

Chapter News

Outstanding Chapter of the Year 2007

The Mid-South Chapter of AANN received the Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award at AANN's 40th Annual Educational Meeting. Despite being active for just 1 year, the Mid-South Chapter offered nearly 12 hours of continuing education opportunities through relationships with area hospitals and practitioners, held five educational meetings and eight planning meetings, promoted and endorsed the CNRN credential, won the chapter logo contest, and held a Community Stroke Awareness Night with a guest AANN keynote speaker and 125 attendees. "We have accomplished many things this last year but the most important is helping light a passion for neuroscience education," said Chapter President Kathy Bomar.

The chapter added 30 new members and welcomes participants from Memphis (TN), Mississippi, and Arkansas. Bomar credits the diverse and vital local community for the quality of the chapter. "Part of excellence is found not only in achieving but in assisting others to grow. Although we encourage membership in our chapter, we have not yet turned away any nonmembers who wanted to learn more," Bomar explained. "We have developed into a diverse group, all interested in providing excellent care of neuroscience patients. We have found strength in our diversity." The commitment, enthusiasm, and vigor with which the Mid-South Chapter accomplished these goals makes them an ideal recipient of the Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award and a steward of AANN's vibrant local and regional neuroscience nursing communities.

To become involved in the Mid-South Chapter, or any of AANN's 69 chapters, please visit www.aann.org/about/chapters.htm.

2007 AANN Chapter Accomplishments

AANN chapters were very active during 2007. If you do not see your chapter listed, we have not received its annual report. Please contact Cassidy Follins, AANN administrator, at cfollins@aann.org with chapter news.

Birmingham Chapter (AL): Held three business meetings and six educational meetings and had 66 members. The chapter was awarded a grant from Genentech to sponsor stroke continuing education (CE).

Arizona Chapter (AZ): Held three business meetings and three educational meetings. The chapter also increased membership 192%, ending the year with 76 members.

Greater Sacramento (CA): Had 11 members at the end of 2007. The chapter hosted four business meetings and two educational meetings. It also held a blood pressure and stroke screening at the local strawberry festival.

Orange County Chapter (CA): Held three business meetings and nine educational meetings. The chapter ended the year with 62 members.

San Diego Chapter (CA): Held two business meetings and one educational meeting and had five members.

Rocky Mountain Chapter (CO): Held four business meetings and five educational meetings and had 17 members.

Southern New England Chapter (CT): Held three business meetings and three educational meetings. The chapter participated in a food drive for the Christmas holiday and had 61 members.

Emerald Coast Chapter (FL): Held 10 business meetings and five educational meetings. The chapter raised \$500 for the American Nurses Association by selling candy, taught a neuroscience review course, and had 14 members.

Gold Coast Chapter (FL): Held three business meetings and eight educational meetings. It increased membership 205% to 107 members.

Northeast Florida Chapter (FL): Chartered in 2007, the chapter held six business meetings and three educational meetings and increased membership to 23 members.

Sunshine Chapter (FL): Held four business meetings and eight educational meetings. The chapter participated in a Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society Community Walk, Brain Awareness Week, and a community stroke awareness program. It also created a new logo and shirts for its 33 members.

Tampa Bay Chapter (FL): Held four business meetings and five educational meetings. The chapter participated in the American Heart Association (AHA) Heart Walk and collected toiletries for trauma bags for families of neurotrauma patients. Also, the chapter increased membership 50% to 60 members.

Georgia-Carolina Chapter (GA): Held four business meetings and three educational meetings and had 32 members.

Peachtree Chapter (GA): Held seven business meetings and seven educational meetings and increased membership to 124 members.

Hawaii Chapter (HI): Had been inactive but resumed practice in 2007.

Kentuckiana Chapter (IN): Held eight business meetings and three educational meetings and increased membership 166% to 24 members.

Northwest Indiana Chapter (IN): Held four business meetings and three educational meetings and had more than 50 members.

Central Iowa Chapter (IA): Held six business meetings and five educational meetings and increased membership 68% to 37 members.

MoKan Blues Chapter (KS): Chartered in 2007, had eight members and held six business meetings.

Greater Boston Chapter (MA): Held four business meetings and four educational meetings.

Southeast Michigan Chapter (MI): Held seven business meetings and two educational meetings and had 96 members. The chapter participated in the AHA Stroke Program Outreach, Helping Hands, Adopt-A-Family, and the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Twin Cities Chapter (MN): Held five business meetings and five educational meetings and hosted a CNRN exam site. The chapter served as the planning committee for and cosponsor of the Frontline Neurology Symposium, facilitated a CNRN review course, and had 56 members.

Greater Mississippi Chapter (MS): Held 10 business meetings and three educational meetings, provided a stroke screening at the state fair, and had 53 members.

Upper Mississippi Basin Chapter (MS): Held nine business meetings and five educational meetings and had 43 members.

River City (MO): Held eight business meetings and eight educational meetings. The chapter participated in an MS Walk and had five members.

Southwest Missouri Chapter (MO): Held two business meetings and four educational meetings and had six members.

Northern Nevada Chapter (NV): Had 36 members.

Southern Nevada Chapter (NV): Held two business meetings and one educational meeting and had six members.

Green & White Mountains Chapter (NH): Held four business meetings and five educational meetings and had 29 members. The chapter held a stroke assessment at the annual flu clinic and lectured on epilepsy to Vermont state prison faculty, school nurses, and students.

Central New Jersey Chapter (NJ): Held three business meetings and two educational meetings and had 22 members.

Greater New York Chapter (NY): Had 22 members.

Greater Rochester Chapter (NY): Held one business meeting and three educational meetings. The chapter hosted a certification course and increased membership 78% to 178 members.

Upstate New York (NY): Chartered in 2007, held five business meetings and three educational meetings. The chapter held a CNRN review class and had 12 members.

Western New York Chapter (NY): Held one business meeting and four educational

meetings. The chapter grew membership by 49% to 61 members.

Charlotte Chapter (NC): Held one business meeting and six educational meetings and had 10 members.

Triad Chapter (NC): Held three business meetings and three educational meetings and had 49 members. The chapter participated in numerous stroke screenings, an MS Walk, and “Women and Stroke” community lectures.

Triangle Chapter (NC): Held four business meetings and four educational meetings. The chapter submitted a logo for the AANN Chapter Logo Contest and had 27 members.

Western North Carolina Chapter (NC): Held six business meetings and six educational meetings, participated in YWCA stroke screening, and had 53 members.

Central Ohio Chapter (OH): Held six business meetings and six educational meetings and had 31 members. The chapter participated in an AHA walk, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Association walk, the Epilepsy Stroll, and the Brain Injury Walk/Golf Outing.

Greater Dayton Chapter (OH): Held two business meetings and one educational meeting. The chapter participated in a heart and stroke walk, planned and implemented a stroke awareness event, and had 51 members.

Northeastern Ohio Chapter (OH): Held six business meetings and five educational meetings. The chapter assisted with the Annual Hydrocephalus Fun Run/Walk, adopted two families for Christmas, and had a Stroke Awareness Week booth at the Cleveland Clinic. Also, the chapter held a bimonthly journal club and CNRN review course and increased membership 50% to 33 members.

Northwest Ohio Chapter (OH): Held six business meetings and six educational meetings and increased membership 50% to 27 members. The chapter participated in a golf tournament for epilepsy, the AHA Heart Walk, a diabetes walk, the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, Alzheimer’s Association Memory Walk, and Neurology Research Week.

Ohio Valley Chapter (OH): Held two business meetings and one educational meeting and had 10 members.

Oklahoma Chapter (OK): Held four business meetings and six educational meetings and increased membership 260% to 18 members.

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter (PA): Held 10 business meetings and two educational meetings. The chapter participated in charitable walks and Stroke Center of Leigh County community events and increased membership 133% to 28 members.

Philadelphia Chapter (PA): Held two business meetings and one educational meeting and increased membership 75% to 42 members.

Pittsburgh Chapter (PA): Held four business meetings and four educational meetings and had 32 members.

Susquehanna Valley Chapter (PA): Held four business meetings and one educational meeting. The chapter provided stroke education awareness at a Hershey Bears Hockey Club game and had 39 members.

Coastal Carolina (SC): Held four business meetings and five educational meetings. The chapter participated in a stroke health fair, hosted and helped plan a CNRN review course, and increased membership 79% to 50 members.

South Carolina Upstate (SC): Chartered in 2007, held four business meetings and two educational meetings and had 21 members.

Great Plains Chapter (SD): Held 10 business meetings and five educational meetings, participated in charitable walks, donated to the MS Society, and had 23 members.

East Tennessee Chapter (TN): Held two business meetings and had five members.

Mid-South Chapter (TN): Chartered in 2007, held eight business meetings and five educational meetings. The chapter had 30 members, participated in a community Stroke Awareness Night, and was the AANN Chapter Logo Contest winner and recipient of the Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award.

Central Texas Chapter (TX): Held 11 business meetings and nine educational meetings. The chapter participated in Blue Santa, hosted the 10th Annual Neuro Symposium, and had 120 members.

Dallas Area Chapter (TX): Held four business meetings and five educational meetings. The chapter sponsored a CNRN review and had 30 members.

South Plains Chapter—Gray Matters (TX): Chartered in 2007, held two business meetings and two educational meetings. The chapter performed the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) for its community health fair and had 14 members.

Southeast Texas Chapter (TX): Held three business meetings and seven educational meetings. The chapter hosted a CNRN review course and had 25 members.

National Capital Chapter (VA): Held three business meetings and had 14 members. The chapter participated in an AHA Heart Walk, Stroke Month activities, and a brain tumor support group.

Southeastern Virginia Chapter (VA): Held two business meetings and two educational meetings and had three members.

Inland Northwest Chapter (WA): Held 10 business meetings and one educational meeting. The chapter donated \$500 to the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk and participated in a citywide stroke check and screening.

Northwest Chapter (WA): Held four business meetings and four educational meetings and had 40 members. The chapter participated in charitable walks, an epilepsy foundation, and a regional neuroscience conference.

West Virginia Chapter (WV): Held four business meetings and four educational meetings. The chapter participated in the TIPS [Transportation Injury Prevention and Safety] Fair and had 23 members.

Madison Area Chapter (WI): Held two business meetings and one educational meeting and had 22 members.

Northeast Wisconsin Chapter (WI): Held two business meetings and one educational meeting. The chapter participated in a stroke support group and had six members.