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Jenny's Letter

.....by PNAQ President Jennifer Ashton

Our annual conference was held at the Brisbane Convention Centre on 8 to 10 October, 2009. The CSI theme saw us investigating and dissecting all topics thanks to the fantastic efforts of the Conference Convenors, **Vicki Livett and Ann Marie Allenson**, and office bearers from PNAQ committees across Queensland.

Delegates were spoilt for choice throughout the conference having to select from an amazing lineup of talented and diverse speakers and workshops. We are indebted to each and every presenter for generously giving their time and sharing their expertise and lived experiences. Our program was only finalised the week before conference as we frantically worked around the schedules of some truly busy people.



Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, The Honorable Paul Lucas

At the very last minute, we were delighted to be able to welcome the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, The Honorable Paul Lucas. The Deputy Premier spoke of developments in health care, patient care delivery systems, differing roles of health care professionals, the importance of standardisation of documentation between hospitals and the steps needed to fund health in Queensland. The Chief Nurse, Ms Pauline Ross gave an impressive impromptu



Chief Nurse, Ms Pauline Ross

address to the Thursday delegates of the Nurse Leaders and Nurse Educators Forums. We also welcomed Ms Leigh Anderson from New Zealand presenting on the World Health Organisation Surgical Checklist and lessons learnt at her facility. This will assist Queensland hospitals in implementing this tool in the very near future. PNAQ will continue to bring the best and brightest speakers to educate our members.

We were excited to be able to conduct a lengthy morning Strategic Branch Meeting on the first day of the conference prior to the afternoon workshops. This scheduling enabled Branches to have meaningful and current input into the Association and we were able to take recommendations and actions to the Annual General Meeting the following day. This allowed us a level of responsiveness in keeping with dynamic and changing times. One of the proposals was that this newsletter be available online without password protection. So welcome to this initiative! The next Strategic Branch Meeting will be held in Perth prior to the ACORN Conference.

I would like to give recognition and thanks to our committee members who are retiring from their roles for 2010.

They are:-

Ailsa Gillet who has given four years service to PNAQ as Past President and Country Liaison Officer (Ailsa continues as ACORN Director and Honorary Secretary ACORN);

Edwina Conroy who has given five years service as Education Chair; and

Michelle Loth who has given us two years service

as Secretary.

Special thanks to **Edwina Conroy** for her outstanding efforts. I have certainly enjoyed attending Education Sessions over the last two years and have seen the lengths to which she and her family go to provide a great learning atmosphere and networking and socialising opportunities for perioperative nurses. We are not losing her altogether and look forward to her continued involvement with PNAQ activities. Likewise, **Michelle Loth** was a terrific secretary who kept us all informed and on track. The organisation of the Friday night "Whodunnit?" game at Conference will go down in the annals as our most impressive yet due to Michelle's fantastic attention to detail. Thank you Michelle.

The Saturday Night "Villains, Victims & Valour" Awards Dinner was a real treat. The Best Costume winner went to Ms Cruella DeVille aka Joy Jensen whose lost puppies were outstanding!!!

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Of particular importance to us as an Association was the recognition and awarding of **PNAQ Life Membership to Ms Lyn Hill**. We were ecstatic to be able to honor her longstanding involvement and achievements at both the State and National level. We managed to keep this award a secret and it was great to see Lyn with an entire table of colleagues from Wesley Hospital to help acknowledge her outstanding contribution. Lyn had rekindled her involvement with the management committee at the AGM the previous afternoon and we are delighted that we can again benefit from her generosity and wisdom. I know you will all join with me in extending congratulations to Lyn as a worthy recipient of Life Membership. Speaking of PNAQ Life Members it was great to see PNAQ Life Members **Wenda Young** and **Judith Hewett** at the PNAQ Conference.

As we finished our conference and partied until the early hours everyone there just knew.....It's a great time to be a perioperative nurse!!!

Jenny



Elizabeth Strathdee & Emma Babao at the Leaders Workshop on Thursday



Stephen Born & Lois Hamlin working out "Whodunnit?" on Friday night



Joy Jensen, Dr John Yaxley and Kate Dickson

Found
A black shawl with a distinctive print was found at the conference ball. If this is yours please contact PNAQ.



Tim Brown with Jenny Ashton



Peta McIntyre



Cruella DeVille
Aka Joy Jensen



William McInnes with Lesley McDonald



Anne Maree Allanson & Vicki Livett in party mode



William McInnes with the Redcliffe Team, Horatio and Gil

Life Membership Award

Lyn Hill, Manager of the Perioperative Department at The Wesley Hospital, Brisbane was recently honoured with a life-time achievement award PNAQ.

Jenny Ashton, President of PNAQ, said Lyn was an achiever who displayed a generosity of spirit and humility of character.

"It is the quiet, knowing way she goes about her work that has earned her the respect of her colleagues and peers."

"Lyn is a role model to perioperative

nurses across both the private and public sectors and we are honoured to be able to learn from her as she continues with an active commitment to PNAQ."

Lyn said she felt privileged and honoured to represent perioperative nurses and nursing in Queensland. Of the award Lyn said, "thank you for the Certificate of Life Membership, it has been a privilege and an honour to represent perioperative nurses and perioperative nursing in Queensland."



Lyn (centre) receiving her award from Jenny Ashton (L) and Ailsa Gillett (R)

Annual Award Recipients

.....by Jenny Ashton

Each year PNAQ celebrate Perioperative nursing with annual awards. This year's recipients are as follows:-

Excellence in Perioperative Nursing

sponsored by Hoyland Medical and announced by Mr David Gray
Recipient:- Peta McIntyre, Clinical Facilitator Mater Health Services

Team Award sponsored by Johnson & Johnson and announced by Mr Adam Sandler

Recipient:- Northside Consortium of Perioperative Introductory Program (PIP)

Novice Perioperative Nurse sponsored by 3M and announced by Mrs Kym Dryden

Recipient:- Kasey Trieu, Anaesthetic Nurse, Royal Children's Hospital



Excellence in Perioperative Nursing recipient Peta McIntyre (centre), with Chris Whellum —Nursing Director Mater (Periop & Proc Services)(left) and John Hoyland, Hoyland Medical (right)



Team Award sponsored by Johnson & Johnson
Recipient :- Northside Consortium of Perioperative Introductory Program (PIP)

To access current Branch news and minutes of Branch meetings please email Kim Carr to obtain your password on:
webcorodinator@pnaq.net.au

Downs & South West News

The Downs and South West PNAQ branch held their AGM on Saturday October 24, 2009 at Toowoomba Hospital. Thanks for your hard work go to retiring Executive Members, Stephen Born and Janette Dixon.

The Branch has been surveying members about their involvement in PNAQ and how to ensure our organization is relevant to them.

The Branch is currently planning their **March 2010 Biannual Conference**, titled "Talkin' About My Generation".

The incoming Committee are:-
Executive Chair - Barbara Dearing
Secretary - Megan Twine
Treasurer - Leigh Cantwell
Country Liaison - Meredith White

Northern Branch News

The following members have been elected to the Northern Branch Committee:

Chairperson: Veronica Smith
Secretary: Melanie Keen
Treasurer: Meghan Kelly
Country Liaison: Kristy-Lee Taylor

Congratulations to all for your commitment and involvement. There is certainly strength in shared voices.

PNAQ Education Forum & General Meeting

All Things Laparoscopic

When: Saturday 5th December 2009
0830am to 1230pm

Where: Conference Room 2, CYMS Management Unit
Community Services Building, Mater Health Services
Annerley Rd, South Brisbane

\$0 members and \$10 non-members

Contact: To place a booking Email: pnaq@pnaq.net.au
Morning tea and light lunch provided

***General Meeting Agenda items to Jennifer Ashton at
pnaq@pnaq.net.au by 3rd December 2009 please***



Perioperative nurses, we need your help!

Self-assessment of competence provides an effective means that may assist perioperative nurses to maintain and improve their practice, by identifying strengths and areas for further improvement. The Revised Perceived Competence Scale (Rev-PCS) has been developed based on perioperative practise, (Gillespie et al, 2008) and we now wish to undertake further research, to scientifically test this scale.

Consequently, we are surveying all members of ACORN and would like to invite you as an ACORN member to complete a questionnaire about your perceptions of competence as an OR nurse.

This questionnaire has been mailed to you and we are seeking your cooperation in filling it out and returning it to us (in pre-paid envelope). The survey is anonymous, and your consent implied by the return of the completed survey form.

This research is jointly funded by the NSW Operating Theatre Association Inc. (NSW OTA) and the Perioperative Nurses Association of Queensland (PNAQ). It has ethics approval from Griffith University and the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS).

If you have any questions about this research please do not hesitate to contact one of us:

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