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President's Message

Adelle De Guzman BSN, RN, CCRN

As we head on to the second year of our newsletter, it is an honor to share the numerous accomplishments of our members and our subchapter. One of the highlights is the RWJUH Magnet Redesignation and their global perspective in improving nursing work environments and promoting nursing excellence. PNANJ has been vital in this journey.

The success of this newsletter is dependent on all of us ...subchapter officers, members, advisers and the editorial staff. Without your unwavering support and engagement, our goals as a subchapter would not have been met. Most of all, our gratitude goes to our supporters for giving us the opportunity to uphold our mission.

There are so many things planned ahead of us and I hope you join us because together we can make a difference.

Successful Event: RWJUH Magnet Celebration



Congratulations to the RWJUH Nurses. You did it again! For the fourth consecutive time, RWJUH nurses received their Magnet Redesignation last March 2011. As a Magnet facility, RWJUH nurtures nursing excellence and focuses on best care practices to deliver safe and quality patient care for better outcomes.

Under the nursing leadership of Dr. Joyce Johnson, Senior VP in Nursing and Chief Nursing Officer; Teresa Veneziano, VP of Clinical and Business Operations; and Annlouise Moran, Magnet Program Coordinator, RWJUH made it to the pedestal to be one among the six Magnet Hospitals in the nation to be awarded a Magnet Redesignation for the fourth time. A grand celebration in recognition for all the nurses, who truly deserve to be called Magnet Nurses, was held on April 11, 2011. The event started with the unveiling of the obelisk. Then followed by a grand reception with recognition awards, great food and music. Mr. Stephen Jones, CEO and President of RWJUH in his welcome remarks expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all RWJUH nurses for their hard work to achieve this award. It was a wonderful celebration and a very meaningful way to show that RWJUH nurses are special and deserve to be called RWJUH Magnet Nurses "The Most Respected Name in Nursing". The members of the PNANJ Executive Board and the Middlesex County Subchapter joined the celebration and their affiliation has been vital in the promotion of professional growth in nursing at RWJUH.

RWJUH is going international and has partnered with the Philippine Nurses Association of New Jersey in the 3-year nursing strategic plan to mentor and support a Philippine-based hospital to embark in a Magnet Nursing Excellence Journey. It is really an honor for PNANJ to be part of this nursing strategic plan in advancing the nursing profession not only in the United States but also in the Philippines.

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PNANJ Honored during NJSNA Convention

On March 30, 2011, during the NJSNA Annual Convention kick off celebration held in Atlantic City, the PNANJ was awarded the first NJSNA Organizational Recognition Award by Mary Ann Donahue, current President of NJSNA. The other recipient was the Meridian Health System. This was in recognition for the organizational contributions to the state of New Jersey in the advancement of the nursing profession. The celebration was filled with dancing and delicious food. Congratulations PNANJ for keeping the legacy going!



Educational Event

The PNANJ 34th Annual Spring Convention: Nurse's G.P.S. to Health Care

On April 29, 2011, PNANJ held its 34th Annual Spring Convention at the Marriott Newark Liberty International Airport Hotel. The event was graced by dynamic and high caliber panel of speakers who shared their knowledge and expertise to empower nurses on how to navigate and keep up with the challenges of today's healthcare reform and environment.

Our very own Dr. Joyce Johnson delivered a powerful message on how to improve patient engagement. Always smile and show your teeth when greeting your patients. Always respond "It's my pleasure" instead of "No problem" when your patient has a request. And before you leave the patient's room, you should say "Is there anything else that I can do for you? I have the time".

Congratulations to the PNANJ EB and its educational and planning committee for their outstanding job and contributions for the success of their educational event.

Community Service

Medical mission with Teresa De Vries

Teresa joined a medical mission in Pahokee, South Florida, sponsored by the Love Made Visible Foundation last March 2011. The place was populated by underserved Haitians and Cubans. Blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose screening were provided as well as public education on healthy life styles to prevent hypertension and diabetes. We are proud of Teresa for her commitment to community service with various organizational projects like medical mission. Teresa and our subchapter will be joining the next medical mission to the Philippines in the year 2013. We are looking forward to your participation and support.

Food Bank Donations

Our successful bake sale last December 2010 raised good amount of money for our community outreach program. Baked goods were donated by our subchapter members and other supporters of the organization. The proceeds were used to buy food items that were donated to the North Brunswick Food Bank. Teresa DeVries and Myrna Young delivered the goods that had surely made the holidays of the recipients "merry and bright".

THANK YOU...THANK YOU...THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!



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Awards and Accomplishments

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members of the Middlesex County Subchapter:

1. Nini Jurado, recipient of the 2010 Diva Award presented by the Institute For Nursing (a charitable affiliate of the NJSNA).
2. Rose Rosales, recipient of 2010 Nurse Recognition Award from New Jersey League for Nursing.
3. Leo Jurado, recipient of 2011 Dean/Director of the Year Award given by New Jersey Student Nurses Association.
4. Mildred Cruz for winning the 2011 Nursing Excellence Award for the category of Head Nurse awarded by RWJUH during the Nurses' Week celebration.
5. Myrna Young for the success of her hospital wide project on "Prevention of Violence in the Workplace" and also for her hospital wide initiative to "Go Green" which was published in the Nursing spectrum, April 4th, 2011 issue.
6. Teresa De Vries and Jason Buliyat for achieving their CN IV, the highest level in the professional advancement system at RWJUH .
7. Teresa Damito, co-chair the Professional Advancement Review Committee for the off shift at RWJUH.

SAVE THESE DATES

June 5, 2011	Philippine Independence Day Parade New York City, NY
June 28 –July3, 2011	PNAA National Convention San Francisco, California
August 6 or 13, 2011	PNANJ Annual Picnic Hosted by Bergen County Subchapter
Sept. 17, 2011	Matters of the Heart: Part II RWJUH , New Brunswick New Jersey Hosted by Middlesex County Subchapter
September 23, 2011	PNANJ 35th Annual Clinical Excellence and Awards Night Imperia at Easton Somerset, New Jersey

Membership Updates

As of April 2011, our subchapter continues to have the highest membership among the PNANJ subchapters, with a total of 204 members.

To learn more about our organization and to join our membership, just log on to www.pnanj.org.

BECOME A PNANJ MEMBER!

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!

The PNANJ Middlesex Subchapter encourages authors to submit articles relevant to the mission of our organization and names of members and their accomplishments for recognition to be included in our future newsletters. Please submit articles to Victoria Pangilinan at vpangilinanrn@gmail.com.