

Chapter News

AANN Welcomes New Chapter

The American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN) welcomes the **Panhandle Chapter**, located in Amarillo, TX. The group kicked off its first official meeting as a chapter on July 31, 2008, with a continuing education presentation on cerebrospinal fluid diversion delivered by Rich Jones, RNFA CNRN. Participants from various disciplines and institutions attended. The group is anticipating a lot of growth and is looking forward to advancing the delivery of nursing care to neuroscience patients in the Texas Panhandle.

Chapter Activities

The Memphis area-based **Mid-South Chapter** has had a hot, but active, summer. In June, the chapter held an educational session on balloon kyphoplasty; in July the topic was imaging techniques—mapping the brain; and in August the topic was multiple sclerosis. The group is working on a speakers' bureau. Their first chapter-sponsored talk was about seizure identification and management and was presented at the local Brain Tumor Survivors Group on August 7. The chapter has also had members volunteer at health fairs to provide stroke education. Volunteers are asked to wear their monogrammed Mid-South Chapter shirt while representing the group.

The **Pittsburgh Chapter** will present an educational session by hematologist Dr. Sandra Kaplan, who will speak on coagulation mechanisms, their regulation, and specific problems that occur in the brain. The session, titled "Coagulation Dysfunction and the Brain: What Would Goldilocks Do?" will be held during the chapter's dinner meeting on September 18.

The **Susquehanna Valley Chapter** of AANN is sponsoring a CNRN review course for all interested neuroscience nurses. This 4-part course will be held at local hospitals throughout the central Pennsylvania area, providing information, discussion, and collegiality, as well as dinner! Course dates are September 10, September 24, October 8, and October 22. You may attend all or just one date—whatever fits your lifestyle! For more information, including registration details, please visit the chapter's Web site, www.svaann.homestead.com.

The **Coastal Carolina Chapter** of AANN has sponsored four dinner in-services this year. Topics included the latest drug treatment for epilepsy; neurological trauma; endovascular treatment of cerebrovascular disease; and a randomized prospective trial on whether maintaining cerebral oxygenation as measured by Licox monitor improves outcomes in TBI. The chapter also donated money to one of its members for a medical mission trip to Africa. The chapter has plans to recognize an outstanding member by paying the registration fee for an educational seminar of his or her choice.