

## NURSE PRACTITIONER ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Membership meeting

March 15, 2016

### Save the Date for upcoming events in 2016

- April 30 Spring Pharmacology Program – 9:00AM – 4:00PM at the Penn State Campus, Sharon PA. Presenter will be Wendy Wright, MS, ANP; Application submission has been sent to the state for 6.0 Pharm CEUs
- 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!!

Agenda:

### Message from the President –

There are flyers for the Pharm Conference in Erie on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please take a copy with you. Also, pamphlets about joining NPASP – please take some and circulate so we can increase our membership.

### Meeting information:

Lobby Day is coming Tuesday, May 3, 2016, – there is a van being organized; can hold 23, and 16 spaces are spoken for. Cost is \$35.00 per person. The bus leaves at 5:00 AM and returns at 5:00 PM. Contact Melody if you are interested in riding on the bus.

Annual Banquet is May 12<sup>th</sup>, at Cranberry Woods. Details with RSVP information will be coming. A representative from refugee services will be speaking about needs and health care issues we will be seeing with this population.

Annual Conference will be in the Poconos in November, 2016. We hope people will plan to attend. We'd like to see a good number of NPs from Southwest attend.

Sheila was not able to attend but Eileen reported for Sheila. Big push to get on the bus!!! For Lobby day on May 3<sup>rd</sup>! Bills for Full Authority for NPs in PA are in committee for both the Senate and House of Representatives. Paper with talking points passed out; can also find them on our webpage. The Senate bill is in committee and is expected to pass. Our friend, Senator Pat Vance is retiring and the bill is expected to pass in honor of her. The House bill is also in committee, and we really need everyone to step forward and contact their state representative asking for support when it goes to a vote. We need as many NPs as possible to go to Harrisburg on Lobby Day. There are 9,000 NPs in PA and if only 10% go to Harrisburg it will be very impressive. We need a cohesive group to participate! So get on the bus!

Media matters – another way to keep informed and participate is to join our facebook page and participate. If half of the hospitals or agencies are represented, that is also a powerful number.

Nominations for offices will be coming up. Contact MJ if you are interested in running for office.

Offices for re-election this year are:

Vice-president – Joan Gregory (ending first term) is eligible to run for a second term – Contact MJ if you are interested in running for vice-president

Secretary – Gerri Maurer (ending first term) is eligible to run for a second term – Contact MJ if you are interested in running for secretary

50/50 drawn (Amy Stryker – Lima) and gift card for members attending (Denise Ramponi) was drawn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerri Maurer