

# Chapter Update

## Alabama

### Hazel Taylor #239

Our chapter has been busy this winter! We enjoyed a dinner meeting at Season's 52 in Birmingham, AL, hosted by Pentec Health. There was a great turnout, and the topic of *Incredible Edibles* was fascinating!

In January, we started off the new year with a dinner meeting on *Fabry's Disease*, hosted by Sanofi Renal. The speaker was engaging, and the meeting was very informative and well attended.

Nephrology Vascular Labs hosted a dinner meeting featuring an update on peritoneal dialysis and vascular dialysis accesses at Perry's steakhouse. It was well attended and provided a great update on accesses for our patients.

Watch for information about upcoming chapter meetings. If you have a suggestion for a topic or location, please contact a chapter officer.



Members of the Hazel Taylor Chapter gathered for a dinner meeting on December 1, 2022.

## Arizona

### Desert Vista #501

Chapter members gathered at the Phoenix City Grille on October 20, 2022, for an educational program presented by Patient Care America. The topic was *Gastroparesis*, and the program offered 1.0 contact hour. The chapter welcomed nonmembers from our community and sponsored their membership in ANNA. Welcome to our new recruits! Several prize drawings also were held during our meeting. Attendees had the opportunity to learn, network, and socialize.



Desert Vista chapter members enjoyed an educational program on gastroparesis at the Phoenix City Grille on October 20, 2022.

## California

### Nephros South #506

Our chapter welcomed many new members in 2022, and we hope to meet all of you at future meetings in 2023. We want to acknowledge our most recent new members from Nevada and San Diego: **Romagne Arizo, Joanna Fernandez, Lourdes Mina, Nina Mancing, and Froilan Barra**. We look forward to your participation and invite you to share your interests, ideas, and energy. Our chapter is built on 35 years of serving the nephrology nurses of San Diego. It has survived and thrived because of the ideas and commitment of our members.



The Desert Vista Chapter welcomed new recruits Flovelyn, MaryLou, and Aira to a recent chapter meeting.

## Florida

### South Florida Flamingo #206

Welcome to our new members: **Leah Caballero, Maggie Freeman, Inna Kallas, Katherine Kirkbride, Ashley Nieboer Miosotis, Tamayo Beltran, Robert Terrien, and Dominique Zawackis.** We encourage you to support new members and introduce them to our chapter networking opportunities.

Maida Figuero and Vifor hosted our meeting at Capital Grille in Ft. Lauderdale on November 15, 2022. Dr. Carlos Bejar presented *Managing Moderate to Severe CKD-Associated Pruritus in Adult Patients on Hemodialysis.* Everyone enjoyed the evening and learned new and helpful information.

We welcomed a new sponsor, Scott Sheppard and Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, who hosted our meeting on December 15 at Lasso Gaucho Brazilian Steakhouse in Ft. Lauderdale. Dr. Arvin Madan from Nephrology Associates



Members of the South Florida Flamingo Chapter volunteered at the Broward County Kidney Walk on November 12, 2022. Pictured (from left) are Pamela DePiola, Sherise Dawkins, Maggie Sinclair, Andrea Parchment, Karen Hill, and Janice Dunsmore.



Andrea Parchment was the lucky raffle winner at a South Florida Flamingo chapter event on November 15, 2022. Also pictured are Karen Hill, Jane Sapp Wallace, and Dr. Carlos Bejar. The raffle proceeds of \$250 were donated to the Suncoast Chapter in the form of \$25 gift cards to be given to dialysis patients affected by Hurricane Ian.

Natera, Inc., sponsored our holiday educational event and dinner on December 8. Monica Johnson, Director of Medical Affairs for Natera, presented the topic, *Broad Panel Genetic Testing in Chronic Kidney Disease.* The gathering was a festive holiday affair with gifts for all, an excellent occasion to usher in the season of love and giving.

2022 has been a transformational year for our chapter with the incorporation of members from the Silver State Chapter. We are now in a period of renewal and look

forward to the year ahead with gratitude and hope.

Thank you to all nurses for your commitment to providing excellent care to your patients, to each other, and to yourselves. All national, regional, and local ANNA leaders deserve much appreciation for providing us with guidance, support, and encouragement throughout the year to help us achieve our chapter goals. ANNA is sustained by those who volunteer their time and talent to fulfill the vision of the organization.



The South Florida Flamingo Chapter hosted an educational dinner on “Current Understanding of the Pathophysiology and Unmet Need in Anemia” at the Sea Grill in Coral Gables, FL, on October 6, 2022. Attendees included Jeanette Mitchell and Jane Sapp Wallace.

of Central Florida presented *Advances in Understanding Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis*. This important topic was well received, and we appreciate learning about a topic not often addressed.

Thank you to chapter members **Pamela DePiola, Frank DePiola, Janice Dunsmore, Andrea Parchment, Maggie Sinclair, Sherise Dawkins, and Karen Hill** for volunteering at the Broward Kidney Walk at Plantation Central Park on November 12.

Watch for upcoming educational meeting announcements on ANNA Connected and our chapter Facebook page.

### Suncoast #213

Welcome to our new members who joined in September and October 2022: **Kristin Edwards, Stacy Harris, Rachel Jones, Trisha Jen Almazan, Rachelle Oxendine, Jethro Jones, and Amy Supo**. Let us know if we can help you in discovering the world of ANNA.

Our chapter supports our local food bank, All Kidney Patients Support Group, by packing and distributing food boxes to kidney patients at the end of each month. Let us know if you would like to help on the third Monday and Tuesday of each month. This group is run by dialysis and transplant patients and some patients with chronic kidney disease. Please consider helping us for an hour or more! Text **Cynthia Toombs** at 813-476-4141 if you would like more information.

Many chapter members and our patients were hit hard by Hurricane Ian. Dialysis companies and other organizations worked to help restore power and utilities to those in need. The need for food and water was critical and may continue in some small communities for a long time. ANNA supported our local community by donating \$2,000 to the Harry Chapin Food Bank in Fort Myers, FL. We also were grateful recipients of gift cards from several ANNA chapters, including the Caribbean, Hazel Taylor, Heart of America, and South Florida Flamingo Chapters. Thank you for supporting patients in other areas of the country in their time of need! Our chapter officers visited Fort Myers to deliver the donation check from ANNA and the gift cards. The area impacted in Florida includes many small and poor communities. The food bank's refrigerated trucks deliver to the outlying communities that are often forgotten in these disasters as most help is focused on more populated



Suncoast chapter officers delivered a \$2,000 donation check from ANNA to the Harry Chapin Food Bank in Fort Myers, FL, to support community members impacted by Hurricane Ian.

areas. We cannot thank ANNA enough for their outpouring of love and support at this time of need!

We finalized a contract with the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa for September 15-17. Mark your calendars, and plan to bring your families to a great location and earn contact hours at the same time! Watch for more information about this activity. We will be releasing a calendar of events in late January so you can plan to attend our upcoming dinner meetings. Plan to bring a nonmember with you so we can introduce them to ANNA.

## Kentucky

### Bluegrass #322

Congratulations to our chapter president, **Teresa Villaran**, on her election to the ANNA Board of Directors.

We would like to remind members that legislators are in session. You are encouraged to contact your legislators to discuss issues that are important to you. We recommend giving legislators a copy of ANNA's updated *End-Stage Kidney Disease Briefing Book for State and Federal Policymakers: A Guide to Kidney Disease Awareness and Education*. This resource is available on the ANNA website at [annanurse.org/eskd-book](http://annanurse.org/eskd-book).

We invite all members to join us for Nurses Day at the Capitol in Frankfort, KY, on March 1. We reserved the Atrium so legislators can see we are a united group in Kentucky. We also reserved the state House of Representatives chamber to

gather and share talking points for when we meet with our legislators. Watch for information on ANNA Connected for how to sign up for this event. Remember, nurses are the largest healthcare group. Use your voice to make a difference!

## Maryland

### Baltimore #101

Our chapter planned a dinner program for the first of the year. We also are making plans for future programs. Please share your ideas and thoughts about potential chapter programs.

## Mississippi

### Magnolia #249

On August 27, 2022, our chapter was a Bronze Sponsor of the Mississippi Kidney Foundation 5K Walk and Health Fair. Chapter members **Lisa Butler, Lenora Davis, Alice Luckett, Etoile Patrick, and Lucy Woolverton** participated in this event.

On September 7, **Lisa Butler, Samantha Coleman, Keri Gray, Alice Luckett, and Etoile Patrick** presented a check as part of the *Feed Your Kidneys* initiative and distributed food and educational materials at the New Zion Healing Temple Food Pantry.

On October 15, **Alice Luckett and Etoile Patrick** performed blood pressure screenings and passed out ANNA membership information at the New Jerusalem 5K Walk and Community Fair.



Magnolia chapter member Alice Lockett performed blood pressure screenings and distributed ANNA membership information at the New Jerusalem 5K Walk and Community



Magnolia chapter members participated in the Mississippi Kidney Foundation 5K Walk & Health Fair. Pictured are Etoile Patrick, Leonora Davis, Lisa Butler, and Alice Lockett.



St. Louis chapter members gathered for an educational dinner on “Pruritus in Non-Dialysis-Dependent Chronic Kidney Disease” at Maggiano’s Little Italy on October 10, 2022.

## Missouri

### St. Louis Metro #307

Our chapter finished 2022 strong. On October 10, Cara Therapeutics hosted an educational dinner at Maggiano’s Little Italy. Dr. Amy Dix discussed *Pruritus in Non-Dialysis-Dependent Chronic Kidney Disease*. Chapter member **Anne Cleveland** invited her entire dialysis nursing staff from St Luke’s Hospital acute program to this program and everyone attended!

On November 1, Calliditas Therapeutics provided an educational dinner at Il Bel Lago Italian restaurant. Dr. Sreedhar Mandayam presented *A Novel Approach to the Treatment of IgA Nephropathy*.

Chapter member **Lisa Koester-Wiedemann** was the featured speaker for a virtual educational event on *Nephrology Nurse Viewpoints on In-Hospital Hyperkalemia Management: Improving Patient Outcomes in Acute Care Settings with Novel Potassium Binders* on November 30. The event offered contact hours and was provided by CE Concepts Healthcare Education.

We are starting the New Year off with an educational dinner offering contact hours in January. This event is provided by Pentec Health at Helen Fitzgerald’s Irish Grill and Pub. Trisha Fuhrman will discuss *Nutrition-Focused Physical Examination*.

Welcome to all of our new members! We hope to meet you soon at one of our ANNA chapter or national events.

For our “Minute with a Member,” we would like to introduce you to **Susan Fleming**. Susan became a nurse in 1977 and earned her master’s degree in 1982. That same year, she began working at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital and was the *only* nephrology nurse at the time. From 1982 to 1991, Susan was on call 24 hours a day. One of Susan’s most rewarding experiences was caring for a baby girl who suffered kidney failure in utero due to twin-to-twin transfusion syndrome. The newborn started dialysis at just 5 days old and lived in the neonatal ICU receiving dialysis and support until she was big enough for a kidney transplant. At 1-year-old, Susan dialyzed this patient for the last time as she received a transplant. That graft lasted a miraculous 35 years! Susan is still in touch with this patient, who is now a thriving mother via adoption.

Susan took several years off from nursing as she raised her own family. She returned to nephrology nursing at Cardinal

Glennon in 2007 and has since recertified as a nephrology nurse. She joined ANNA to stay at the forefront of evidence-based nephrology education and to network with other nursing professionals who share her love and interest for pediatric nephrology. Susan's favorite national and chapter benefits are the contact hours and getting together with nephrology nurses over a good dinner at educational events.

Susan enjoys traveling, long walks with her dog to unwind after a hard day in the dialysis unit, book club, needle point, and family time. Congratulations to Susan on becoming a grandmother for the first time! Susan's superpowers are her thirst for knowledge and persistence.

## Nebraska

### Platte River #324

The chapter had a busy couple of months at the end of 2022. Vifor sponsored a dinner presentation on October 11 at Pasta Amore. Richard Lund presented *CKD-Associated Pruritus*. On November 15, DaVita Kidney Care sponsored a presentation by Dr. Crabtree on peritoneal dialysis catheters. Attendees came from across the city and enjoyed time for networking before the presentation. On November 29, chapter members enjoyed a dinner presentation at Fleming's Steakhouse sponsored by AstraZeneca. Dr. Anjay Rastogi presented *Understanding the Complexity of Patients with CKD: Implications for Management*. Thank you to **Angie Craig**, chapter treasurer, for helping to arrange all our presentations over the past year.

The chapter planning committee/executive committee had a business



The Platte River chapter planning committee/executive committee held a business meeting at Kona Grill on November 20, 2022.



St. Louis chapter members enjoyed an educational dinner program on "A Novel Approach to the Treatment of IgA Nephropathy" on November 1, 2022. Pictured are Phyllis Townsend, Elizabeth Perkins, Cheryl Cress, Anne Cleveland, Pat Moran, and Nicole Williams.



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meeting on November 20 at Kona Grill. The event kicked off a festive holiday season. We discussed the evaluations for our education day in September and started the process for planning next year's program. Chapter officer recruitment also was discussed and continues to be an ongoing project. If anyone in the Nebraska or Iowa area has questions about becoming a member of the 2023 chapter education planning committee, please contact **Peggy Gerlach** at [peggygnp99@gmail.com](mailto:peggygnp99@gmail.com). The chapter will start planning educational programs in January.

## New Jersey

### Jersey North #126

Jersey North is busy planning our annual spring conference, which will take place on March 30 at Ravello's in East Hanover, NJ. A full day of interesting topics will be presented along with ample time to meet with our vendors and network with nephrology colleagues. We hope you can join us and bring a coworker to introduce to ANNA! Information and registration are

available on our chapter website at [annajerseynorth126.nursingnetwork.com](http://annajerseynorth126.nursingnetwork.com).

## New York

### Northeast Tri-State #120

Our chapter has held virtual educational offerings since COVID-19 changed all our lives. We did hold one in-person non-CE event in September 2022. Our first educational offering in 2023 will be our winter program on chronic kidney disease, which will be held on three different evenings and will offer 1.0 contact hour with each session.

If you would like to be involved at the chapter level, please reach out to a chapter officer via ANNA Connected.

## North Carolina

### Cardinal #201

The chapter held our Christmas dinner and end-of-the-year business meeting on December 1, 2022. The dinner was



Cardinal chapter members gathered for a holiday dinner and business meeting at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Durham, NC, on December 1, 2022.



Cardinal chapter officers – Secretary Yolanda Cherry, Health Policy Representative Lazarina Baez, and President Theresa Campbell – attended the chapter's end-of-the year holiday dinner and business meeting.



The Greater Charlotte Chapter hosted its annual wine and cheese raffle at the Wine Vault.



Members of the Greater Charlotte Chapter gathered at the Wine Vault for the chapter's annual wine and cheese raffle.

sponsored by AstraZeneca at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Durham, NC. Guest speaker Dr. Gregory Greenwood presented *Understanding the Complexity of Patients With CKD: Implications for Management*. The business meeting focused on officer nominations for 2023. The chapter voted to award 10 \$100 grocery cards for Christmas to dialysis patients who are nominated by their dialysis unit social workers. The evening ended with a picture of current officers.

### Greater Charlotte #202

Our chapter hosted our annual wine and cheese raffle at the Wine Vault.

## North Dakota

### Red River Valley #341

We hosted our 12th annual *Dialogues in Dialysis Conference* in October. The conference featured three wonderful speakers: **Laura Siegle**, **Randy Johnson**, and **Kristin Larson**. The conference is held virtually each fall.

Watch for announcements about a future evening of great education!

## Ohio

### Black Swamp #323

Chapter members met at The Chop House in Toledo, OH, on October 25, 2022, for an in-person business and educational meeting. **Becky Galvinn**, Medical Science Director for Vifor, presented *Clinical Update of CKD-Associated Pruritis*. **Ronald Hughes, III**, won the raffle for a 1-year ANNA membership, which was presented by Chapter President **Theresa Felton**. The chapter also paid for partial membership for two more attendees: **Vanessa Turner** and **Chenille Hunter**. Welcome to ANNA!

We are seeking volunteers for officer positions for the coming year. If you are interested, please contact **Theresa Felton**.

## Pennsylvania

### Three Rivers #104

Our chapter continues to hold regular meetings. We decided to continue with the same officers in the same positions for 2023 due to a lack of interest from other members. Chapter officers are planning to attend the 2023 ANNA National Sympos-

ium in Palm Springs, CA. The officers are looking forward to networking with other ANNA chapters to see how they can increase chapter interest and participation. The symposium is always a great educational event as well as a social and networking opportunity.

The chapter is also planning an educational activity, *Spring Ahead into Nephrology*, for spring 2023. Watch for more information.

### Keystone #110

In October 2020, our chapter sponsored dinner at a beautiful restaurant and learned about *Management of CKD and Hyperkalemia*.

The chapter has been busy planning our *Day of Learning*, which will feature a full day of presentations and offer contact hours. We have postponed this event to late winter or early spring to fully optimize the day for both presenters and attendees. Welcome to our new members: **Jessica Davis, Barbara Farley, Andrea Kramer, Jane Bayer, Chris Corbett, Paul Danao, Marissa Ramos, Dawn Salvucci, Yvonne Staller, and Leslie Tomoney.**



Greater Charlotte chapter members enjoyed networking at the chapter's annual wine and cheese raffle event.

## South Carolina

### Palmetto #203

Thanks to everyone who attended our educational program in person or virtually on October 27, 2022. Dr. Brielle Gray of GlaxoSmithKline was the speaker.

Our next educational offering will be sponsored by Vifor in January. John Williams will present *A Clinical Update on CKD-Associated Pruritis*. This program will be offered in person or virtually at Laura Alberts on Daniel Island. Watch for announcements on ANNA Connected.

Welcome to our newest chapter members: **Levon Malinder, Catherine Ewalt, Denise Fichera, and student Caroline Griffith.** We look forward to meeting you in person or virtually!

We are looking for members who want to get more involved in the chapter. Several chapter positions are available with support and mentorship from seasoned officers. Please consider serving your chapter by becoming an officer and sharing your passion for nephrology nursing. Our current officers are:

- President **Glinda Stricklin**, glindastricklin@yahoo.com
- Secretary **Deb Brooks**, brooksdeb@icloud.com



Palmetto chapter members participated in an educational dinner sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline on October 27, 2022.

- Treasurer **Carrie Fabel**, carriedf2@gmail.com

## Tennessee

### Memphis Blues #240

It's hard to believe that we have rung in a new year! We had a full calendar of educational and other events during 2022, and the chapter is excited for the year ahead. We will have our calendar of educational programs, community service opportunities, and chapter to chapter

networking posted to our Facebook page soon. If you haven't already, like and follow us at ANNA Memphis Blues.

We welcomed several new members last year and look forward to welcoming many more in 2023.

We want to be sure that all our members are engaged and active. We encourage everyone to ensure that we have your most current contact information. We will be sending updates and notices from our annamemphisblues@gmail.com account. We do not want our chapter emails to go into your spam folder.



Memphis Blues chapter member Jewell Smith participated in the Memphis Kidney Walk in October 2022.



On October 13, 2022, Memphis Blues chapter members attended an educational meeting sponsored by Korsuva. Pictured are Dr. Gates Colbert, Brenda Warren, Lisa Draper, Susan Bridger, Jewell Smith, Artena Ores, Lynette Murdoch, Jami Smith Brown, and Elizabeth Phillips.

## Virginia

### Tidewater #241

Chapter members met at Saltine's, a restaurant in downtown Norfolk, VA, for an educational dinner hosted by GlaxoSmithKline in December 2022. Chapter member **Debra Castner** presented the topic, *Current Understanding of the Pathophysiology and Unmet Need in Anemia of CKD*. We are grateful to GlaxoSmithKline for their support of nephrology nursing education and look forward to a new treatment for anemia becoming available in the near future.

We are delighted to welcome back one of our chapter's charter members! **Millie Morris** was one of our chapter's founders more than 30 years ago and served as the chapter's first secretary/treasurer.

Our chapter officers are excited to welcome a new board member. **Nicole Hopper** will serve as our secretary in 2023. We look forward to Nicole's input as we develop chapter goals together.

## Washington

### Pacific Northwest #503

Congratulations to chapter member **Nancy Colobong Smith** on being elected as ANNA National President-Elect! Nancy has been a steadfast member of our chapter for many years and has served in several different roles at the national level. She is a strong leader and will be a great addition to the ANNA Board of Directors.

Chapter members volunteered at the Bremerton Foodline on October 6, 2022. **Barbara Dommert-Breckler** from Comagine Health and three staff members from Puget Sound Kidney Centers participated. Besides projects for the food bank, they were able to connect with Kitsap/North Thurston County Health Department, which will continue community chronic kidney disease classes and emergency coordination. We also were able to provide dietary information for patients with kidney disease.

In November, our chapter hosted an educational event titled *AKI: Transition from ICU to Dialysis Center* and presented by **Trish Fuhrman**, Clinical Liaison Lead for Pentec Health Inc. We appreciated being able to offer a learning opportunity with contact hours to our members outside the Seattle metro area.





Pacific Northwest chapter members volunteered at the Bremerton Foodline on October 6, 2022.



Congratulations to Emily Martinez, a member of the Caribbean Chapter, on passing the Certified Nephrology Nurse (CNN) exam.

Registration is now open for *Renal Update 2023*, which is scheduled for March 3. In-person and virtual registration options are available. More information is available via ANNA Connected or our chapter Facebook page.

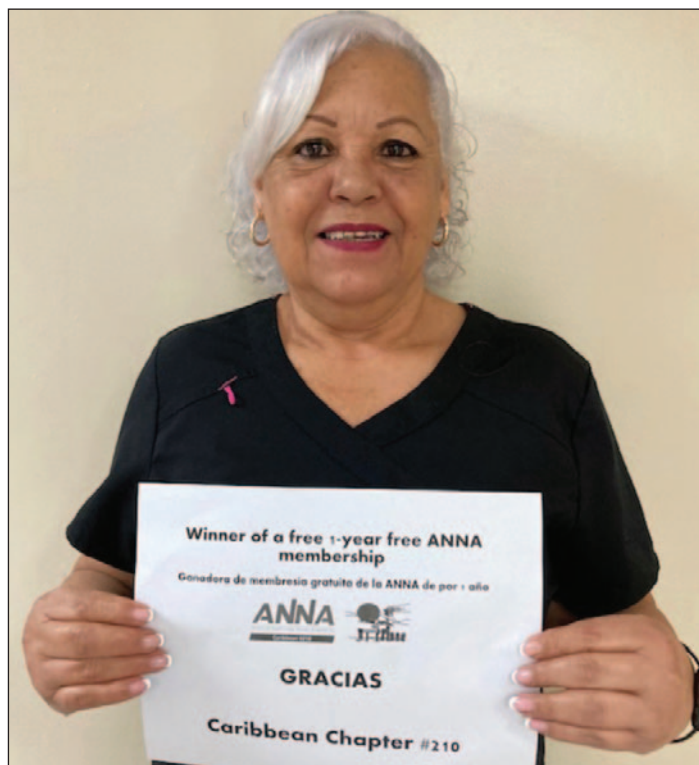
## Puerto Rico

### Caribbean #210

Welcome to **Diana Quinones**, who won a free 1-year ANNA membership sponsored by our chapter during Nephrology Nurses Week. She is the manager of a dialysis unit in Yauco, Puerto Rico.

Congratulations to our chapter secretary, **Emily Martinez**, on passing the Certified Nephrology Nurse (CNN) exam in October 2022. We are proud of you!

During Nurse Practitioner Week, which was observed November 13-19, Chapter President **Yaritza Pizarro** participated in an interview with the virtual magazine, *Medicine and Public Health*, about the work of nurse practitioners and the importance of this role in Puerto Rico. Thank you for representing advanced practice in Puerto Rico!



Diana Quinones was the lucky winner of a free 1-year ANNA membership sponsored by the Caribbean Chapter during Nephrology Nurses Week.