

Conference Connection

AANN's 41st Annual Educational Meeting Really Hit the JACKPOT!

This year's annual educational meeting, *Leadership and Community: Investing Today in the Neuroscience Nursing of Tomorrow*, was a real winner—and everyone who attended came home richer than they ever dreamed. Whether it was hearing Leean Hendrix's compelling personal account of her struggle after surviving a stroke, learning about telemarketing and stroke care, or viewing more than 60 poster presentations, the meeting touched on winning topics that enriched every attendee. To view pictures from the meeting, visit www.aann.org/meeting/2009/photos/.click here.

Back again this year was the AANN membership breakfast meeting. More than 300 members attended the event and listened as President Kathy Baker and the 2008–2009 Board of Directors shared highlights from the financial and strategic initiatives outlined in the 2008 Annual Report, found at www.aann.org/about/pdfs/2008annualreport.pdf. Following the presentations, Baker asked attendees to discuss what AANN should do in 2009 and 2010 to achieve the following goals:

- Gateway to Knowledge (education)
- Neuroscience Expertise (influence/partnerships)
- Volunteer Engagement (membership).

AANN members seated at the breakfast tables had the opportunity to give their suggestions and ideas for moving their organization forward. These findings have been shared with the board and will be published in the next issue of *Synapse E-News*.

Missed the meeting this year? Don't miss out in 2010. Save the date for AANN's 42nd Annual Educational Meeting, *Neuroscience Nursing: Passion for the Profession*, March 20–23, 2010, in Baltimore, MD.

41st Annual Educational Meeting Award Winners

AANN would like to congratulate the following award winners from this year's annual educational meeting.

Excellence in Clinical Practice

Lori K. Madden, University of California–Davis, Davis, CA

Excellence in Advanced Practice

Susan Heath, San Francisco Veterans Administration, San Francisco, CA

Excellence in Neuroscience Education

Kathy Bomar, Methodist Lebonheur Healthcare, Millington, TN

Rising Star in Clinical Practice

Lai Valentine-Brooks, Lebonheur Children's Medical Center, Memphis, TN

Outstanding Chapter of the Year

Coastal Carolina Chapter, South Carolina (Leah Ramos, President, accepting the award)

Chris Stewart-Amidei Writing Excellence Award

Rick Jepson, RN

Chris Stewart-Amidei Writing Excellence Award, Honorable Mention

Lorraine Fields, MSN RN CCNS CCRN CNRN

Journal of Neuroscience Nursing Novice Writer Award

Deborah Krueger, MSN RN CNRN NE-BC

Posters

1st place

Stop the Madness! Putting an End to Lateral Violence

Jennifer Sulanke, MS RN CNRN CNS

2nd place

Hypnotic Intervention for Anxiety, Pain, and Nausea Management in Epilepsy Surgery Patient,

Karen Gilbert, MS ARNP CNRN

3rd place

Cellular Phones and Brain Tumors: Is There a Relationship?

June H. Spickofsky, MA BSN RN CNRN

Spirit of Neuroscience Nursing Photo Contest

“Hugs—the Best Medicine”

Judie Holleman, Pediatric Neurosurgery Nurse Practitioner, University of Chicago Comer Children’s Hospital

(Please note: This photo can be viewed at [www.aann.org/meeting/photocontest/.](http://www.aann.org/meeting/photocontest/))

41st Annual Educational Meeting Raffle Winners

AANN would like to congratulate the following raffle winners from this year’s annual educational meeting.

Member Meeting

Complimentary Registration to 2010 Annual Educational Meeting

Donna Crowley, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH

Three Nights at the Hilton Baltimore

Kathy Reiserer, Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, MA

Copy of Protocols for Practice

Laura McIlvoy, Indiana University School of Nursing, Indianapolis, IN

Copy of Core Curriculum for Neuroscience Nursing, 4th ed.

Sue Pugh, LifeBridge Health, Baltimore, MD

CNRN Breakfast Raffle

Complimentary Registration to 2010 Annual Educational Meeting
Patricia Newton, Salem Hospital, Salem, OR

Chapter Leaders Lunch

Complimentary Registration to 2010 Annual Educational Meeting
Pamela Reichelt, AANN Kentuckiana Chapter