On January 10th, 2014 AMSN Western Pennsylvania Chapter #111 was represented by our Past President Diane Hughes, JD, BSN, RN, CMSRN and Susan Woods DDS, MBA, BSN, RN, CMSRN at the Quality Med-Surg Update. They Manned a table and shared information about our organization. An updated brochure was distributed and enthusiasm generated for Med-Surg nursing as a specialty. The conference had top notch speakers including our own Renee Thompson who gave an inspiring talk on Human by birth, hero by choice. The conference was funded by the Shadyside Hospital Foundation. A special thank you to Susan and Diane for their commitment to Med-Surg nursing as a specialty and their efforts to spread the word about our amazing local chapter.

Are you as ready as I am to say “Adios!” to snow and cold?! Despite this very long winter, we have some exciting things going on within our AMSN chapter. We have a new website! Our past president, Diane Hughes, found Nursing Network, a group that develops websites for nursing organizations, late last year. Diane and I worked together (and with input from our Board) to put together our new AMSN Chapter #111 website. Please check out the website and see what you think. We expect to spend the next few months perfecting our use of the website followed by collecting your feedback and ideas when we are totally up to speed. The new website will completely streamline our communications regarding our upcoming meetings as well as serve as a contact point for all of our activities. We have been assured that members who follow our website will not have their information sold or given to any other organizations nor will they be receiving unsolicited emails from Nursing Network. Please visit the website and register to be a follower. Within one week of your following us, I will give registered chapter members full access to the site. Full access is required to see all website content and to use the meeting reservation function. Members will need to use the website to register for future meetings as well as to let us know if you are unable to make a meeting. Our new website will also link to our Facebook page so we can further reach our members and friends on the Web. Thank you to Leslie Tarlo Edwards for creating and keeping our Facebook page active and relevant. I apologize if you have not received the invitation to join the website. Please visit our site at https://wpaamsmn.nursingnetwork.com. I think you will really like this great communication portal. I expect our website be super!
We have had a very robust response to our solicitations for meeting sponsors and expect to have interesting and informative meeting every other month this year. Please mark down the upcoming meeting dates in your calendar and plan on joining us for wonderful food, great camaraderie, networking and informative presentations on topics relevant to med-surg nurses.

I look forward to a fun and interesting year. Please let me know of any great ideas you have to make our chapter a more vibrant and interesting group. Bring a guest, a nursing student or consider certification and we will be here to support and cheer you on. I am so humbled by being allowed to work for our AMSN chapter and you this year.

Sincerely,

Susie Wood, DDS, MBA, RN, BSN, CMSRN

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At our January meeting, Deb Griffiths won the winter survival kit, Nancy Kernick won the $20.00 lottery ticket and Barb Mills won the 50/50 which was $80.00

Thank you to Jim and Bonnie for selling the tickets during our meetings

2014 Chapter dues of $25.00 are currently due. Dinner costs for chapter members are $5.00. Student nurse chapter dues are $15.

Guest/non-member fees are $20 for nurses and $10 for students

Simply click on this link to join our professional website and to gain information about joining our organization at the national and local level.

https://wpaamsn.nursingnetwork.com

Pictured above Sharon Carfang, Elaine Colecchi, Linda Adamek, Kim Creeper enjoying a fabulous meal and lecture on Dyslipidemia: contemporary management; presented by Susan Lenhart-Herman. Susan has become a very good friend of the AMSN.
Certified Nurses Day is a national day to honor and recognize the important achievement of nursing specialty and subspecialty certification. Certification is a milestone of personal excellence along the professional journey. Certification affirms advanced knowledge, skill, and practice to meet the challenges of modern nursing.

Certified Nurses Day celebrates dedicated certified nurses on March 19, the birthday of Dr. Margretta “Gretta” Madden Styles, who pioneered nurse credentialing and set the path for advanced nursing practice standards.

I wanted to make a list of our members who are nationally certified to recognize them in this publication as a nurses honor roll. However, the task was daunting—May I request you send our secretary Bonnie Sari your name and certification so we can keep a list for the future. In the meantime, celebrate this day with pride for your personal commitment to excellence in patient care!

Directions to access our new Web site
Log on to: https://wpaamsn.nursingnetwork.com
Click on Stay Connected. Follow (upper left corner)
If you already have a Nursing Network account, Log in.
If you do not have a Nursing Network account, you will need to Create an account. Please be sure to include your professional titles. Thank you. And invite your friends.

After creating your Nursing Network account, you are now a follower of Western PA AMSN chapter 111! Congratulations! We will make you a full access member within a week of your registration. You will now receive emails from and be able to register for meetings all in one convenient web location. We expect to have our Facebook page linked as well as our fabulous newsletter. Keep current with AMSN chapter 111 by following us! Glad to have you linked in!

Professional opportunity: Submit a poster presentation to attend the 23rd annual convention. Poster submissions are open until May 15, 2014. Check our Web site to connect to the rules:
https://wpaamsn.nursingnetwork.com
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PSNA’s Legislative Day will be held on March 31, 2014, at the State Capitol in Harrisburg.

The day will start with a complimentary breakfast at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. Join your colleagues for a day of continuing education and advocacy. You will have the opportunity to meet with your legislators; PSNA will schedule your appointments based on your registration information. Your participation will show legislators your passion for nursing and allow them face-to-face time with our State’s health care experts. It is the expectation of the Association that you attend your scheduled legislator meeting(s). Legislative Day is FREE to PSNA members and pre-license nursing students. CE cost is $20 for non-members. For more information, contact PSNA Director of Government Affairs Kevin Busher at 717-798-8908 or kbusher@psna.org. The Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA) is hosting the 2014 Legislative Day in Harrisburg on March 31. PSNA offers free continuing education (CE) to PSNA members who attend Legislative Day and non-PSNA members pay a nominal fee for CE. Please see Diane Hughes if you are interested in attending. With sufficient interest, we may rent a van to take us all to Harrisburg and have our voices heard.

Remember to wear your white lab coats to let everyone know you are a nurse! Bring your camera and post your Legislative Day pictures on Twitter (@PSNA_GOVA) #PSNALegisDay2014 and on the PSNA Facebook fan page.

VHA Nursing Handbook Under Fire - Action Required!

Notify your congress members to support APRN in the VHA
The Pennsylvania Nursing Congress on Practice, Education & Policy is sending out a call for each Organizational Affiliate to submit the top nursing issue from your member organization. The Nursing Congress will ask each of these issues to be presented at the general meeting on May 1, 2014 at Central Pennsylvania College. The meeting is from 10 am to 2 pm. Following the issues presentations each voting member will then vote in a series of voting rounds to identify the issues to be forwarded for consideration by the Cabinet on Nursing Practice and the PSNA Board of Directors. The goal is to have 3 priority issues as a result of the voting rounds

Program Sponsor: Otsuka Pharmaceuticals
Program Facilitator: John Weinhover
Proposed Topic: Hyponatremia
(more details to follow)
Program Faculty: Dr. Shirley Dopson (nephrologist)
Venue: Monterey Bay Fish Grotto
1411 Grandview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15211
Date and Time: Wednesday, March 19, 2014 - 6:00 PM
To register for this program, RSVP to Susie Wood at wood.susie@gmail.com by March 8, 2014

PSNA District 6
March 20, 2014
University of Pittsburgh
School of Nursing
3500 Victoria Street
Victoria Building, Room 123
Pittsburgh, PA 15261
6:00-8:00 PM

This program is designed to present an opportunity to meet and greet legislators and discuss current legislation. You do not need to be a PSNA member to attend and no RSVPs are needed

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