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A Busy But Productive Year.

As I approach the final few weeks of my term as President of the Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists, I look back over the past twelve months with a great deal of pride. Like every Board in the past, your 2002-2003 PANA Board has worked diligently to promote the practice of nurse anesthesia and protect the practice rights of every CRNA in Pennsylvania. The year began with a bang when we defeated HB 823 in late November. This piece of proposed legislation, introduced on behalf of Pennsylvania anesthesiologists, attempted to dominate the practice of anesthesia in the Commonwealth by changing a nursing practice that has existed in Pennsylvania for 120 years. The 2300 CRNA's practicing in Pennsylvania rallied behind their Board and helped us kill this proposed legislation in committee. November was also the beginning of the 2002-2003 PANA-PAC fund raising campaign. Thanks to the generosity of Pennsylvania's CRNA's we were able to raise more PAC funds than we have in any previous year.



In January, I had the good fortune of being appointed to Governor Ed Rendell's Transition Team for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. As the only nurse to sit on the Transition Team, I presented not only nurse anesthesia issues, but general nursing issues as well. I am pleased to report that I have seen several of the issues presented acted upon by the Department, as well as the Legislature. On January 21, 2003, members from the PANA Board had the honor of attending Governor Ed Rendell's Inauguration and Inaugural Ball. It was a lovely evening, an event none of us will soon forget.

January brought a change in *Tidings* as well. It became a quarterly publication used primarily to provide a historical account of what had happened over the preceding quarter. With this change came an expansion of the PANA web site. Under the masterful care of Mike Loomis, our web site has become a useful resource for not only CRNA's in the Commonwealth, but the public as well. I strongly suggest you check it out at www.pana.org. January also brought the celebration of Nurse Anesthetist Week. Anesthesia departments across the Commonwealth celebrated with displays and programs in their own facilities. PANA ran radio advertisements in the Philadelphia, Harrisburg, and Pittsburgh areas and provided radio interviews across the state. Governor Rendell, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate all issued resolutions declaring January 20-26, 2003, Nurse Anesthetist Week.

In February and March, just like every other month, the Board continued to monitor the various State Boards for any activity that might limit practice for Pennsylvania CRNA's. Currently, the Board of Medicine's delegation regulation continues to sit in committee, as does the Board of Nursing's conscious sedation regulation and the Board of Dentistry's proposed changes to their anesthesia regulations. We also continue to work with health insurance providers to ensure proper reimbursement for CRNA services and medical malpractice insurance providers to monitor the coverage available to the Commonwealth's CRNA's.

On April 7, 2003, Senator Mary Jo White, on behalf of the PANA, introduced SB 580. This legislation would provide scope of practice legislation for Pennsylvania CRNA's. Using the Nurse Practice Act, SB 580 recognizes CRNA's as anesthesia providers and clarifies how they work with physicians. The bill currently sits in the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee. The PANA looks forward to working with the Legislature to enact this important piece of legislation.

In May, the PANA Board became aware of a piece of legislation, HB 100, quickly moving through the House, which contained language potentially damaging to nurse anesthesia practice. HB 100 was introduced to provide a level III trauma system for the Commonwealth. In the language of the bill, a reference was made to a set of guidelines which contained language problematic for CRNA's. Consultation and compromise with the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania, the Legislator introducing the bill, the Governors office, and the interested parties, we were able to introduce an amendment everyone could agree upon, and the bill successfully passed into law.

The PANA continues their membership in the Alliance of Advance Practice Nurses, the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, and the Alliance of Healthcare Providers. On June 2, 2003, the PANA joined with other advance practice nurses in Harrisburg to lobby the legislature on practice issues important to each specialty. A rally was held in the Rotunda of the Capitol, where nursing leaders and legislators spoke of the expertise and contributions of advanced practice nurses. That evening, a legislative reception was held in the East Rotunda, providing nurses and legislators an opportunity to informally discuss nursing issues.

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This CRNA Really Has Seen it All

When Hazel P. Currier, CRNA, was in school at the University of Minnesota in the early 1920s, the curriculum for nurse anesthetists was pretty limited.

About the only options for patients were ether, nitrous oxide, ethylene, and oxygen. Chloroform was also available, but since its effect on patients was still unclear, Currier said instructors told her to inform patients who asked about chloroform that she did not know how to use it.

“They didn’t want us to take any unnecessary chances,” Currier said. But as Currier saw her profession grow, she witnessed the AANA’s growth along with it.

Currier, AANA president in 1967, spoke during Saturday’s Anesthesia Pioneers Breakfast about the AANA’s early days in a one-room office in Chicago, with a small desk, a couple of filing cabinets, and a chair.

“And then over the years, we grew out of that and then when we moved into the Prudential building, we really thought we were the big time,” Currier said. “And now we have our own building. It’s really been a wonderful progression.”

Currier has been involved with AANA for its entire existence, serving on committees at the local, state, and national levels. She is attending this year’s AANA Meeting for the first time in six years. Nearing her 100 birthday — which she will celebrate on November 7 — Currier said she would have attended this year’s AANA meeting “even if I had to crawl.”

“But I think this is going to be my swan song,” Currier said, even as some of her friends insisted that she would be back next year. “It’s just too difficult for me to get here.”

Currier spent most of her 30-plus years as a nurse anesthetist in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. And although she’s been retired since 1970, Currier still remains active, bragging about her driving skills (she will have her current license certification until she turns 101).

“Hazel was vital to the national program for 16 years,” said longtime friend Katherine Wagner, CRNA. “She educated me so I could become more active in the association. She’s been a wonderful friend.”



If you would like to send 100th birthday cards to Hazel, please use the following address:

Hazel Currier
2320 Sycamore Road
York, PA 17404-4132

History of The Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists, 2002-2003

The Board Members for the year were: Mary Wojnakowski, CRNA, PhD (President); Joan Cahill, CRNA, MS (President-elect); Susan Humes, CRNA, BS (Past President); Elsie Murray, CRNA, MPM (Vice President); Thomas Kelley, CRNA, MSNA (Secretary); Elizabeth Abrams, CRNA, MS (Treasurer); Margretta Darbut, CRNA, BS; Susan Clark, CRNA, MS; Sorena Ostlund, CRNA, BS, BSN; Lois Illar, CRNA, BS Ed; Diana Davidson, CRNA; Sheldon Lamoreaux, Jr., CRNA, BSN; Michael Stefanetti, CRNA; Ismay Wilson, CRNA, PhD (Trustees); and Gina Lederhilger, SRNA, BSN, (Student Representative).

Resignations were accepted from two Trustees: Serena Ostlund (family matters) and Ismay Wilson (transferred out of state). The Board voted to fill these vacancies with recent former PANA Board Student Representatives: Timothy Lyons, CRNA, MS, and Joan Zomchick-Martin, CRNA, MS. Both individuals agreed to complete the terms of the two vacancies.

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**The Consortium of Nurse Anesthesia Programs
Drexel University, Pennsylvania Hospital, Chester-Crozier/Villanova, Montgomery Hospital and Nazareth Hospitals will host
a free Preceptor Appreciation Workshop
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PANA TO ACCEPT ONLINE PAYMENTS

By popular demand, PANA will soon add an online payment system to its website. With this feature, CRNAs will be able to make donations and pay fees via credit card. This convenient and secure feature will “go alive” around Thanksgiving. Keep logging on to www.pana.org for further developments!

FROM THE CAPITOL

TED MOWATT, CAE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONSULTANT

Summary of Legislation

SB 580 Still In Committee

CRNA Scope of Practice legislation remains in the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee. SB 580, sponsored by Sen Mary Jo White (R-Venango), will put into statute language reflecting the regulations currently governing nurse anesthesia by the State Board of Nursing. With the current fiscal situation in Pennsylvania, issues such as these with no budget implications have been languishing in committees all over the Capitol. However, with a bit of pushing from back home, we may be able to get this bill considered and passed this session. If you have not already done so, please call or visit your state Senator and ask them to support SB 580, when it comes to a vote. If you are not sure who your Senator is, you can find out on the PANA website: www.pana.org.

Wagner, Mann Announce for Auditor General

State Senator Jack Wagner announced on September 8 that he will seek the Democratic nomination for State Auditor General in 2004. Wagner, you may remember, was current Auditor General Bob Casey's running mate in the Democratic Primary for Governor last year. Wagner joins State Rep. Jennifer Mann (D-Lehigh) in the Auditor General race. Mann announced her candidacy the previous week. Casey, who cannot run for re-election, is running for State Treasurer.

DOH: OUT-OF-HOSPITAL DO-NOT-RESUSCITATE ORDERS

The Department of Health proposed regulations to facilitate the continued implementation of 20 Pa.C.S. §§ 54A01—54A13 (relating to Do-Not-Resuscitate Act) enacted by the act of June 19, 2002 as assisted by the Department's interim

regulations adopted on December 2002. The proposal will continue the splitting up of 28 Pa. Code Part VII (relating to emergency medical services), into Subparts A and B, as accomplished by the Department's interim regulations. Subpart A contains regulations the Department has adopted under the Emergency Medical Services Act. Subpart B includes general provisions of out-of-hospital do-not-resuscitate orders.

New Bills Introduced

No bills of interest to PANA were introduced in the past month.

HOUSE & SENATE SESSION DAYS SCHEDULE

Revised Remaining 2003 House Session Schedule:

September 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30
 October 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29
 November 17, 18, 19, 24, and 25
 December 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 17

Remaining 2003 Senate Session Schedule:

September 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30
 October 1, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29
 November 17, 18, 19, 24, and 25
 December 8, 9, 10, 15, and 16

Copies of bills described above can be obtained through the PANA office, or on-line at: <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/BI/billroom.htm>

History of PANA...continued

PAC, PANA Management, AANA District Director included: Michael Kinslow, CRNA, MS (PANA-PAC Treasurer); Louis Dell'Aquila, Esq. (Legal Counsel); Ted Mowatt, CAE (PANA Managing Director/Government Affairs Consultant; Waner Associates); Peg Callahan Moyer and Mark S. Singel (Lobbyists, Public Affairs Management, LLC); Mike Loomis, CRNA, MS (Webmaster); Wanda O. Wilson, CRNA, PhD (AANA Dist. VI Director). PANA District Chairs included: Daniel Delaney, CRNA, BSN (District I); Mike Stefanetti, (CRNA District II); Carol McNulty, CRNA (District III); Janet Kaminski, CRNA (District IV); Sorena Ostlund, CRNA, BS, BSN, (District V); Bianca McNulty, CRNA (District VI). Other committee PANA members will be listed in the committee chair reports.

The Board Meetings for the year were: October 20, 2002—Clarion Inn at Reading, Reading, PA; December 7, 2002—Philadelphia Airport Marriott, Philadelphia, PA; February 8, 2003—Pittsburgh Airport Wyndham, Pittsburgh, PA; April 6, 2003—Hotel Hershey, Hershey, PA; June 7, 2003—Pittsburgh Airport Wyndham, Pittsburgh, PA; September 13, 2003—Pittsburgh Airport Wyndham, Pittsburgh, PA.

PANA members were active in attending the AANA meetings: The Fall Assembly of States (November 8-10, 2002) in Colorado Springs, CO; The Mid-year Assembly (April 27-30, 2003) in Arlington, VA; and The AANA Annual Meeting (August 1-6, 2003) in Boston, MA.

Margretta Darbut, Chair of the Finance Committee, kept the Board informed of any changes occurring in our Investment Funds resulting from the downward trend of the Stock Market. Fortunately, we were not greatly affected and remained fairly stable due to the Board's prior commitment to a conservative approach to investments. Ms. Darbut also presented information recommending that the Board change its checking account from the First Union Bank to PNC Bank. PNC met our needs better, since it is one of the nation's largest diversified financial service organizations covering the State of Pennsylvania, with over 650 PNC branch locations. It offers easy access accounts through free online banking with "Account Link"; no monthly maintenance fee with \$500.00 minimum daily

balance; and unlimited check writing. The Board approved the transfer of funds to provide a continuity of service for each PANA Treasurer, no matter where located in the state of Pennsylvania.

Elsie Murray chaired the Government Relations Committee. This has been a busy and eventful 2002-2003 year for the Committee.

- Senator M. J. White has introduced in the Pennsylvania Senate SB 580, which addresses the CRNA Scope of Practice legislation. It is presently in the Senate Protection and Professional Licensure Committee.
- Over 150 letters with talking points have been sent to CRNAs in targeted districts requesting that they contact their legislative person; Senator Jim Ferlo, Senator Donald White, and Senator Charles Lemmond, Jr. to encourage them to support SB 580.
- House Bill 100: Standards for Level III Trauma Centers, which affect small hospitals and rural area hospitals, has been revised to include the current modified language of Level I and Level II Trauma Centers. Both the Senate and House have approved this legislation. The Bill has been sent to the Governor's Office for his signature. PANA will continue to monitor the impact of HB 100 on CRNA practice.
- State Boards of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, and Advanced Practice Nursing Meetings continue to be attended by PANA members of the Committee and the Government Affairs Consultant.
- PANA Board placed a full-page newspaper advertisement "Welcoming Our New Governor and Representatives of the 186th General Assembly" in Harrisburg's "The Patriot News" on January 22, 2003.
- Public Affairs Management, LLC provided invitations to several Board Members to attend Governor Rendell's Inauguration Gala along with a special office celebration reception on January 26, 2003.
- Grass Roots Lobbying Strategies are being developed to get CRNAs/SRNAs to become key contacts across the State.

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STUDENT VOICE

What You Always Wanted To Know About PANA That They Never Tell You

Gina Lederhilger, SRNA

For years PANA has preserved the profession of Nurse Anesthetists in the state of Pennsylvania. However, their hard work and dedication goes far beyond what they ever tell you. There is so much time and energy that each and every PANA board member puts into their committees, and these board members are very modest about what they do and even want to do more. For their members, they are frequently tackling Medicare/Medicaid issues, Department of Health concerns, while continually supporting our State Board of Nursing. Through the program committee, the board devises new and interesting ways to keep their membership (including students) educated and updated on current issues by means of their spring and fall meetings while providing you with continuing education credits. The publications committee writes articles about political issues, educational topics, and continuously updates the PANA Website with the most current information available at any time. Public Relations has worked extremely hard to do interviews with newspapers, journals, and radio stations educating the public about the vigilance and safe practice of nurse anesthetists among many other things. The PANA board has worked extremely hard in Washington, DC, and Harrisburg, PA, to protect our practice rights and the rights of Advance Practice Nurses. This does not even begin to touch on all the hard work that the board has put into maintaining our profession and association.

As students, PANA provides us with a wealth of opportunities that sadly enough not many students take advantage of. For students, PANA provides yearly scholarships. This year PANA will be awarding five \$1000 scholarships to very deserving students as well as an Outstanding Student of the Year Award. They have sponsored students at the Reading fall meeting 2002, Hershey spring meeting 2003, AANA Mid- Year Assembly 2003, and the AANA Annual Meeting in Boston. They have fought in Washington, DC to maintain the moneys allocated to CRNA education that would have been taken away from us this year. They have enabled seven VA nurses to go back to nurse anesthesia school with full tuition, benefits and salary, through the VA by fighting for their education in Washington, DC. They always keep students in mind when planning conferences and determine the best ways to educate us with lectures, workshops, etc. They provide an opportunity for students to network during PANA events, mentor students in

Washington, DC and Harrisburg, PA to be more politically active, and even encourage and involve students in becoming a key political contact for their state legislator. They provide students with the opportunity to be active during spring and fall meetings by introducing speakers and undertaking a professional presentation to the membership. PANA affords students the opportunity to apply for and be selected as the student trustee to the board on a yearly basis. PANA has consistently attempted to keep students updated with PANA events, opportunities, etc. through regular emails to a student representative from each school.

All of this is only a “drop in the bucket” of what time, energy, and hard work goes into what PANA does for you. So you are asking, “What can I do for PANA?” That is simple. Be an active member. Go to the PANA spring and fall conferences. Support your board with letters to your legislators (if you cannot write a letter-ask/email a PANA board member for one you can just sign and send). Defend your profession by supporting the PANA-PAC fund. Be a key political contact for your state legislator. Be a part of the PANA membership and not one of the 100+ people in Pennsylvania who are not members of the association but still practice as CRNAs. I could only encourage you to do one or more of the following, but remember it is your profession also. Many of these things take up less than five minutes of your time but hugely impact the future of your profession.

I would like to thank Mary Wojnakowski and the PANA board members for affording me the wonderful opportunity to be student trustee to the board. I cannot even begin to express my gratitude for all that they have taught and offered me this past year. I would like to thank Kris and Karen Piotrowicz and Barb DeZayass for always listening to and encouraging students that things really do get better. You are wonderful student advocates and your kindness will always be greatly appreciated. I would like to thank all of the PANA members in the state of Pennsylvania for always supporting students through our educational endeavors. I would especially like to extend my appreciation to my program director, Mike Kost for all of his support during my year as student trustee. It is because of these people that this has been a truly rewarding and memorable experience. To the new junior and senior classes, I wish you all the best in your careers as nurse anesthetists.

President's Message...continued

The PANA Board ended their year with the dedication of an Official Pennsylvania State Historical Marker at Saint Vincent's Health System in Erie, Pennsylvania, on September 26, 2003. This marker commemorates Sister Mary Bernard of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. In 1877, Sister Bernard entered Saint Vincent's Hospital to take up nursing, and within the year was called upon to assume the duties of anesthetist, thereby emerging as the first identifiable nurse anesthetist. The dedication was attended by over 75 nurse anesthetists, members from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, hospital administrators, legislators, decedents of Sister Bernard's, and the press. Pictures from the dedication can be seen on the PANA web site.

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve the CRNA's in Pennsylvania. Thank you for affording me this often busy, always rewarding, experience. Nurse anesthetists have been providing high quality, safe, cost effective anesthesia services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 120 years. I can not wait to see what the next 120 years bring.

PRACTICE COMMITTEE REQUESTS YOUR HELP

by Sue Humes, CRNA

It has recently become more and more apparent that it is difficult to protect and maintain the right for CRNAs to practice in all practice settings without a firm understanding of billing issues. When PANA attends meetings and discussion turns to CPT codes and ICD 9 codes, it is easy to feel unprepared. We are asking for CRNAs who have knowledge and or experience in anesthesia billing to contact the practice committee, so we can develop a list of CRNAs that we can contact when there are issues of reimbursement to be addressed. Please contact Sue Humes at sue.humes@paonline.com or Ted Mowatt at the PANA office. Thank you.

History of PANA...continued

- GRC co-sponsored several legislative receptions:
 - Omni Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA (March 27, 2003)
 - Harrisburg, PA (October 8, 2002 and January 28, 2003)
 - Lobby Day, Alliance of Advanced Nursing, Harrisburg, PA (June 2, 2003)
- PANA has made contributions to a variety of legislator campaigns. Both GRC members and PA CRNAs have attended these PANA-PAC events. Our members are letting their *VOICES* be heard by contributing to the PAC.

The Nominating Committee was chaired by Sheldon Lamoreaux, Jr. Candidates were recruited on the Web by completing "Willingness to Serve Forms" and through the efforts of some District Chairs.

The Program Committee, Chaired by William Fehder (Oct. 2002) and by Dianna Davidson (April 2003), presented two successful meetings. The educational meetings were well attended by CRNAs and SRNAs and received great reviews.

- October 18-20, 2002, Clarion Inn at Reading (highlights)
 - Lobbying Workshop by Robert Guyer
 - PANA Paraphernalia was sold and donations of non-perishable foods/cash were made to the Greater Berks Food Bank.
- April 4-6, 2003, Hershey Hotel (highlights)
 - Practice Committee Workshop (Business of Anesthesia)
 - PANA-PAC Golf Outing
 - Committee sold raffles for the PANA-PAC fund

The Publications Committee Chair, Lois Illar, has been working diligently with committee members and the PANA Managing Director, Ted Mowatt, to continually improve *Tidings*. She is also working with Mike Loomis (webmaster) to provide appropriate information on the website for the membership.

Thomas Kelly, Chair of the Public Relations Committee, has been working closely with Mike Loomis (webmaster) and the Communication Solutions Group (public relations agency) to assure that Pennsylvania CRNAs are highlighted by focusing on the various roles of the CRNA as a highly qualified professional in providing anesthesia care. Some examples are:

- CRNA radio ads placed in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, and Philadelphia during CRNA week.
- The Board was pleased to receive a Proclamation from the Governor's Office recognizing "Nurse Anesthesia Week": January 19 – 25, 2003.
- President Mary Wojnakowski, Secretary Thomas Kelly, and Past President Susan Humes were interviewed on several radio programs about the role of CRNAs. Also, President Wojnakowski and Secretary Kelly were interviewed for various State newspaper articles regarding patient safety and the malpractice insurance crisis.
- PANA supports Governor Rendell and the Pennsylvania State Legislators in enacting legislation that insures patient safety and stem the further loss of health care professionals.
- The Website continues to provide timely information on current issues to the PANA membership.
- St. Vincent Hospital's Historical Marker commemorating the establishment of the first School of Anesthesia for Nurse Anesthetists was dedicated on September 26, 2003, in Erie, PA. Several members of PANA were in attendance.

Timothy Lyons and Gina Lederhilger served as co-chairs of the Student Activities Committee. The Committee implemented:

- Monthly news updates provided via e-mail to student contacts at every school of nurse anesthesia and by articles provided for *Tidings*.
- Stipends provided to five (5) schools for nurse anesthesia for students to attend the Mid-Assembly meeting in Arlington, VA.
- Awards presented to the 2003 PANA Outstanding Student of the year, Program Director of the year, Clinical Instructor of the year, and CRNA Clinician of the year.

Practice Committee members and Susan Humes, Chair, have had a very busy year:

- Prepared an eight (8) credit breakout session on the business of anesthesia, which was presented at the PANA Spring Symposium (April 5, 2003).
- Attended quarterly anesthesia meetings with representatives of Medicare (CMS). Discussions included changes in MAC Policy (Noridian) and LMRPA-16 office based anesthesia policy. Written comments were submitted from PANA.

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- Attended Medical Assistance Advisory Committee meetings (MAAC) to discuss Medical Assistance issues.

Strategic Planning Committee Chair, Joan Cahill, recommended that "Title Protection" become PANA's 2003 focus. The Board approved the recommendation. As a part of the Committee's effort on the Title Protection, Board Members will be assigned to a task force, which will collaborate with the State Legislature to propose appropriate legislation. Ms. Cahill also reported on the PSNA as an organization affiliate of AORN; PSNA is working on legislative reimbursement for scrub nurses as first and second assistants. The main initiative for the organization is the RN shortage. PSNA's Centennial Celebration is scheduled for October 17-18, 2003.

Susan Clark, Bylaws Committee Chair, reported that her committee reviewed the Bylaws and had no recommendations for Bylaw changes for 2002-2003.

The PANA members on AANA committees:

1. Darlene Homa, CRNA, MEd is Chair of the AANA Administrative Management Committee and a member of the AANA Program Committee.
2. Kelly Meno, RN, BSN is the AANA Student Representative and sits on the AANA Education Committee.
3. Art Zwerling, CRNA, MS, MSN, PA-C is a member of the AANA Peer Assistance Advisors Committee.
4. John Wisniewski, CRNA, MS, MSN is the AANA liaison with the American Society of Anesthesia Technicians and Technologists, as well as the Practitioner representative on the AANA Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists.
5. Bonita Keaveny, RN, BSN is the Student Member on the AANA Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs.
6. Bette Wildgust, CRNA, MS, MSN is the CRNA Educator on the AANA Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Programs.
7. Kate Kinslow, CRNA, PhD, was Chair of Council of Accreditation.
8. Christine Allen-Sanders, CRNA, BS Ed is the Federal Political Director for PANA.
9. William Fehder, CRNA, PhD is the AANA FDN, PA State Advocate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elsie Murray, CRNA, MPM, Vice President, PANA

Mark your calendars for the

30th Annual Pittsburgh Symposium for Nurse Anesthetists

To be held at
**Magee-Womens Hospital,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

On Saturday, February 21, 2004

More information will be published in the *December, 2003* issue. We are expecting to receive between 10-12 CE credits for this symposium. Onsite registration will not be available. For more info, contact Kathy Marks, CRNA, Anesthesia Department, Magee-Womens Hospital, 412-641-4228.

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