



# Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners

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professional goal  
this year?"***

***-- Mary Dellorso,  
NEONP President.***

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## From the Desk of NEONP President Mary Dellorso

Happy 2011! I love the start of a new year. Every year, we are offered the gift of a fresh beginning, a time to evaluate, to commit and re-commit our time, attention and energy into what is most important to us. As you consider your personal and professional goals for this year (Perhaps you are working on a 5-year plan?), please consider active participation in NEONP as one of your goals. NEONP's Executive Committee members are committed to providing you with educational and networking opportunities. We want to encourage NP students and inspire NPs to succeed.

We appreciate NEONP member **Lucy Jury**, infectious disease NP who "shined" at our January NEONP meeting. She presented valuable information to us regarding MRSA infections and infection control issues.

What is your professional goal this year? Do you just need to be a little better informed about legislative matters, have you written to your Congressperson? Would you like to speak at an upcoming NEONP meeting or conference? Are you considering a different specialty or role? Do you need a mentor? Would you like to become a Fellow of the AANP? How about contributing as a NEONP committee member or officer? Would you like to hang up your shingle and practice independently? Have you reserved your spot our annual Nurse Practitioners conference yet?

### 2011 NEONP Annual Conference

Our Conference Committee has put the finishing touches on our annual conference on April 29<sup>th</sup>. This year it's themed "Caring for the NP Patient: From A to Zzzz." I'm confident our annual conference will provide you with relevant information, the opportunity to network with other NPs and meet many exhibitors.

You can download the brochure and register securely online on our website at [neonp.org](http://neonp.org). We look forward to seeing you at our annual conference!

### Last But Not Least

NEONP congratulates OAAPN President Elect **Mary Jane Maloney** for receiving the 2011 AANP Nurse Practitioner State Award for Excellence!

## Time to Submit NEONP NP of the Year Nominations

Who deserves special recognition for their contributions to our profession? Letters of nomination to help NEONP select the recipient of the “Nurse Practitioner of the Year” award are now being taken.

“It is time for applications for Nurse Practitioner of the Year,” reports **Lenore Posedly**, Chair of NEONP’s Scholarship & NP of the Year Committee. “All letters need to be in by the first week of April 2011.”

Letters of nomination may be emailed to the Committee by [clicking here](#). The Nurse Practitioner of the Year will be announced at NEONP’s Annual NP Conference on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Blanket Drive Correction: Donated to Care Alliance

It was our intent to deliver the blankets last Thanksgiving to the homeless and needy who attended a dinner at the House of Blues, however they were not handed out at that time due to the number of people attending the event. Instead, shortly after Thanksgiving, they were donated to **Care Alliance** in Cleveland by NEONP’s **Lucy Thomas** and I.

Care Alliance staff were genuinely grateful for NEONP’s donation. A total of 97 blankets were collected and an additional donation of \$200 was given to help purchase additional needs for the clinic that serves basic care to those in need. It is our hope to make continued contributions to Care Alliance and other organizations reaching out to those in need. A special thank to **Roehm Middle School Council** for their generous donation of 15 hand-made blankets and an additional 30 blankets collected from the school’s staff and students.

-- **Marta Flood**, NEONP President Elect

*March 12, 2011 Event is Next*

## NEONP Programming Report

NEONP’s next membership-breakfast program will be Saturday, **March 12<sup>th</sup>**. The program will be “Dyslipidemia & Cardiovascular Diseases” presented by **Diala Harb**, Clinical Science Manager with the cardiovascular division of **Abbott Labs**. In addition, NEONP will provide information about the Consensus Model for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses at this meeting.

NEONP’s Annual NP Conference “Caring for the NP Patient: From A to Zzzz” will be on Friday, **April 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://neonp.org) where you can also download and print out the detail conference brochure.

On January 8<sup>th</sup>, **Lucy Jury** RN, CNP presented “MRSA & Related Infectious Disease Concerns” at our breakfast meeting. We thank her for her extremely informative presentation.

NEONP Membership Breakfast-Program Meetings are held on a regular basis at the **Kaiser Permanente** Regional Service Center in the Administrative Building Conference Room, 5410 Lancaster Drive, Brooklyn Heights, Ohio. Meetings are free to attend and members are encouraged to bring a professional or student guest.

Ideas for NEONP programs are always welcome. Contact **Marta Flood**, **Lucy Thomas** or **Nancy Lyberger** if you have a suggestion. For the most up-to-date programming and events information, visit NEONP’s website at [neonp.org](http://neonp.org) and click on “Calendar of Professional Events” in the left-hand column.

## Renew or Join NEONP Securely Online, Just Like...

After you read this and if you haven't yet, it's time to renew your annual NEONP membership for 2011, or join for the first time securely online. You'll be in great company! Just before press time, Susan Busch, Nancy Lyberger, Nnenna Nkemere, Laura Sadeghi, Patricia Summers and Beth Wilson joined or renewed their memberships online.

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 great company!

## Know Someone Looking? NP Jobs Advertised at NEONP.org

If you or someone you know is "looking" for that next opportunity, then the Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners official website is an excellent online job resource. The web 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. To review the latest available NP positions, [click here](#).

If your organization is hiring and would like to place an online recruitment advertisement, email Stephen FitzGerald at [steve@neonp.org](mailto:steve@neonp.org) to have your opportunity 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 fastest way) is to send an email to [info@neonp.org](mailto: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. Third, you may write to our USPS address: Northeast Ohio Nurse Practitioners, Post Office Box 688, Twinsburg, OH 44087.

President Mary Dellorso  
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Program Committee Co-Chairs Lucy Thomas, Marta Flood and Nancy Lyberger  
Scholarship and NP of the Year Committee Chair Lenore Posedly

For information about NEONP's website ([neonp.org](http://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 : Recertifications

Effective February 1, 2011, the **Ohio Board of Nursing** will require primary source verification for Advanced Practice Nurse national recertification. NPs must request that their national certifying organization notify the Board directly of national recertifications within 30 days of NP recertifications.

The Board will no longer accept documentation of recertification from NPs. If you have any questions, contact the **Ohio Board of Nursing Advanced Practice Unit** at [apn@nursing.ohio.gov](mailto:apn@nursing.ohio.gov) or call (614) 466-6180.

## Consensus Model Info at March 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting

The Consensus Model for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) was introduced in 2008, “to establish national standards for uniform regulation of APRNs in all states.” Nursing groups, including the AANP, ANCC and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) met last month to share ideas on how to adopt the Consensus Model.

As NPs, we deliver high-quality care and have been taught to be independent practitioners. The Consensus Model proposes uniformity of national standards for APRNs, licensure as independent practitioners with independent prescriptive authority. Forty-eight nursing groups have endorsed the Model which when adopted will eliminate the barriers many of us have and do contend with in our practices. We need to support this Model, unite and collaborate with other APRNs, educate ourselves, our Board of Nursing and our consumers.

Information on the Consensus Model will be available at our **March 12, 2011 NEONP** meeting. For more details about our upcoming membership meeting, [click here](#). If you are unable to attend, you can also go to [ncsbn.org](http://ncsbn.org) to learn more.

*-- Mary Dellorso, NEONP President*

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