



CoCANN Newsletter

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We represent neonatal nurses from both Orange County and Los Angeles County. This is the 5th local chapter of NANN in California, and fills a long-standing gap in coverage between our sister chapters to the East (ICANN), the South (SCANN), and the North (NCANN).

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2012: Message from CoCANN's Past President

Hello to all the wonderful Neonatal Nurses in Los Angeles and Orange Counties! CoCANN (the Coastal California Chapter of NANN) loves being your local Chapter for all things neonatal. In an effort to be a valuable professional resource for you, we welcome your input on our local agenda or on new or changing clinical practices for neonates, and we offer education to support and grow your neonatal expertise.

I want to say a few words on behalf of our Chapter as we look forward to 2012. We are reaffirming our dedication to provide all our members with educational opportunities throughout the year and an informational newsletter along with quarterly business meetings. We held our 3rd Annual CoCANN Conference in February 2012 **and are working on obtaining CE provider status from the BRN.**

When this is accomplished we plan to offer an hour of CE with each business meeting. Our newsletter also contains educational information about neonatal care and we love to hear about new practices in your facilities so please continue to share.

Right now there is a wonderful incentive for renewing your membership, recruiting a new member or becoming a new CoCANN member: a chance for free tuition to the annual NANN Conference in Palm Springs this September. More details are in this newsletter and on our website: <http://www.cocannconference.com/> so check it out!

I am very happy to introduce our new officers for 2012. Mila Flores is now our President-Elect and Senene Owen and Cindy Morrison are the new

Secretary duo! Kathi Randall moves to President and Janeen Gaul continues as Treasurer. Welcome and thank you so much for your dedication and leadership!

Looking back over 2011, our Chapter accomplished many things. We held our 2nd Annual CoCANN Conference in February 2011 and had 4 quarterly business meetings with either education or social function. We increased our meeting times to ensure that we could offer quality education at each gathering. In March we met at Huntington Memorial Hospital and then enjoyed an afternoon of pampered movie watching at the Gold Class theatre courtesy of CoCANN. We joined with ICANN in June to sponsor Luna Fest, a film festival fund raiser. We were able to raise \$500 for Breast Cancer Fund



Mary Sullivan, CoCANN
2011 President

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and House of Ruth, a shelter for domestic violence. Our July meeting was hosted by CHOC and included a round table discussion on Family Centered Care by Liz Drake. October found us at the Melting Pot in Brea where we learned about the Preemie Voice, advocates for premature infants and their families, while enjoying fabulous fondue. The CoCANN Holiday Party was held December 1 at Bar Celona in Pasadena and proved to be a very fun

and relaxing evening of food, friends and gift exchanges.

We are all looking forward to more fun and educational opportunities in 2012 with CoCANN. Please join us for all those occasions and bring a friend! Dates for the remaining 2012 meetings are in this newsletter. CoCANN leadership will be sending flyers about our offerings so please post them in your facility NICUs. We are looking

forward to seeing you at the next CoCANN meeting on May 5th. Renew or join today so you can be in the drawing for 6 conference tuitions to the NANN Conference in Palm Springs this September. Get involved and help us remain a strong chapter with a great future! Thank you all very much.

Mary Sullivan

CoCANN Annual Conference: 111 Neonatal Nurses. 8 Fantastic Speakers. 21 Supportive Vendors.

On February 22nd, more than 100 nurses gathered at the California Endowment Center for CoCANN's 3rd Annual Day-Long Education Conference. We heard an update on PICC Lines, Pharmacology, Legal Issues in the NICU, and finished the day with a presentation from a Medical Inventor on how to make an idea in to a product to sell. This

year we also had 6 poster presentation from nurses and other NICU professionals sharing their innovative programs and best practices. And for the first time, in addition to the time viewing the posters, four of the nurses who shared their posters with us gave a short podium presentation. It is so inspiring to hear from nurses who are under taking projects in

our local area that really do make a difference in the lives of babies.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all the CoCANN board members and member volunteers who donated countless hours of the time to make this conference a success and kept the event running smoothly all day.



Kathi Randall, CoCANN
2012 President

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Another highlight of this year’s conference was the prize drawings – the attendees walked away with more than \$1,000 worth of prizes – from a copy of the new NRP book, to Nordstrom’s gift cards - The winners were grinning from ear to ear.

After the conference, we headed over to Olvera Street to host a happy hour for CoCANN members and set to planning out the events for the rest of 2012. With the success of our conference year after year, we are financially secure so we will be turning our focus this year to recruitment of new members.

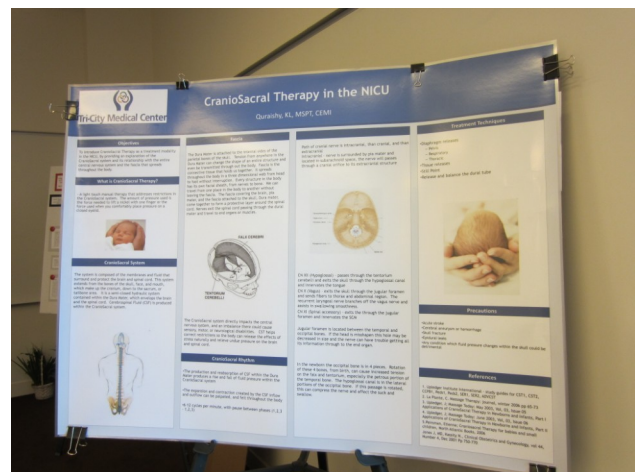
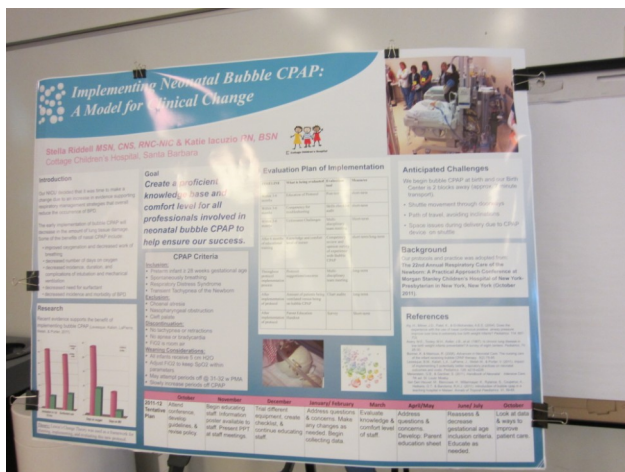
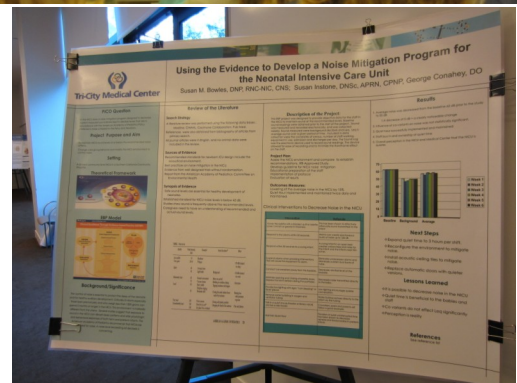
We are planning to keep the activities to a minimum this year until the membership grows a bit more, but we truly do hope that you will put our quarterly meetings in your calendar and join us for a great meal and friendship building (or some call it networking). The dates for our business meeting this year are: May 5, August 4 and November 3.

Last but not least, we have created a great opportunity for members to **FREE tuition to attend the NANN Annual Education Conference** in Palm Springs this year.

CoCANN will be giving away full registrations to 6 very lucky members! (More details on how you can win can be found inside this issue)

Our next meeting will be on May 5th and the first of the winners of NANN tuition give away will be drawn during our next meeting – I truly hope to see you there .

Kathi Randall



Would you like to attend the NANN Conference in Palm Springs for FREE?

CoCANN is giving away a full conference tuition (Value of \$500) to **Six lucky CoCANN members.**

Here is what you need to do to be entered in our drawing:

Join CoCANN or Renew your Membership before May 5th (or next meeting) and you will be entered in a drawing to win one full registration to the NANN Conference in Palm Springs in October. (Don't worryAll current members are going in to a drawing too!!

Increase your odds!!! All CoCANN members who attend a meeting in 2012 will be entered in a separate drawing to win one of two full registrations.

Really beat the odds!!!

Recruit a new member and get another entry in the drawing.



**Join today –
www.ccann.org**



Join CoCANN . Get Involved. Attend a Meeting.

**SAVE THE
DATE**

UPCOMING EVENTS

We plan to offer a one hour CE with each of our business meetings, starting with our meeting on August 4, 2012. This is dependent on CoCANN obtaining CE provider status from the BRN, but we expect this to happen. Stay tuned for more information and please provide us with any topic ideas you might have.

Upcoming Meetings from 10AM to 1PM:

May 5th 2012

August 4th 2012

November 3rd 2012

Holiday Social Event TBA



Your 2012 Current CoCANN Officers

Kathi Randall, President

Mila Flores, President-Elect

Janeen Gaul, Treasurer

Senene Owen/Cindy Morrison, Co-Secretaries

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