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OTHER MEETINGS OF INTEREST

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Meeting Information: 1st or 2nd Wed of each month, location varies, Education, dinner. Registration 5pm Program 6-8pm
Pre-registration required.

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America
Boardwalk Seminar April 26 and 27, 2007 Bally's Atlantic City: Registration and information at
<http://www.atlanj.org/nj/>

HISTORY OF NJ AALNC

The Morristown NJ Chapter was established in 1997 to provide members with continuing education and networking opportunities at the local level in support of AALNC's mission and Goals

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URGENT REQUESTS!!!

Margo Pueraro from the Education Committee requesting submissions for topics of interest and speakers are needed! She needs help with getting CEUS through the Nursing Commission for CEU credits for RN, CCM and CRRN. Please contact her at mplnc@verizon.net ASAP!



NJ AALNC NEWSLETTERS AND DIRECTORY

The National Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (NALNC) have an informative monthly newsletter on their LNC form to network with member peers and be listed in the LNC Directory.

Paulette Palazzolo, RN, CRRN, LCN Website: www.nalnc.org

Email: info@nalnc.org

Toll Free: 877-286-2562

IN THE NEWS (from AALNC)

<http://www.aalnc.org/about/inthe.news.cfm>

AALNC Certification: <http://www.aalnc.org/lnc/>

SOFTWARE PROGRAMS: Check out Lexis-Nexis Casemap software: Has a free trial program including case analysis tools:
<http://www.casesoft.com/casemap/casemap.asp>



AALNC 2007 National Educational Conference
Success: New Challenges - New Choices
April 25-28, 2007
Renaissance Austin
Austin, TX

General Information

On behalf of the American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (AALNC), we are pleased to invite you to the AALNC 2007 National Educational Conference in Austin, Texas. The program, which includes a wide variety of topics, has been designed to provide you with the latest information to help you advance your practice. Don't miss this opportunity to participate in three days of learning in sessions led by knowledgeable speakers, as well as networking events with peers and industry leaders.

More than 500 attendees who work in the legal nurse consulting field attend this conference, so you won't want to miss out! Whether you are an experienced legal nurse consultant or just starting out in the field, AALNC has a wide array of educational sessions to help you at every stage in your career.

These three days will bring you numerous opportunities to network, learn from the experts and explore the latest industry information in our ever-changing field. You'll have the opportunity to add to your knowledge base through in-depth educational sessions, keynote addresses, as well as mentoring sessions taught by our board members.

The AALNC National Educational Conference is the perfect place to expand your knowledge while interacting with your LNC peers. For more than 18 years, AALNC has been dedicated to the professional advancement of registered nurses practicing in a consulting capacity in the legal field, and we continue to lead the way today. If you are practicing as an independent practitioner or directly employed by a law firm, hospital, consulting firm or insurance company, the information provided at our conference is vital to furthering your career.

We look forward to greeting you at another successful conference this year. The knowledge you take home will enhance your career, and help you meet new challenges and make new choices.

We look forward to seeing you in Austin!

Plan to attend this conference if you are a:

- Legal nurse consultant
- Life care planner
- Case manager
- Risk manager
- Forensic nurse

- Insurance claims manager
- Professional involved in the medical litigation process

Conference Objectives

- Integrate new approaches and techniques into the LNC's everyday practice
- Recognize and discuss current trends and controversies in the medical and legal fields.
- Network with other medical and legal professionals.

Continuing Education Credit

Earn continuing education credits while you learn! The AALNC National Educational Conference is the only conference for legal nurse consultants that offers you the opportunity to earn continuing education credits from multiple programs. To earn contact hours: An entire session must be attended to receive credit. The total number of contact hours awarded is determined by the number of sessions an individual completes. Please note that previously, one contact hour has been equal to 50 minutes of educational content; however, as of January 1, 2007 the ANCC (American Nursing Credentialing Center) equates 60 minutes of educational content to one contact hour. A Continuing Education Self-Report Form to track contact hours earned will be provided to each participant in their registration bag in Austin. For more information about contact hours, please contact AALNC Headquarters by calling 877/402-2562 or send an e-mail to info@aalnc.org.

Illinois Nurses Association

AALNC is an approved provider of continuing education by the Illinois Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This continuing education program was approved for up to 24.7 nursing contact hours. Sessions marked "INA" indicate those approved for nursing contact hours.

Approximate Nursing Contact hours:

Pre-Conference Workshops – up to 7.7 contact hours

Keynote/General/Concurrent Sessions – up to 17 contact hours

Commission for Case Manager Certification

AALNC will apply for approval of 24.7 continuing education hours from the Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC). Sessions marked "CCM" indicate those which will be submitted for approval under the CCMC requirements.

Approximate CCM Continuing Education hours

Preconference Workshops - up to 7.7 contact hours

Keynote/General/Concurrent Sessions - 17 contact hours

Continuing Legal Education

The State Bar of Texas allows attorneys to self-report for CLE credit. CLE activities may be approved upon written application by attorneys on an individual program basis. For more information, please visit www.texasbar.com.

Legal Nurse Consultant Certified

Sessions marked "LNCC" include topic areas that can be applied toward LNCC certification renewal by contact hours. These sessions will only be eligible for inclusion on an LNCC renewal if they are approved as nursing contact hours by INA.

Experience Counts: Become an LNCC

The Legal Nurse Consultant Certified (LNCC) designation is the sign of an experienced LNC - a designation that has to be earned through experience and demonstrated mastery of content. The LNCC program is the only LNC certification that is accredited by the American Board of Nursing Specialties and endorsed by AALNC, the industry's not-for-profit professional society.

The LNCC certification examination sponsored by the American Legal Nurse Consultant Certification Board will be held during the conference.

Eligibility criteria for the examination are:

- Current licensure as a registered nurse in the United States or its territories, with a full and unrestricted license
- A minimum of five years experience practicing as a registered nurse at the time of application
- 2,000 hours legal nurse consulting experience within the past three years at the time of application

The LNCC Exam will be offered on April 24, 2007, at the Renaissance Austin. The application postmark deadline is February 24, 2007. The certification exam will also be offered May 5, 2007 and October 13, 2007 at sites nationwide. The application deadlines are March 10, 2007 and August 18, 2007, respectively.

NATIONAL AALNC CONVENTION AND LNCC EXAMINATION

The next LNCC exam takes place on April 24, 2007 at the AALNC 2007 National Educational Conference at the Renaissance Austin. Registration AALNC.com

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

2006 Member-Get-A-Member Program

As a member, you know the many personal and professional benefits AALNC offers to legal nurse consultants. And as AALNC continues to grow, our influence will expand and our voice will be heard well beyond the medical and legal fields. By sponsoring new members, you help strengthen your association *and* your profession. Plus, sponsors earn valuable rewards - both individually and by chapter!

The AALNC Member-Get-A-Member Program has three components - Individual Rewards, Chapter Rewards, and a Grand Prize Reward.

Individual Rewards

You will receive one point for every individual you recruit for national AALNC membership. To receive credit for your recruitment, the **new member must enter your name into the "Name of Sponsoring Member" field** on the online membership application and you must be a national AALNC member in good standing. If your recruit is using a paper application, be sure that your name is printed on the application as "Sponsor".

NOTE: Any new national AALNC members you recruit also count toward the Chapter Rewards.

You may request a reward once you have accumulated 3 points. Or, you may let your points accumulate throughout 2006 and redeem them at the end of the year (all points for 2006 must be redeemed by January 31, 2007 or they will be forfeited).

Level I: Ascot Prize Collection

Sponsor 3 New Members (earn 3 Points) to collect one of the Level I prizes!
[Click here to view the Ascot Prize Collection](#)

Level II: Bristol Prize Collection

Sponsor 5 New Members (earn 5 Points) to collect one of the Level II prizes!
[Click here to view the Bristol Prize Collection](#)

Level III: Chancellor Prize Collection

Sponsor 10 New Members (earn 10 Points) to collect one of the Level III prizes!

[Click here to view the Chancellor Prize Collection](#)

Chapter Rewards

Chapter Rewards will be granted based on the number of new national AALNC members recruited by members of your local chapter through December 31, 2006. Two Chapter Rewards will be given - one based on the percentage increase in membership and the other on the increase in number of members. This gives both small and large chapters a great opportunity to win!

NOTE: Any new members you recruit will count toward the Chapter Rewards only if: a) they have paid their dues in full to AALNC National Headquarters; and b) they have not been a national member of AALNC within the preceding 12 months.

Category I Chapter Reward:

Largest percentage increase in national membership in calendar-year 2006.

[Winning Chapter will receive a Complete Chapter Resource Library!](#)

Category II Chapter Reward:

Most new national members in calendar-year 2006.

[Winning Chapter will receive a Complete Chapter Resource Library!](#)

Grand Prize Reward - One Free Registration to the 2007 AALNC Conference in Austin, TX!

All members who recruit a **minimum of two** new national AALNC members during 2006 will be entered into a drawing for one complimentary registration to attend the 2007 National Educational Conference in Austin, TX.

NEW EIGHT LEARNING MODULES FOR 2007

NEW for 2007! AALNC is proud to announce the launch of its *Legal Nurse Consulting Online Course*. All **eight modules are now available!** This exciting new course provides an interactive learning experience for individuals interested in the unique field of legal nurse consulting. Please view the topic areas below for detailed information about this new course!

<http://www.aalnc.org//onlinelearning/index.cfm>

LINKS OF INFORMATION FROM AALNC

Web sites have been selected by AALNC because they are found to contain valuable information. Please be aware that these sites are not maintained in any way by AALNC. We cannot guarantee their availability or their usefulness and accuracy. If you have an idea for a link, please contact Emily DiTommaso at

info@aalnc.org.

http://www.aalnc.org/edupro/related_links.cfm

New Jersey Law Network

Link for directory of notices to the BAR, the New Jersey Layer Newspaper highlighting feature articles from the NJ State Bar's Publication and the New Jersey Law Journal now offered through Law.com. which includes the NJ Lawyers Directory, NJ Law Question and Answer Forums and a legal career center link.

<http://njlawnet.com/lawnews.html>

Legal Career Expo Spring Program March 5-10 2007

Conference recordings available in two weeks online.

Also has a career and practice articles database.

<http://www.legalcareerexpo.com/>

National and International Information

The American Lawyer, Business Law Today, Court News, JURIST: The Legal Education Network. Law. Com, The National Law Journal, The Lawyer.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REQUEST:

Any published articles written by the NJAALNC membership can be submitted for future newsletters.

Spring is here! The Newsletter Committee is looking for any submissions for future newsletters. If you have any ideas, submissions, suggestions, events, articles of interest, web sites, announcements, please forward to pmolinarin@optonline.net or turqeyes@aol.com

'The Power of Networking'

By Karen Cebulko RN BSN LNCC CNLCP

One never knows who may be listening...and you can be sure that if someone hears something that interests them, their ears perk up! Every time you engage in a conversation with another individual, networking and educating someone about you, is taking place. Networking can be simply looked at as interacting with another person. Networking is the key to any successful business, because the saying, 'People Refer to People', rings true. When a colleague, friend or family member recommends a person, the person trusts the recommendation, because it is from someone they know and respect. Getting a personal referral by word of mouth is the most powerful recommendation you can get.

As an LNC, we are in the honeymoon stage of an industry that will be exploding over the next 10 years. Just as the areas of clinical nursing practice have continued to expand and specialize, so will the roles of nurses working within the legal field. As we educate the rest of the world as to our unique knowledge and skills through networking, we also set the foundation for the future of legal nurses. As each of you go out into the world each day, every person who you interact with is a potential client or is an individual who may know a potential client.

When you become a member of a professional organization, such as your local AALNC Chapter, you have begun the networking road for success in your target market. By attending the meetings, you show your peers your interest and commitment to the field of legal nursing. When you speak at the meeting, informally or formally, you are given the opportunity to articulate the strengths that you have to offer others. When you get involved in your chapter through board participation, committees or projects, you have the golden opportunity to develop professional relationships that will develop over time.

For it is that individual sitting next to you, in each and every meeting you attend, that work in the field of legal nursing everyday. It is those around the table that will hire you, refer you, teach you and befriend you.

Networking creates relationships. Networking provides opportunity to present yourself to others.

Networking expands your education, your resources, your peers and your friends. Networking is a powerful tool for success!

NJAALNC MEETINGS

The Rutgers Club 199 College Avenue

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Ph 732-932-7139

Dinner begins at 6pm followed by chapter meeting

COST: \$ 30.00 Members with advanced registration

\$ 35.00 Non-members with advanced registration

\$ 35.00 Walk in members

The NJAALNC Membership Directory has now been updated at

http://www.njaalnc.org/member_directory.html. ALL DUES MUST BE SUBMITTED ASAP IF OVERDUE OR YOU WILL NO LONGER BE ON THE DIRECTORY LISTING.

To make things easier for everyone, dues will be collected in May. Please ask Jane Heron from the Membership Committee to see when you are due at heronInc@optonline.net

Meeting dates: Subject to change and are notified by email by SAKSRN@aol.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

May 9, 2007 NJAALNC Sharon Martino on LNC Software Programs (with CEUS)

September 8, 2007: Topic to be announced

November 13, 2007: Geroqe Carnavale from Kessler re: Neuropsychology

LAST MEETING MARCH 20, 2007

Armand Bucci, Mediator from Praesto Group PO Box 565 Voorhess, NJ 08043 presented on Mediation Skills for the Health Care Professional.. It was an excellent presentation and references were provided by the New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators. Dinner was excellent as always!

The following websites were provided for further research:

New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators(NJAPM), www.njapm.org

Pennsylvania Council of Mediators (PCM). www.pamediatrion.org

Mediation Information and Resource Center, www.mediate.com

National Association for Community Mediation, www.nafcm.org

Association for Conflict Resoluton, www.acrnet.org

The following books were recommended:

Getting to Yes, Negotiating Agreement Without Giving IN , Roger Fisher and William Ury

Getting Past No, Negotiating Your Way from Confrontation to Cooperation: William Ury

Beyond Winning, Robert Mookin

Harvard Business Review on Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

The Dynamics of Conflict Resolution: A Practitioners Guide, Bernard Mayer

The Mediation Process, Christopher Moore

The Promise of Mediation, Robert Baruch Bush and Joseph Folger

How to Win Friends and Influence People, Dale Carnegie

The New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education from Robert Spangler invites to the 10th Anniversary Conference with workshops and interactive workshops on April 12, 2007 9-4pm at the Pines Manor in Edison. Ph 732-214-8500 fax 732-249-0383. Visit www.njicle.com to register online.

ALSO COMING:

Gerald Willams presents: The Complete Legal Negotiator on May 5, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Saddlebrook, NJ and Pamela Enders on Developing Mental Toughness: How to Perform Masterfully and Project Confidence in High Stress Situations Like Depositions, Negotiations & Trial June 2, 2007 at the New Jersey Law Center One Constitution Square New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

The New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators is offering an 18 hour Basic Civil Mediation Training on April 11, 18 and 24. Classes are limited to 24. \$ 750 registration includes breakfast, lunch, course materials and forms. Register before March 7, 2007 and save \$ 50. For more information, please phone Anthony Limitone, Jr, Esq APM at 973-539-6122 or email him at anthonylimitone@verizon.net. You can visit the website at www.njapm.org for more information, Mail payments to NJAPM 203 Towne Center Drive Hillsborough, NJ 08844.

They are also having a Divorce Mediation Seminar on May 5, 2007 at the New Jersey Law Center 1 Constitution Square New Brunswick, NJ 08901. inform@njapm.org

CENTRAL VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF THE AALNC are having a seminar at the University of Richmond T.C. William's School of Law on April 21, 2007 8am-5pm. CEUS available. For additional information and registration: <http://www.cvc-aalnc.org>. They will be discussing medical record review, legal nurse consulting-getting started, life care planning 101, ethical decision making and conflict of interests. A nationally known physician will also be discussing traumatic brain injury.

SOUTHWEST SERVICES: providing updates on New Jersey and Nursing Law Updates for 2007 in several sites of NJ.PH:1-800-58-7676, Cost \$ 69 and CEUS available.

National Dues for AALNC will now be due in December. This is to make tracking member renewals less time consuming. Beginning in 2007, all memberships will expires on 12/31/07. All dues will be prorated. All Active and associate chapter members **MUST** be national members of AALNC. Sustaining members do not needed to be national.

2007 LNCC Exam Dates

April 24, 2007, May, 5, 2007, October 13, 2007. Check the AALNC.com national site for postmark dates for Registration and eligibility guidelines.

Any new members please provide your email addresses so you can be receive the emails and newsletters!

From the President's desk....

Spring and the crocuses are finally blooming! March does bring many winds of change and the Morristown NJ AALNC is no exception. While our board continues to support our members, the board has realized that it is time to take the next step into streamlining the business of chapter membership. Annual dues and attendance at chapter meetings will soon be performed through our website. It is the intention of the board to facilitate an on line process for annual membership dues as well as attending the monthly chapter dinner meeting. The board has discussed and approved annual dues membership for all members to be collected in June, thus eliminating the month to month dues notices, e-mailings, USPS mail notices. New members will be welcome at any time and dues will be prorated as needed. For any comments please feel free to call the NJ AALNC at: 1-888-870-1161. I will be checking in to listen to your calls. While I can not attend the AALNC conference, I look forward to hearing from those members who are planning to attend. Safe travels to all! While many of you know that I am an O.R. Nurse, I did attend the annual Congress of AORN.

It is an intense week of seminars, networking with friends and colleagues as well as opportunities to see the latest in surgical advancements in the scientific exhibits.

Dianne McCorkle

March is National Women's History Month and a time for reflection and gratitude to those women who through their effort, sacrifice, compassion or passion have made their mark in history. One need only go to the library to read of the many women who have made a "difference". I am sure we all have our favorites.

National AALNC Conference News. There are still hotel rooms available and a long "to do" list of activities. These can be accessed directly from the: www.aalnc.org

Other news and notes:

Nursing licensure in New Jersey is now an online process. Licensure renewal will come via mail as it always has in the past. However, filing and paying for renewal is online. Every licensee is given instructions and a pin number in the mailing to complete the renewal process. There are questions to be answered similar to the renewal process by mail and some additional questions. All questions need to be answered before the online renewal can be completed. For those who do not have access to a computer there is a mailing option which requires notification of a mail renewal to the Board of Consumer Affairs.

From the New Jersey IAFN: April 18, 2007 (Wednesday) the NJ Chapter of the IAFN will hold a chapter meeting from 10am-12pm at the Middlesex Fire Academy, Sayreville, NJ. Guest Speaker: Dr. Jacqueline Lettie, Forensic Odontologist. No cost to attend. Light refreshments will be available. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. April 5th 2007 is "Day to End Sexual Violence" For more information go to: <http://www.nsvrsc.org/saam/2007.html>

For Sale:

PDR's for sale. Year 2000 and earlier. Handy if you are an independent LNC or have need for an inexpensive copy of a PDR. Contact Deborah West: dawest58@msn.com

SUBMISSIONS TO NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Submit any articles, ideas in a work document, Times Roman or New Roman Font and size 12. Next newsletter to be completed August 2007.