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"April 29th ... We Look Forward to Seeing You."
-- Mary Dellorso, NEONP President.

From the Desk of NEONP President Mary Dellorso

Annual NP Conference Reminder... April 29, 2011. NEONP's Annual NP Conference "Caring for the NP Patient: From A to Zzzz" is only days away on Friday, April 29th. Our conference will provide you with relevant information and plenty of opportunities to network with peers, health care organizations and exhibitors. You can download a brochure and register on our website at neonp.org. We look forward to seeing you.

All of us "drink from wells we have not dug." As Nurse Practitioners, we owe a debt of gratitude to the pioneers who have gone before us. We also bear the responsibility of educating and mentoring those NPs who go forward and will continue delivering high-quality, cost-effective health care. The NPs of this century will continue to be life-time learners, developing evidence-based best practices. What is different about that? Isn't that what we do for our patients every day? The difference is, in this century, NPs will deliver that care with the full legal authority to do so. Toward this end, I encourage you to educate yourself and promote The Consensus Model for APRN Regulation (ncsbn.org). The consensus model promotes national standards that will define NP education, certification, licensure and title protection which will allow NPs to practice to the full extent of our education and experience. I strongly encourage you to hold membership in both NEONP and the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses because it is our legislative voice in Ohio. OAAPN was originally formed as an offshoot of NEONP to focus on legislative matters crucial to the advancement of advanced practice nurses in Ohio. Many of us practiced when we did not have title protection and we were often called: clinical assistants, clinicians, physician extenders or mid-level practitioners. Many of us practiced for many years without prescriptive authority writing: verbal orders, standing orders, asking doctors to sign our prescriptions. It is because of the dedicated grassroots efforts of OAAPN, our lobbyists (Yes, we now have two!), our supporters, educators and activists that we attained recognition, title protection and prescriptive authority in Ohio. When you think about "the wells you have not dug," think about the future we are creating now and your role in it.

Congratulations Dr. Loretta Ford. Dr. Ford developed the first NP program at the University of Colorado in 1965. She will be formally inducted into the prestigious National Women's Hall of Fame on October 1st, 2011, in Seneca Falls, New York.

Congratulations Lou Ann Bailey. The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners has selected and will officially name NEONP member Lou Ann Bailey an AANP Fellow this year in June. We appreciate Lou Ann's continued leadership and contributions to our profession.

Be More Visible with NEONP

We hope to be more visible. One of the ways is to get involved. NEONP is asking members to bring in a pair of socks for a “Sock Drive” at future meetings. Socks will be donated to the **Care Alliance** of Cleveland. After NEONP members donated blankets this past holiday, the Care Alliance staff shared the need for socks for patients they serve, many who are diabetic. We plan to deliver the socks this fall.

Another way to be more visible is to add or update your information in NEONP’s online “**Directory for Healthcare Consumers**” for 2011 on our website by [clicking here](#). This is a free membership benefit and a great way to connect with patients and other professionals.

-- *Marta Flood, NEONP President Elect*

Ad Hoc Mentorship Committee

Are you a new graduate Nurse Practitioner? A novice in your specialty area? Ever wish you had a mentor? NEONP is planning to discuss the formation of a formal mentorship program for its membership. If you would like to be a part of this committee or are just interested in the concept and want to have input, or even if you want to get onto a waiting list to be a mentor or mentee, email me by [clicking here](#).

-- *Mary Dellorso, NEONP President*

Researchers Seek NP Opinions

Medical Marketing Research Inc. is conducting a study with Nurse Practitioners concerning analgesics for patients with acute and chronic pain. The company would like NPs to review a website offering “resources and tools for responsibly prescribing opioids” and take part in a 10-minute phone interview. If you are interested, call MMR at 1-888-221-9684 and refer to **Study #11-003**. You must have internet access during the phone interview. A \$25 honorarium is offered for your time.

April 29, 2011 Event is Next

NEONP Programming Report

NEONP’s Annual NP Conference “**Caring for the NP Patient: From A to Zzzz**” will be on Friday, **April 29th**. Our annual Nurse Practitioner conference provides ample opportunities to share and learn about the latest information and opportunities, while networking with our peers. Members and non-members may register securely online on NEONP’s website at neonp.org where you can also download and print out the detailed conference brochure.

On Saturday, May 21st, the Ohio Chapter of the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) will be hosting its third annual Statewide Continuing Education Day “**Building Skills and Advancing Excellence in Geriatric Care**” in Columbus, Ohio. For details, visit NEONP’s professional events calendar by [clicking here](#).

Thank you to all who attended NEONP’s March membership-breakfast meeting. **Dr. Luke Acree** started our meeting off with a review of Dyslipidemia and participation led to insightful dialog among members. While Dr. Acree will no longer be in our region, we look forward to working with his partners again in the future.

NEONP Membership Breakfast-Program Meetings are held regularly at the **Kaiser Permanente Regional Service Center’s** Administrative Building Conference Room, 5410 Lancaster Drive, in Brooklyn Heights.

NEONP’s membership meetings are free to attend and members are encouraged to bring a professional or student guest. Ideas for future NEONP programs are always welcomed. If you have a suggestion or a program proposal, please contact **Marta Flood, Nancy Lyberger** or **Lucy Thomas**.

For the latest event information, visit NEONP’s website at neonp.org and click on “Calendar of Professional Events” in the left-hand column.

Renew or Join NEONP Securely Online... Elizabeth Did!

If you haven't yet, there's still time for you to renew your NEONP membership this year, or join for the very first time securely online. You'll be in excellent company!

At newsletter presstime, Elizabeth Daly, Juli Digby, Linda Garea, Vanessa Giancola, Christen Gunder, Kristin Johnson, Gretchen Kuhlman, Kathleen Lupica, Shirley McIntosh, Alma Olson and Heather Shahan joined or renewed their NEONP memberships online (to name just a few).

To join or renew for 2011 securely online, visit NEONP's website today. While you're thinking of it, [click here](#). You'll help save time, money, a tree and you'll be in excellent company!

New NP Opportunities in Ohio Advertised Online at NEONP.org

If you or someone you know is "in the market" for that next professional opportunity, then the Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners official website is where you want to look online. Our website address is NEONP.org - NEONP's website features part-time and full-time positions for NPs in a variety of healthcare settings in Northern Ohio. At presstime, NP openings are located in **Middleburg Heights, Strongsville, Toledo, Westlake** and the **Wooster/Wayne County** area. To review the latest opportunities, [click here](#).

If your organization is hiring and would like to place an online recruitment ad with NEONP, email **Stephen FitzGerald** at steve@neonp.org to have your opening(s) featured online with the Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners.

How to Contact NEONP's 2010-11 Leadership

There are three ways to contact officers, board members and committee chairs of the Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners. One (and the quickest way) is to send an email to info@neonp.org and it will be promptly routed to its addressee. Two, you may leave a message (and also check for recorded member meeting updates) by calling 216-556-5892. And third (but slowest), you may write to our USPS address: Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners, Post Office Box 688, Twinsburg, OH 44087.

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For information about NEONP's website (neonp.org), this newsletter or to learn more about online recruitment advertising with NEONP, email Stephen FitzGerald by [clicking here](#).

Ohio Board of Nursing News

The Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) is accepting applications for two positions on its Committee on Prescriptive Governance. One is for a Certified Nurse Practitioner and one is for a Clinical Nurse Specialist. The Board will make its appointments at its May 19th and 20th, 2011 meeting. The appointments for both positions are for one three-year term from June 2011 to June 2014. To be considered, an application and resume must be received by the OBN by the close of business on April 29, 2011. The application is available on the front page of the Board's website at www.nursing.ohio.gov.

National Certification in Ohio: As of February 1st, 2011, the OBN is requiring primary source verification of your advanced practice national certification. The OBN will no longer accept documentation of recertification from a COA holder. You must request that your national certifying organization notify the OBN directly of within 30 days of your recertification.

If you have any questions, contact the Ohio Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Unit at apn@nursing.ohio.gov or call (614) 466-6180.

Student-Run Free Clinic Coming in 2011

Case-Western Reserve University Schools of Nursing and Medicine plan to open a student-run free clinic in September of 2011. The purpose of this clinic is to expand access to free medical services for an underserved population.

Nursing and medical students will be involved in all aspects of patient care. All patients will be seen by the NP/MD prior to discharge. Liability will be covered through the Free Medical Clinic of Cleveland.

To volunteer or for more information about the planned free clinic, contact Lauren Singley, School of Nursing by [clicking here](#).

-- Mary Dellorso, NEONP President

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