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NANN Joins Discussions on Climate Change

I have had the opportunity twice to represent neonatal nurses and NANN at the White House involving discussions on the importance of mitigating the effects of Climate Change to protect public health. The first meeting was in May 2016 when I, as a representative of NANN, joined 18 other nursing organizations in a meeting with the Obama administration and the EPA regarding how the role of nurses will be affected by the health effects of climate change; and again on January 12 with the then Administrator of the EPA, Gina McCarthy.

The January meeting included NANN's current President Lori Brittingham, and many of the same nurses who had met in May. The meeting was organized by the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments for a signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the EPA to continue an ongoing partnership with nurses to collaborate on the health challenges we will be facing from the effects of climate change.

As neonatal nurses we must prepare ourselves through education and collaboration with other stakeholders to support pregnant moms and infants with the multiple health challenges they may experience as a result of the diverse effects from climate change. Research has identified a growing number of health concerns such as: an increase in vector borne diseases like the Zika virus, an association of preterm births due to extreme temperatures and the delivery of low birth weight infants to moms exposed to air pollution. NANN took a first step by being at the table. Now, as NANN and SMANN members we should continue the dialogue as well as educate ourselves and our colleagues on the health implications of climate change.

If you would like more information on ANHE go to the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments website.

www.envirn.org

Joyce Stein BSN RN

NANN in Washington D.C.



May 25, 2016

January 12, 2017




Membership Update

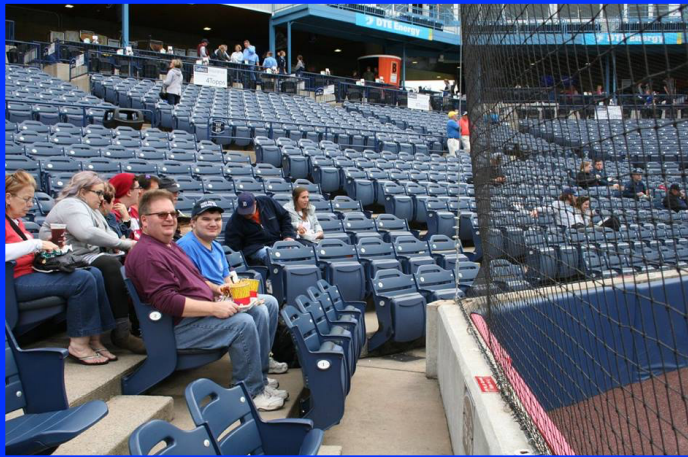
NANN recently upgraded portions of their website, specifically the online store and membership join and renew processes. We wanted to make you aware of functionality differences that will result in some chapter-related changes.

Joining a NANN chapter is easier! When a nurse joins NANN online, they will now experience a more user-friendly process for becoming a member. Included in this process is the opportunity to join *any* chapter, not just the one determined closest by zip code. What used to be a separate process, is now an integrated part of the membership join process and members can join a chapter before completing their membership order (see screenshot below).

Chapter dues no longer prorated. Current members can also join a chapter at any time, however, if not completed at the same time as joining or renewing their NANN membership, dues will no longer be prorated and will run on a separate 12-month renewal schedule. Additionally, chapter membership will be separate from NANN membership unless they call NANN Member Services to combine them. This means a current member who joins a chapter will need to renew their chapter membership separately. The vast majority of members join their chapter when they join NANN so we don't anticipate this being a huge issue, but in order to shorten any learning curve with the new process, **please renew your chapter membership at the same time as you renew your NANN membership.**



Whitecaps Game/Fundraiser





Advocacy Update

I have subscribed to Staying Abreast Weekly and these are portions of those that I found interesting to what is going on either in the news or affects nursing staff and families.

New Drug Recommendations for Children and Breastfeeding Mothers, from FDA

The Food and Drug Administration is [restricting the use of medications containing Codeine and Tramadol](#) in children and is also recommending against their use in breastfeeding mothers due to possible harm to their infants. As a result, several changes are being made to the labels of all prescription medicines containing these drugs, including the addition of a strengthened Warning to mothers that breastfeeding is not recommended when taking codeine or tramadol medicines due to the risk of serious adverse reactions in breastfed infants. These can include excessive sleepiness, difficulty breastfeeding, or serious breathing problems that could result in death.

Federal News

Friendly Airports for Mothers (FAM) Act Reintroduced, from Congress

The Friendly Airports for Mothers (FAM) Act has been introduced in both Houses of Congress. This bipartisan legislation would require all large and medium hub airports to provide a private, non-bathroom space in each terminal for mothers to express breast milk. The space must be accessible to persons with disabilities, available in each terminal building after the security checkpoint, and include a place to sit, a table or other flat surface, and an electrical outlet. Airports would have two years to comply and would be able to use Airport Improvement Program funds for the purpose of complying with the new requirement.

A sincere thanks you to co-sponsors Senators Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Deb Fischer (R-NE), and Claire McCaskill (D-MO) and Congressman Steve Knight (R-CA) for championing this important bill!

Media Highlights:

¥ Senator Tammy Duckworth Press Release: ["Ahead of Mother's Day, Duckworth, Fischer, McCaskill & Knight Re-Introduce Bipartisan Friendly Airports for Mothers Act"](#)

¥ Congressman Steve Knight Press Release: ["Knight introduces bipartisan measure to help nursing mothers at airports"](#)

USBC Resources:

¥ Fact Sheet: [Help Traveling Families Stay Healthy: Ensure Airport Accommodations for Nursing Mothers](#)

¥ Webpage: [Friendly Airports for Mothers \(FAM\) Act](#)

Pregnant Workers Fairness Act Reintroduced, from Congress

Senators Dean Heller (R-NV), Bob Casey (D-PA) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Representatives Jerrold Nadler (NY-10) and Mike Coffman (CO-06) have reintroduced the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) with bipartisan support. The bill would protect pregnant workers from workplace discrimination by addressing legal ambiguities and helping ensure that pregnant women are treated fairly on the job. The bill is modeled after the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and would require employers to make reasonable accommodations, such as a minor job modification, that would allow pregnant workers to

continue working and prevent them from being forced out on leave or out of their jobs. The bill also prohibits employers from denying employment opportunities to women based on their need for reasonable accommodations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

Media highlights:

¥ Senator Dean Heller Press Release: "[Heller, Colleagues Reintroduce Bipartisan Pregnant Workers Fairness Act](#)"

¥ Representative Mike Coffman Press Release: "[Reintroduced: Bipartisan Pregnant Workers Fairness Act](#)"

Member and partner highlights:

¥ MomsRising Action Alert: "[U.S. Congress: 'Support the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act!'](#)"

¥ National Women's Law Center:

◦ Fact Sheet: "[The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act: Making Room for Pregnancy on the Job](#)"

◦ Action Alert: "[Urge Your Member of Congress to Support the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act](#)"

¥ 9to5 Action Alert: "[Make sure your legislators cosponsor the FAMILY ACT!](#)"

Return on Investment for Breastfeeding Support, from World Bank Group

The World Bank Group released the report "[Unleashing Gains in Economic Productivity with Investments in Nutrition](#)." The report indicated an increase of nutritional interventions would benefit the lives of those living in low and middle income countries. The investment of basic breastfeeding promotion is estimated to yield \$298 billion over a 10 year period in those countries. The World Bank anticipates a return on investment of \$35 for every dollar spent on the exclusive breastfeeding.

Special Issue, from *Childhood Obesity*

The journal *Childhood Obesity* has released a [special issue](#) focused on the first 1,000 days of life. Breastfeeding is highlighted in the issue's introduction, "[Childhood Obesity Risk and Prevention: Shining a Lens on the First 1000 Days](#)." In addition, the issue contains two articles related to breastfeeding: "[Age at Introduction to Solid Foods and Child Obesity at 6 Years](#)" and "[Breastfeeding Reduces Childhood Obesity Risks](#)."

Paid Leave Plan Proposed within Trump Budget, from The White House

President Trump has released his [FY2018 budget](#), which includes a proposal to provide six weeks of paid family leave to new mothers and fathers, including adoptive parents. Using the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system as a base, states would be required to provide six weeks of parental leave. The proposal gives states broad latitude to design and finance the program, and is offset by a package of reforms to the UI system. The proposal does not provide access to paid leave for people facing their own or family members' illness and treatment. There is substantial concern that the proposal relies upon states' exceedingly limited unemployment insurance benefits programs.

Media highlights included:

¥ Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro press release: "[DeLauro: Trump's Plan for Paid Leave Will Not Help the Majority of Americans](#)"

¥ *Medium* blog post from Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand: "[America needs a real national paid family and medical leave plan](#)"

¥ *The Washington Post*: "[U.S. could get first paid family leave benefit under Trump](#)"

budget proposal"

¥ CNN: ["Trump's budget to include paid family leave, but may face trouble in Congress"](#)

Member and partner highlights included:

¥ MomsRising press release: ["Trump Administration's Paid Leave Proposal 'Terribly Flawed, Would Leave Millions of Families Behind and Falls Far Short of What Our Country Needs'"](#)

¥ National Partnership for Women & Families press release: ["Trump's 'Phony and Truly Dangerous' Paid Leave Plan Would 'Do More Harm Than Good,' Women's Leader Warns"](#)

¥ CLASP statement: ["Trump's Parental Leave Plan: Pitting the Unemployed against Working Families"](#)

A recent check of the [govtrack.us](#) from NANN's website revealed S.1148 The Crib Act in which there would be an amendment to title XIX of the Social Security Act that would provide for medical assistance at a residential pediatric recovery center to infants under 1 year of age with neonatal abstinence syndrome and their families.

Jane Koole, RN



!TRIVIA!

Fundraising Event

October 29, 2017

George Murphy's
36000 7 Mile Rd
Livonia 48152

**Raffling off fun prizes
too!**

**\$150 First Place
Prize**

2nd place=\$100

3rd= \$75

A percentage of all food and
drink sold will be donated to
the organization. All proceeds
benefit the organization.

**\$20 per person to play
Bring your own team or come
join a team!**

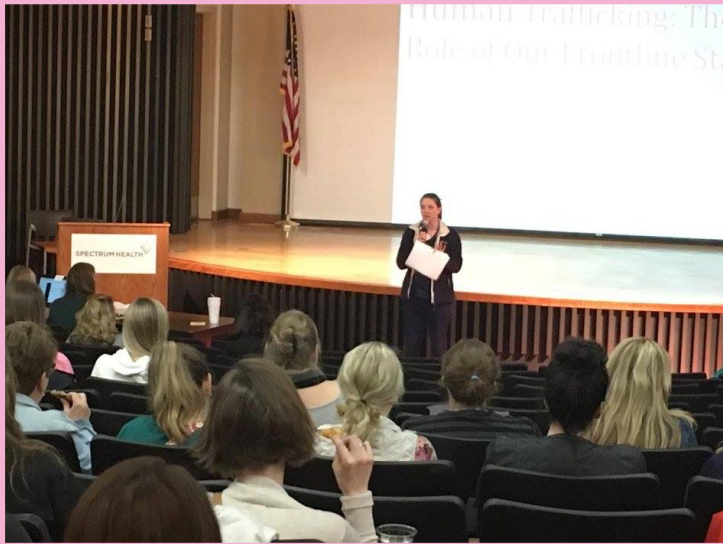
***Raising Money for Camp
Michi-MAC***

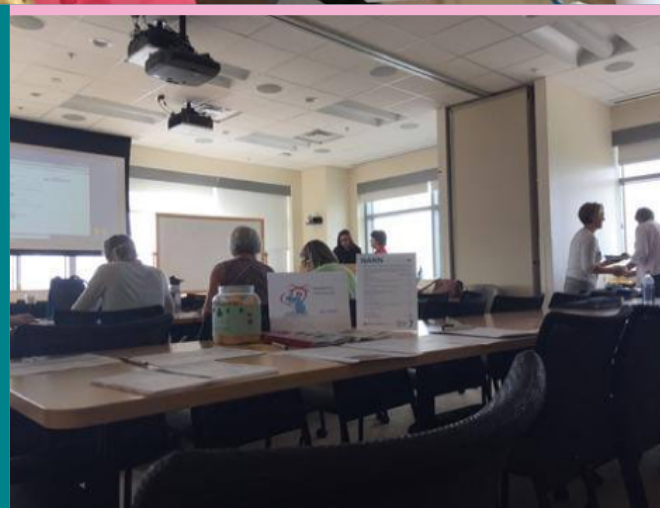
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2:30 p.m. Start Time

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West Side CE Event





Eastside Event

SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 15, 2017

BRAVO CUCINA ITALIANA
17700 Haggerty Road
Livonia 48152

east side holiday dinner

6 p.m.



Calendar of Events

JANUARY 31	CE EVENT/DINNER ROSE'S RESTAURANT: CANTON	
FEBRUARY 7	BOARD MEETING	
MARCH 5	TRIVIA FUNDRAISER GEORGE MURPHY'S LIVONIA	
MARCH 7	BOARD MEETING	
MARCH 28-29	SMANN ANNUAL CONFERENCE FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN	
MAY 2	BOARD MEETING	
MAY 17	CE EVENT/BUSINESS MEETING UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	
AUGUST 12	SMANN ANNUAL GARAGE SALE	
AUGUST 15	BOARD MEETING	
SEPTEMBER 19: West Side SEPTEMBER 20: East Side	CE EVENT/BUSINESS MEETING/BISTRO BELLO VITO CE EVENT/BUSINESS MEETING/MAGGIANOS (TROY)	
SEPTEMBER 26	BOARD MEETING	
OCTOBER 11-13	NANN ANNUAL CONFERENCE	
NOVEMBER 8	BOARD MEETING	
NOVEMBER 15	SMANN HOLIDAY DINNER (EAST/WEST SIDE)	



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