

# SCANN NEWS



WINTER 2006-2007

## Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2007! The Southern California Association of Neonatal Nurses is gearing up for a great year of networking, education, and fun for neonatal nurses! The next educational and business meeting is on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron in San Diego. Please see the flyer enclosed within this newsletter for additional details. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Stephanie Boyd ASAP!!! We look forward to hearing Dr. Schneider speak to the group. Please invite non-member colleagues to join us for this program. Not only is there going to be a great meal, but one contact hour for just \$5 for non-members, and free to SCANN members. If you are not able to attend, we will miss you, but encourage you to post the flyer in your unit.

Speaking of membership, we are starting off at full force with an increase in membership, exceeding our numbers from the past few years. Welcome to all our new members!!! Also, if you are a current member, and have not renewed for 2007, remember that the annual membership cycle

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## President's Message

Happy New Year!! Neonatal Nursing is moving forward and thus to keep up, SCANN has moved to the internet with our own website, [www.neonatenurses.com](http://www.neonatenurses.com). Through some growing pains, we have learned how to use PayPal to pay for the conference, membership, and shirts. Our conference at the La Jolla Hilton Torrey Pines, had the largest number of attendees (104), since we began in 1999. We have a record number of members (74) for 2007 with many members still needing to renew.

SCANN is an affiliate chapter of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN) and, in order to belong to SCANN, you need to be a member of NANN. NANN's website is [www.nann.org](http://www.nann.org). The vision of NANN is that "The lives of all newborns, infants, and their families will be improved through excellence in neonatal nursing practice, education, research and professional development." The mission is that "The National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN) is the professional voice that shapes neonatal nursing practice." Those that joined SCANN at the conference, please make sure that you join NANN, because part of the conference break was to offset your NANN dues. Through joining NANN you will receive **Advances in Neonatal Care: Official Journal of the National Association of Neonatal Nurses, Central Lines**, the NANN Newsletter, have access to the member's only section of the NANN website, and be able to have access to listservs that offer support from other neonatal nurses.

With this growth, we continue to need

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begins again in January—if you have not done so, please take a few minutes to renew your membership. The SCANN membership form is available on line at [www.neonatenurses.com](http://www.neonatenurses.com). Memberships dues can now be made on line via PayPal through the SCANN website. (\*\*If paying membership dues on line, please be advised that you will still need to download and print off the membership form and mail it in via “snail mail.”) Membership dues may still, of course, be made by check made payable to SCANN, and mailed with the membership form.

We look forward to your active participation with your local professional organization in the next year!

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A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

### *Community Service*

SCANN members collected almost \$200 in grocery gift cards during 2007 (and a \$15 card from Sears!) for donation to a NICU family. This year's family was chosen with assistance from the clinical social workers at UCSD Medical Center, and the gift cards given to the family via the social workers. The family chosen were teen parents who had given birth to a 28 week baby girl.

We will continue this community service effort this year. Grocery gift cards in any denomination can be brought to SCANN meetings to be collected, and donated next December to a deserving family. If the donation amount is not noted on the card itself, please indicate the value on the card.

Donations have also been made this year to Options for Recovery; a listing of needed items can be found on the SCANN website.

Don't forget the March of Dimes walks in April! March of Dimes is a NANN partner, and the work they do affects the care we can provide our patients!

## Meet the Candidates

The offices up for election this year are President-Elect and Treasurer. Included in this newsletter is the ballot to elect these officers. Please bring the completed ballot with you to the January business meeting, or if you will be unable to attend, please return via mail no later than January 5, 2007. The ballot makes a self mailer, with the SCANN address printed on the reverse side. Simply fold, attach postage and return. Thanks!

### **Candidate for President-Elect, Carolyn Shaputnic RN, MPH**

I am an NICU/ALS nurse from Palomar Pomerado Health in Escondido, and have been a nurse for 22 years. I have a Bachelor's degree from Pennsylvania State University in Liberal Arts and an Associate degree in Nursing from Palomar Community College. In December of 2003, I received a Master's degree in Public Health, Environmental Health, from San Diego State University. My graduate studies focused on effects of environmental pollutants on children and the fetus. I have been involved in research and am coordinating a joint San Diego State and UCSD pilot project at Palomar entitled: Influence of diet on gene expression and cancer prevention in utero.

I currently serve as secretary of the NICU/Peds Unit Professional Practice Committee at Palomar and am the leader of the Sustainable Building sub-committee for the Palomar Pomerado Health system, which involves research and advice regarding healing and sustainable building practices for the hospital expansion projects.

I enjoy hiking, kayaking, birding, vegetarian cooking, and have recently mastered making a really good margarita. My husband and I are members of the San Diego Mini Cooper car club and have 1965 classic Mini Cooper.

### **Candidate for Treasurer, Jan Hebert, RN, MAS**

Jan is currently the Nurse Manager of the Infant Special Care Unit at UCSD Medical Center. She completed her BS in Nursing and Health Science and Safety Education from SDSU in 1976, and a Masters in Healthcare Organization Leadership from UCSD in 2003. She has been at UCSD Medical Center for 20 years, 10 of those in management. She has experience in other Maternal-child departments, including Pediatric Intensive Care, Labor and Delivery, and Post-Partum.

Jan is a member of NANN, AWHONN, AONE, ACNL, ANN, Sigma Theta Tau, and in addition, serves as a preceptor in nursing leadership for students in the Schools of Nursing at SDSU and Point Loma Nazarene University.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 8, 2007

PLACE: 94<sup>TH</sup> AERO SQUADRON RESTAURANT  
SAN DIEGO

TIME: 6PM -- 8PM

SCANN Education and Business Meeting

FEBRUARY 25-27 2007

PLACE: EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL,  
NAPA, CALIFORNIA

The California Chapters of Neonatal Nurses Conference  
"Award Winning Neonatal Care"

For further information, contact Janet Pettit (209)529-2271 or  
Christine Retta (925) 229-0539.

MARCH 12, 2007

PLACE TBA

TIME 6PM – 8PM

SCANN Education and Business Meeting

MARCH OF DIMES WALK

PLACE: NORTH COUNTY, CARLSBAD

TIME: APRIL 21

PLACE: BALBOA PARK

TIME: APRIL 28

## HAVING FUN WITH SCANN!!

One of SCANN's annual traditions is a SCANN outing to the Padres! Dates are being looked at now, and will be determined soon! Look for further updates on the SCANN website, and at future meetings.

A wine tasting evening is being set up for SCANN members to get together to network and enjoy each other's company! February is the anticipated time for this event. Additional details will follow shortly!

support from others; many times it is making a few phone calls, confirming a speaker, selling T-shirts, arranging a restaurant, placing stamps on envelopes, collecting money. Any small task makes the load lighter for each of us. The different committees include the Education, Communication, Community Service, and Membership Committee. **All** committees need members. Please consider volunteering at the January meeting to help us continue to be a strong force in the San Diego area through our mission of offering education programs, monitoring legislative activity, providing community service, promoting professionalism, and a positive nursing image. If you are not able to attend, just give any of the officers a call or e-mail, or indicate your interest on the election ballot.

At the January meeting we will be voting on two positions, for President-Elect and Treasurer, setting our goals for 2007, and being given a wonderful dinner provided by MedImmune and learning about Neonatal Ethics. Many of you know I do not like to speak in large groups, but will make every effort to meet each person that joins us at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron. Please send me an email with your menu choice or leave a message on my cell phone.

Take Care.

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## Wanted!!! SCANNNews Editor!

Have a few hours a month? Like to be creative? SCANN is in need of a newsletter editor! The newsletter is sent out 3 times a year, to all members, and posted on the website. For further information please contact Myreda Erickson-O'Brien, SCANN secretary at  
[mlobr1234@aol.com](mailto:mlobr1234@aol.com).

## Thanks so much!!!

SCANN members wish to take this time to thank Stacia Fridley for her tenure as SCANN treasurer for the past two (or is it three!?!?) years, and to Leilani Marino for her serving as President of SCANN. During their terms of office, SCANN has developed a website, started using PayPal for conference and membership dues, partnered with corporate sponsors for our bi-monthly educational offerings and annual conference, and increased membership, as well as expanded the annual educational conference.

Leilani has since moved to Hawaii, and anticipates becoming active in the NANN chapter there, and we continue to enjoy Stacey's being with us until the US Navy decides otherwise!

Best wishes to both, and thanks for all your hard work! Thanks Again!

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

## NANN Annual Conference

NANN will be holding their 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference conference in San Diego September 26-29, 2007 at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center (which is currently undergoing renovation). SCANN plans to contribute a basket to the silent auction to support the March of Dimes that is held annually at the conference, so if you have an idea or theme for a unique basket, please let us know! We would love to to have some lucky recipient take home something great from the Southern California Association of Neonatal Nurses as they visit "America's Finest City"!

