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The GAPNA education committee has launched a new venue to showcase the efforts of those in the field of education. GAPNA is accepting a call for *education* poster abstracts to be presented at the 2013 annual conference.

Educational projects should showcase teaching innovations from NP faculty educators, preceptors or nurse practitioners providing patient, student, staff or community education.

Selected posters projects may be published in the GAPNA newsletter or *Geriatric Nursing* Journal. Submission deadline is May 15th.

Download the Call for Abstracts

Do You Need Assistance Writing Your Abstract?

Below are two really great articles explaining how to write an abstract and answering the question why you should write an abstract. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the National Office at **GAPNA@ajj.com**.

Click here to read "*Publish, Present, and Share Expertise as an Advanced Practice Nurse Expert: How to Write an Abstract*" written by Lisa Byrd, PhD, FNP, GNP, Gerontologist

Click here to read "*Writing Abstracts: Sharing Your Ideas to Advance Nursing Science*" written by Lisa Byrd PhD, FNP, GNP, Gerontologist Attached

Upcoming Events

Delaware Valley Chapter
1st Satellite Meeting in King of Prussia, PA
"Lipids Management in the Geriatric Patient"
Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 6:30pm
Presented by Joseph Lehockey, Pharm D, RPh
Ruth's Chris Steakhouse
220 N Gulph Road
King of Prussia, PA
RSVP by March 30th to Kia Mellon
Download the meeting flyer

New England Chapter
"Student Night"
Wednesday, April 3, 2013
6:00pm to 8:30pm
Chateau Restaurant
404 Providence Highway, Route 1, Norwood, MA
RSVP: Sue Mullaney at
suemullaney@comcast.net

Florida Gulf Coast Chapter
Annual Conference
"Enhancing Healthcare in Older Adults"
April 26 & 27, 2013
Marriott St. Petersburg
12600 Roosevelt Blvd. North, St Petersburg, FL
7 Contact Hours Available
Download the registration brochure
Register online

New England Chapter
"Antipsychotics: Appropriate Use & Dose Reduction & GNP: Consensus Model/Scope of Practice"
Wednesday, May 15, 2013
5:30pm to 9:00pm
Chateau Restaurant
95 Turnpike Road, Westboro, MA
Speakers: Dr. Scott Gonzales (Community Health Link) and Laurie Talarico (Board of Registration in Nursing)
RSVP: Francisca Adams at
fkma7@charter.net

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Tell Us About It!

GAPNA wants to hear about your latest news, items of interest, words of wisdom, and other interesting tidbits from the world of geriatric advanced practice nursing. Make it brief — 200 words or less (photos welcome) — and we'll make it happen by publishing your news and views in the GAPNA Newsletter and/or on the website.

Received a promotion or award? Presented at a clinical meeting? Developed a practice pointer or innovation? Experienced a challenging or lighthearted moment with a patient? Need feedback from your colleagues about a clinical or professional situation? Visited a cool website or downloaded a helpful app? Tell us about it! **Click here to get started**.

Board of Director's Election

GAPNA wants to hear from you! You will be seeing ballots for the 2014 Board of Directors election soon. Election ballots will be arriving to your inbox on May 7th and will remain open until May 31st, 2013.

Please take a moment to help shape your national leadership team. We will be voting on the following positions: President-Elect, Treasurer, Member at Large, and Nominating Committee (2 openings).

We encourage your participation — let your voice be heard!

The GAPNA Website: Ready for Mobile Devices

The GAPNA Website has been redesigned in Responsive Web Design (RWD)*. This new design applies a new strategy allowing the site to adjust layout and presentation based on the size of the screen being used - so mobile devices such as smartphones and iPads would see the content in a way better suited to them. It also rearranges content and navigation to maintain readability and ease of use (no more zooming and scrolling!).

The website will still look the same when viewed via traditional computer or laptop. The change will only be noticed when viewing via mobile devices.

Check it out!

**Responsive Web Design (RWD) is a web design approach aimed at crafting sites to provide an optimal viewing experience—easy reading and navigation with a minimum of resizing, panning, and scrolling—across a wide range of devices (from desktop computer monitors to mobile phones).*

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Connect with GAPNA members and other professionals through **the GAPNA Page on Facebook**.

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Our Invisible Patients

In your practice, have you encountered a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) older adult? You may have seen this person and not even known it. LGBT elders are largely invisible and come from all walks of life. Would you be alarmed if you knew that a segment of the patients you see each day report feeling vulnerable, afraid, and hide their private lives from you simply because they are a LGBT person?

At the upcoming **32nd Annual GAPNA Conference**, the LGBT focus group will debut a special session on the needs and health management for older LGBT persons. Join us in Chicago on Sept 18-21, 2013 to gain insights and skills on improving the health and well-being of the LGBT older adults you serve.

Session #321: Culturally Competent Advanced Nursing Care for Older Adults in the LGBT Community

Saturday, September 21st from 10:00am-11:30am

ProLibrary Gift Cards Now Available!

Yes, that is correct! You can now purchase gift cards in any amount from GAPNA's ProLibrary website. ***You must log in*** first by entering your email address and password (or create an account). Then click the “Purchase Gift Card” option under Your Account. You will need to enter the recipient's email address, the amount of the gift card, and your payment information. It's that simple!

Purchase a gift card or visit our ProLibrary site

GAPNA Awards for Excellence

GAPNA will recognize the outstanding contributions of APNs by conferring five National Awards for Excellence. They include: Clinical Practice; Leadership; Research; Education; and Community Service.

We implore you to please take a moment to consider nominating an APN that demonstrates excellence in the care of older adults. These prestigious awards are open to the membership, who may be nominated or may self-nominate for one or more categories. All application deadlines are June 1, 2013, and **submission details can be found here**. The award recipients will be notified by July 15th and recognized at the Awards Dinner on Friday evening during the Annual Dinner in Chicago, IL at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers from September 18-21, 2013. All recipients are encouraged to attend.

Thank you for taking the time to submit a brief letter about a deserving peer, employee, faculty member, student, or yourself. We look forward to hearing from you!

GAPNA's Awards Committee

You are subscribed to GAPNA's eAlert, a publication for GAPNA members and colleagues. From time-to-time, you will receive an e-mail such as this one with important news and information relevant to gerontological nursing. If you wish to update your email address, please do so by ***editing your profile*** *on the GAPNA website. If you would like to unsubscribe from the GAPNA eAlert,* ***click here****.*

The Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) is the organization of choice for advanced practice nurses who want to pursue continuing education in gerontological care and who seek peer support from experienced clinicians.

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