

NURSE PRACTITIONER ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Membership meeting

January 20, 2016

Save the Date for upcoming events in 2016

- March 15 Non-sponsored dinner. Lenore Resnick, PhD, CRNP, will speak on work at SWPA Environmental Health Project
- April 30 Spring Pharmacology Program – 9:00AM – 4:00PM at the Penn State Campus, Sharon PA. Presenter will be Wendy Wright, MS, ANP; 6 Pharm CEUs available
- May 12 Annual Banquet – Leslie Alzenman, MPM, director Refugee and Immigrant Services will speak on population health needs – Marriott, Cranberry Woods (Courtyard Pittsburgh North/Cranberry 100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township PA 16066.
- May 3 Lobby day – Harrisburg State Capitol – Hope it is a celebration!!

Updates from the President – Melody Ives

Prescription cards are available for patients without drug coverage.

Updates from Pennsylvania Legislation – Sheila Gealey

Need support for House legislation activity. Support coming from the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania for the bills. Also, now have support from the AARP nationally.

Senator Vance is in support of this bill and we will need to have her support for this bill. Karen Murphy, keynote speaker at the state conference, is a nurse and was promoted to Secretary of Health by Governor Wolfe. She is appointing nurses to relevant boards and Pennsylvania state Committees: Mary Jo Cerepani and Lorraine Bock are members of state level committees as are several others. Other offers are coming – remember you can't be part of the making decisions to change health policy if you aren't where the decisions are made. Numbers for Medicare patients is higher than national average in PA for the cost per patient. There are 600,000 eligible patients for Medicare in PA, which makes this an important decision for legislators.

Half of the legislators are up for re-election this year and we all need to contact our legislators. Contact your legislator for support of this bill and VOTE! They know if you vote; voters count.

Lobby Day – Date has been announced and it will be May 3rd, 2016. We're hoping this will be a celebration.

PCNP Report – Over 9,000 Nurse Practitioners in Pennsylvania, 1,725 NPs in PA.

Date is not available but will be soon, and we will spread the word as soon as the date is set. Hope to have a large group attending from NPASP. If you haven't already liked the facebook page, please do so.

Lorraine Bock has resigned from her position at the state and has moved to the private section. Will allow her to advocate for us more freely now.

It is every member's responsibility to encourage other NPs to join our group and be a part of recruitment. Please circulate info about us via facebook, twitter and by word of mouth!

Respectfully submitted,
Gerri Maurer