del Mar. Dr. Shagun Chopra, Director of Hemodialysis and Transplant at the San Diego Naval Medical Center, presented The Risks and Consequences of Abnormal Mineral Metabolism in Secondary Hyperparathyroidism.

Los Angeles #508
The chapter hosted the Winter Audio Conference at the Greater Los Angeles VA. Following the audio conference, the chapter officers – Secretary Gail Uyehara, Treasurer Linda Young, Health Policy Representative Sue Vogel, and President Linda Takvorian – held a business meeting to complete the planning for a Spring Pediatric Nephrology Workshop. Topics will include pediatric CVVH, peritoneal dialysis in infants and children, transplant and compliance, and ethical issues.

ANNA members will be recruited to volunteer for the NKF’s Kidney Walk at the Rose Bowl, NKF KEEP screenings, and the Los Angeles Health Expo.

Intermountain #516
The chapter is proud to announce the leadership team for the 2010 year: President Liz Harman, Treasurer Joan Camarro-Simard, and Secretary Kristin Larson. Fellow members expressed an interest in assisting the officers and learning the leadership roles, including Becky Wells, Shaw’Marie Clayburn, and Kyra Trappett. With our strong leadership team we look forward to planning an excellent fall Education Day and other opportunities in the coming year.

Cascade #518
We hosted the Winter Audio Conference at two locations on February 9. Our Annual Conference will be held April 2 at the Keiser Renaissance Inn. Registration flyers will be sent to members and also to each unit. We plan to have a dinner meeting in March. Watch for further information on where and when.

Welcome to our incoming officers: President Heather Dotson, Treasurer Nancy Strickler, Health Policy Representative Cindy Fuller, and Secretary Marilyn Grobe. We would like to hear from you regarding your interest for topics at meetings and if you would consider being a chapter officer. Please make any of our present officers aware of your interests.

Inland Empire #526
Our chapter recently provided two dinner conferences. On December 1 American Regent sponsored Effective Anemia Management with Venofer in CKD. A total of 35 members and nonmembers attended the conference at The Mission Inn Hotel in Riverside, CA.

On December 10 Genzyme Renal sponsored a dinner conference on CKD-MBD: KDIGO Clinical Practice Guideline; 42 members and nonmembers attended the event at Mario’s Place Restaurant Riverside, CA. Thank you to our sponsors for these events.

During the chapter business meeting Chapter President Nitaya Soeprono presented information on how to do online voting and send letters to legislators via CapWiz as well as a PowerPoint presentation of chap-
Chapter election results for 2010-2011 terms were announced during the business meeting. New chapter officers are: President Linda Mullin, President-Elect Yvette Dobson, Health Policy Representative Robin Joy, Treasurer Martha Hummel, and Secretary Carol Stilhner.

We are looking forward to more excitement, more educational activities, and more members to join our chapter. Please keep in touch on ANNA Connected.

San Joaquin Valley #532

The chapter is expecting a very exciting 2010. All our chapter reports were submitted on time. Thanks to Robyn Camper, Maria Gonzales, and Kelly Yeary!

The Winter Audio Conference had a very good turnout. A light dinner was served, thanks to Genzyme. Hopefully, we can offer the Fall Audio Conference at additional sites. These conferences are a great opportunity for contact hours and education, but we need to hear from you.

“The Jewels of the Vine,” our first-ever wine tasting and tour of local wineries in the Terra Bella area, was a very successful fundraiser. Participants received a commemorative glass and enjoyed 17 tastings, yummy appetizers, prizes, and music. Thank you to all the volunteers, especially Chairperson Anita Hall, who put her heart and soul into this fundraiser.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and connecting with new ones at the VLW and National Symposium in beautiful San Antonio.

Silver State South #533

It has been a very busy first year for our chapter. We have an officers meeting every month mostly to discuss our upcoming sponsored conferences and how to make our chapter grow by recruiting and getting more members to participate in chapter activities. The pioneering officers all kept their titles for the rest of this year except for Health Policy Representative Marcinda Rambaran, who is moving to Seattle, WA. Good luck Marcinda! We welcome Josette Street, who has accepted the position after a unanimous vote from the officers.

The chapter has already hosted several educational activities since October, some offering contact hours. We started with the CNE program for ANNA chapters, New Science and Evidence for Utilization of Vitamin D for Today’s Kidney Patients, which was presented by Sue McManus. On November 12 the chapter and Amgen co-sponsored Collaborating in CKD Care. Dr. Ranai was the speaker. On November 17 we hosted the Fall Audio Conference at Fresenius education department. Then on December 15 Vitamin D 101 was sponsored by Genzyme and presented by Anelle Tschida.

Our 2010-2011 officers are: President Anita Hall, Secretary Maria Gonzales, Treasurer Kelly Yeary, Health Policy Representative Cathy Gage-Ivers, and Immediate Past President Robyn Camper. The president-elect position needs to be filled, and we just know you are out there. Let us know if you would like to volunteer. This is a very rewarding opportunity. Our chapter would love to hear from you.

Check out our Web site at www.sjvanna.org for upcoming events, to connect with chapter officers, or just to share some feedback.