

# Focus on NANN Chapters

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## Member Spotlight



Go to [www.NANN.org](http://www.NANN.org) for a link to *Nursing Spectrum's* "A Handful of Babies," about the birth of the Horton quintuplets and the role of neonatal nurses including NANN's Advanced Practice SIG Facilitator Tricia Lumb, MSN NNP CCRN.



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Florida's CE Broker program. We have discovered that, in addition to its other benefits, the conference is an excellent membership recruitment opportunity.

For the past 2 years, SEFANN has been a corporate sponsor of the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. Our community chair, Deb Langer, coordinates this effort. We really enjoy hosting a rest stop for tired and thirsty WalkAmerica walkers. Our group arrives early in the morning to set up three long tables of refreshments. Pumping water from large bottles can be a good workout! Then many of us enjoy sitting under the banyan trees with our feet up, watching the participants pass by. We are not of the roller-blading set, if you get the picture!

Fund raising is a continual activity. We sell scrubs and jewelry throughout the year, all featuring a footprint design. On the last day of the conference we hold a raffle to benefit the March of Dimes. It's always fun to see who the lucky winner is. Successful fund raising takes organization and careful management, and, luckily, we have some real talent in our fundraising committee volunteers Diane Durkin and Jody Krezmien.

SEFANN's bimonthly newsletter helps members keep up with chapter meetings, other chapter events, and educational offerings as well as NANN news and news from the community. Meeting minutes keep everyone up to date, even those who were unable to attend a meeting. It's fun to include photographs of adventures like the recent NANN Conference and WalkAmerica.

We are compiling members' e-mail addresses with the hope of eventually offering an e-newsletter. In the near future, we plan to start a SEFANN Web site.

All of us enjoy working together in our local chapter of NANN and have gotten to be good friends with some wonderful people. It is an honor to receive the NANN Chapter of the Year distinction and a pleasure to work toward our goals together. ☺

## Thank You! NANN 2004 Committee and Task Force Members

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## Is Your Chapter's Report Overdue?

These chapters are delinquent in filing their reports and should contact Marcia Cebula ([mcebula@amctec.com](mailto:mcebula@amctec.com)) by April 15: Louisiana, Memphis Area, New York City, Northeast Oklahoma, Susquehanna Valley, Central Virginia, Tidewater, Washington Metropolitan.

## Asking for Conference Support

Would your employer help pay for you to attend the NANN Annual Conference? Why not ask? Go to [www.NANN.org](http://www.NANN.org) for a sample letter explaining how you and your patients will benefit if you attend the conference.



## Focus on Family History

Carol Kenner, DNS RNC FAAN, is NANN's representative to the National Coalition of Health Professionals Education in Genetics. At [www.NANN.org](http://www.NANN.org), you'll learn about NCHPEG's recent conference, "Focus on Family History," and link to a useful Web-based family history tool.



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## 2005 Calendar

6th Annual NICU Leadership Forum  
 Tucson, AZ April 15-17, 2005

8th Annual Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum  
 Washington, DC June 1-3, 2005

National Neonatal Nurses Day September 15, 2005

NANN 21st Annual Conference  
 Anaheim, CA September 28-October 1, 2005



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## Chapter of the Year How SEFANN Does It



Nancy Burke, MSN RN ARNP

Members of the Southeast Florida Association of Neonatal Nurses (SEFANN) heard the exciting news in September. For all of the volunteers who had worked so hard, it was very gratifying to be named NANN Chapter of the Year. This was our second Chapter of the Year award. The first time, in 2002, we were stunned. The honor made us see it really is possible for us to make a difference.



SEFANN is fairly small, with 50–60 members. We come from many different NICUs in South Florida, and we live and work in a complex metropolitan area with large

healthcare systems, which can be pretty daunting to a small group of volunteers.

Ever since SEFANN began in 1995, we have focused on our chapter goals:

- improving standards of care for neonates through evidence-based practice
- providing professional education for the NICU nurses in our area
- providing networking opportunities
- helping infants and families in our community to have a better quality of life.

In the process, we strive to increase our membership every year and to raise money for charities like the March of Dimes.

SEFANN volunteers plan and host a 2-day educational conference every March. “Hot Topics in the Tropics” features presentations, vendor displays, and nifty gift items. Attendees can earn as many as 7.5 continuing education units per day.

Through careful management and research, directed by Nancy Burke, SEFANN is able to provide CEUs as well as credits through

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## from NANN's President

Robin Bissinger, MSN RNC NNP

Many of us think of ourselves as preceptors or coaches. But when was the last time you thought of yourself as a mentor? Mentoring goes far beyond precepting and coaching. It is a long-term relationship with a nurse to help them make a transition to a new role. The ultimate goal is to help the nurse develop expertise in all aspects of practice. Mentors love to teach and take a personal interest in the person being mentored.

With new technologies and the broadening scope of patient care, we know that nurses at all levels of clinical experience are being challenged not only to practice competently but also to progress from novice to expert. NANN is beginning to lay a foundation for mentoring every one of us to meet the challenges of our professional neonatal nursing journey. We will provide a framework for professional

development of both new nurses and the experienced nurses who guide them. As part of our mission, NANN will be a place where nurses at any level can go to find the tools essential for providing excellent care to patients and families.

NANN wants to develop an expert neonatal nursing workforce with “a passion for little people.” That passion comes from *you*. The desire to guide a new nurse or a developing leader also must come from you, although NANN can and will help. When was the last time you fostered someone’s professional and personal growth? When was the last time you evaluated your own professional or personal growth? Let these be goals we set for ourselves, knowing that NANN will be there to help. I am excited to be part of NANN as we move forward to help each of us develop as a professional nurse. ☺

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## NANN Awards Celebrate a Colleague!

Do you know someone whose enthusiasm, knowledge, and devotion to patients and neonatal nursing should be recognized? Does your chapter deserve recognition for creative programs, new ways to solve problems, or service to NANN and the community? Consider making a nomination for one of NANN’s annual awards:

- **Robyn Main Excellence in Clinical Practice Award** recognizes and encourages excellence in direct patient care.
- **Special Interest Group Leadership Award** recognizes and encourages excellence in advanced practice nursing.
- **Chapter of the Year** and **Individual Chapter Project Awards** recognize a group’s overall accomplishments or individual projects in chapter communications, community service, education, fund raising, or membership recruitment and retention. Chapters self-nominate for these awards.

The submission deadline is **June 24, 2005**. Don’t miss the chance to celebrate your colleagues! For more information and the application form, please go to [www.nann.org](http://www.nann.org), or contact NANN at [info@NANN.org](mailto:info@NANN.org) or 800/451-3795.



(Left to right) Ryan, Megan, and Mackenzie Smith, born at 31 weeks. Photographed by Nancy Painter, RN, at Rogue Valley Medical Center, Medford, OR, and used with permission of their mother.



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## **September 28-October 1, 2005**

### **Experienced and Advanced Practice Nurses**

NANN's 21st Annual Conference will feature an advanced practice symposium. This year's in-depth review topic is multisystem organ failure. In addition, you'll learn about some of the hottest topics, such as hypothermia outcomes and the updated neonatal resuscitation program, as well as other current issues and controversies. Note that you can receive 8 hours of pharmacology credit through the NANN Conference.

### **Nurse Leaders**

Look for sessions geared toward nurse leaders on topics such as patient safety and the rule of six. During the leadership renewal in-depth symposium, nurses from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia will present their successful mentoring program as a way to motivate and inspire the staff at your institution.

# *Tiny Babies, Big Dreams*



## Novice Nurses

NANN gives you a foundation for excellent neonatal nursing practice by addressing issues you face daily at the bedside, such as ventilator usage, neonatal hepatitis, immune function, and more. Don't miss "Coming Full Circle: A Fresh Look at Old Problems," the in-depth symposium specifically designed for your needs.

## All Attendees

Everyone who comes to the NANN Conference will benefit from socializing and networking with peers and mentors from across the country and beyond its borders. Plan to visit the vendors who work with you to shape and advance your neonatal nursing practice.



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The "Dreams Come True" contest is your chance to win a free registration for the NANN 21st Annual Conference in Anaheim. To enter, send NANN your story of a "dream come true." Stories should be relevant to neonatal nursing practice. They can relate a baby or family's progress or the professional development of a neonatal nurse. Submit your story (750-word maximum) electronically to [info@nann.org](mailto:info@nann.org) or via the online form at [www.NANN.org](http://www.NANN.org).

All entries must be received by **Friday, May 27, 2005**. The winning entry will be chosen in June through a drawing.

## NANN Thanks Its Conference



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