Good Morning!

As we begin November 2010, we would like to bring you up to date on what’s new in your own backyard of Florida. In this newsletter you will find the following:

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Quote of the Month: Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. ~Elizabeth Andrew

Message from the FNPN Board of Directors

FNPN in collaboration with coalition for advance practice nursing has had a great start to the campaign. It is critical for us to raise more than $100,000 though the coalition efforts. This successful campaign will ensure an effective public relations effort in moving Advance Practice Nursing to the next level. The need to raise public awareness and stimulate effective access to healthcare can be achieved though this unity. Please read on as the campaign continues.

In October, the Florida NP Network is officially launched our “$10 for 2010” campaign in collaboration with the Florida Coalition for Advanced Practice Nurses. This unified effort to raise funds for a public relations
The campaign will be the first unified approach to increase visibility and awareness to the public. While each organization has worked diligently as a separate entity, we realize the importance of ensuring a successful campaign through unification. **The goal:** to raise at least $100,000 to fund the absolute best public relations campaign possible and empower our profession through visibility and awareness.

**Your donation can make that happen!** If every one of the more than 14,000 Advanced Practice Nurses were to donate at least $10 (or more), we would quickly surpass our goal. **The campaign will not limit supporters from donating more than $10.** In addition, supporters can encourage their colleague, friends and family to donate as well. Imagine the possibilities!

Please take a moment today to pledge your commitment of being an active supporter of this campaign and start nurturing those around you to help carry us to victory!!

**FNPN Annual Elections fast approaching**

It is time once again to begin the election process for the Florida Nurse Practitioner Network. This year, our President, Second Vice President in charge of Education, and Treasurer positions will be nominated and voted on. If you are a **member in good standing** and would like to make a nomination, please go to our nominations website at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LXKJGJJ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LXKJGJJ).

We will also be in need of several volunteers to assist as the election committee nominations and elections this year. If you are interested in becoming more involved (**and we really need folks to get involved**), please contact our Executive Assistant at floridanpnetwork@gmail.com to let us know of your interests.

For those that may wish to run, the positions of President, Vice President of Education and Treasurer hold the following responsibilities:

**President shall:**
- Be the chief elected officer and shall preside over meetings of the FNPN and the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors;
- Recommend individuals to do special projects to further the work of the FNPN;
- Recommend ad hoc committees;
- Be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee (serve as a representative of the organization).

**Second Vice President shall:** Oversee educational programs and conferences for the FNPN;
- Assume other duties as assigned by the President.

**Treasurer shall:** Be responsible for the fiscal soundness and integrity of the organization;
- Oversee the preparation and implementation of the annual budget;
- Oversee records of all debits and credits of the FNPN;
- Maintain checking and credit accounts, make deposits and write checks as required;
- Report an overview of expenditures, balances and foreseeable monetary needs to the Board of Directors quarterly;
- Complete and maintain any financial documents as required by law and as assigned by the President;
- Oversee fund raising as directed by the President and Board of Directors.

**Proposed Bylaws Revision**
There is also a proposed bylaws revision that will be voted on by members in good standing. Please click on the following to review before voting.

Education Updates:
The following important educational opportunities have been posted for December; be sure to check back on our website at www.fnpn.org for additional updates and additions!

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1st Annual ANPB CE Cruise Event from Tampa to Cosumel
Thursday, December 02 2010

Legislative Updates:

Florida State elections are over!! While the outcomes were less than ideal for the Nursing community in some districts, as well as some officials elected to the statewide elections, we are hopeful that our efforts will not be stalled. Now, more than ever, it is critical to begin visiting your legislators in their home offices BEFORE they begin to make the regular trips to Tallahassee. If you need copies of the legislative packet designed to help facilitate your meetings and communicate more effectively with your legislators, please contact Regina Pommer, Executive Assistant at floridanpnetwork@gmail.com. In addition, please encourage your legislator to visit our website and view the Florida Coalition for Advanced Practice Nursing Video. This short video discusses the critical need to ensure healthcare to all our Floridians. This can only be done by allowing Advanced Practice Nurses to practice to the fullest as their education and training has prepared them to do so.

Job Announcements!

There have been many new job postings around the state on our web site at www.fnpn.org for those of you that may have an interest. On our new website, the most recent postings are on the front page. A new feature will allow postings to be visible for 90 days. Please feel free to pass this along to your colleagues who may be interested in it as well, or who may have an interest in finding out more about our network. For those of you that have found jobs on our website, please be sure to let us know!

Do you know an employer who might find the FNPN Job posting a worthwhile site? If so, please be sure to tell them about the website and the fact that on average 20 or more jobs are posted each month. The traffic to our website is incredible and we have more and more folks seeking employment through this site than ever before. Let them know you saw it on the FNPN Website!

Membership Update
Armando Riera-Membership Chair

Renewal Reminder
Membership in FNPN runs on an annual basis Jan-Dec.
Please renew your membership today.
Membership in FNPN can be as a group or individual member.
Individual members belong and receive many benefits as part of their membership-frequency communication during the legislative session (or special sessions), a paid lobbyist based in Tallahassee, access to posted job opportunities, access to posted upcoming conferences and many more benefits. If you belong to your local NP group you are not an FNPN member until you join FNPN individually, group and individual membership are two separate levels of membership. I encourage you to visit our newly redesigned web page today www.fnpn.org and while you're there you can renew online.

Group Presidents please renew today and continue to be an integral part of our growing organization. We value our group members as this creates a vital network of NP groups throughout the state. These groups help disseminate information about trends, issues and changes impacting NP’s at the state and national level. As a group member we will also assist with conference planning and obtaining approval for CEU’s if offered. We will also assist with promoting your conferences and activities and can provide assistance or link you with support in web design.

Just a reminder, students and retired ARNPs have special rate dues, and we encourage you and your peers to join!

From your AANP Representative
Doreen Cassarino  MSN, ARNP, FNP-BC, BC-ADM
Several weeks ago, First Lady Michelle Obama welcomed a group of nurses and NPs to the White House and joined a conference call with more than 5,000 NPs and nurses from across the country to discuss the Affordable Care Act and the benefits of health reform. Just before they met with the First Lady, the NPs and nurses who traveled to Washington participated in a short roundtable discussion about the benefits of the new Affordable Care Act and their experiences. Representing NPs were AANP state representatives Susan Matthews (Kentucky) and Miki MacDonald (Maine.) They discussed the importance preventive care that will be made available, with at no additional cost, for all Americans in new insurance plans, and how expanding access to insurance will make it possible for more Americans to get the care they need. Watch the video: http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2010/10/19/nurses-speak-out to see the discussion and learn more about the benefits of the Affordable Care Act by visiting http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/HealthReform

FNPN PAC Update
Marifrances Gullo - PAC Chair
The purpose of the FNPN~PAC is to promote the ARNP profession through advancing the outcome of political issues or legislation. This is accomplished by contributing to the support of worthy candidates for State or Local offices who we believe have demonstrated their support of the principles to which this professional organization is dedicated. To further their purpose the PAC is empowered to solicit and accept these voluntary personal contributions (up to $500 per year per person). These contributions are used to attempt to influence the selection, nomination, or election of any individual to any State or Local office. Your decision to make a PAC contribution will help to continue our efforts wherever possible. Contributions can be made @ www.FNPN.org via Pay Pal...or your check payable to FNPN-PAC sent to 4637 Golden Apples Tr. Port Orange, FL 32129. Let’s make things happen together! Thank you for your support!!

Around the State and Around the Nation

National NP Week 2010
National NP Week will be held November 7 - 13, 2010. The theme this year is “Everyday Heros”. Make plans now to host events in your communities to help spread the word about the value of having an NP as your healthcare provider.
Nurse Practitioners participate in legislative panel discussion

The West Palm Beach Nurse Practitioner 6th Annual Conference convened at the Doubletree Conference Center in Palm Beach Gardens on October 8th and 9th. The legislative panel discussion on health care reform and the impact for Palm Beach County was well attended on Friday evening. Afterwards, several of the local area candidates stayed around for a meet and greet. The Conference Committee for the Nurse Practitioner Council of Palm Beach County and the Florida Nurse Practitioner Network would like to thank all those participants for another great turn out!

News You Can Use

The Florida NP Network has taken the next step to keep our members informed. Keep abreast of changes in your practice around the state and around the nation. You can join us today on Facebook under Florida Nurse Practitioner and Twitter under FloridaNP. We hope to hear from you.

2010 Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill: Update: What’s Coming Ashore from the Oil Spill
This page has information about what light crude oil does when it reaches shore: http://emergency.cdc.gov/gulfoilspill2010/coming_ashore.asp. For more information and additional Healthcare Professionals resources visit: http://emergency.cdc.gov/gulfoilspill2010/health_professionals.asp.

H1N1 & Seasonal Influenza Resources: Influenza 2010-2011: ACIP Vaccination Recommendations
In this podcast targeted to clinicians, Dr. Joe Bresee discusses who should be vaccinated against flu this year, explains who is at risk for severe illness, and discusses the benefits of vaccination. http://www2c.cdc.gov/podcasts/player.asp

H1N1 & Seasonal Influenza Resources: Guidelines and Recommendations: Prevention Strategies for Seasonal Influenza in Healthcare Settings
This guidance supersedes previous CDC guidance for both seasonal influenza and the Interim Guidance on
Infection Control Measures for 2009 H1N1 Influenza in Healthcare Settings, which was written to apply uniquely to the special circumstances of the 2009 H1N1 pandemic as they existed in October 2009. As stated in that document, CDC planned to update the guidance as new information became available. [http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/healthcaresettings.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/healthcaresettings.htm)

**H1N1 & Seasonal Influenza Resources: Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Safety: A Summary for Clinicians**
Seasonal influenza vaccination is the most important way of preventing seasonal influenza virus infections and potentially severe complications, including death. Seasonal influenza vaccination reduces the likelihood of becoming ill with influenza or transmitting influenza to others. The 2010-2011 seasonal influenza vaccine protects against an influenza A H3N2 virus, an influenza B virus, and the 2009 H1N1 virus that caused widespread illness last season. [http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/vaccine_safety.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/vaccination/vaccine_safety.htm)

**Kudos Corner**

**Congratulations to Dr. Ford**

Congratulations to Dr Ford for being selected as the recipient of the Princess Srinagarindra Award for the year 2010.

This Award has been established in honor of H.R.H. the late Princess Srinagarindra Mahidol who was the mother of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, therefore the Award is recognized as one of the most prestigious Awards in the country. The award ceremony will take place in Bangkok Thailand on Thursday October 21st and will be covered by the news media in Thailand.

As advanced practice continues to expand around the globe this is a wonderful international tribute to the founder of the NP movement. The acceptance of the award will enhance visibility of advanced practice nurses and their significant and unique contribution to global health.