



CAPNOTES

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President's Message

BY JOANN SHAW, WALPN PRESIDENT

Greeting from WALPN to all our members, and their families, wishing all are in good health. Wishing you all a mild winter.

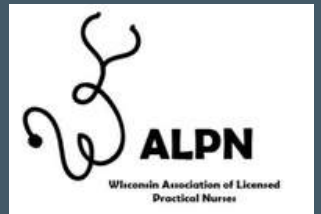
The WALPN Board of Directors has been busy getting together the 71 st Annual Conference, which will be held April 23 rd -24 th , 2023 @ the Wintergreen/Clarion Hotel in Wisconsin Dells. This year we will bring you a day of awesome speakers to enlighten you, and bring you up to date on healthcare topics. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, request your days off from work to attend. The agenda/registration information will be on our website walpn.org, and in the next issue of Capnotes February 2023.

Three of our members, Marcie Nytes (WALPN Vice President, Debbie Blahnik IWALPN Director, and myself attended the 71 st Annual Conference of the National Association of Licensed Practical/Licensed Vocational Nurses, INC. in Miramar Beach Florida. This was a fabulous conference, with 17 CEUs, and a 1 day of Mental Health First Aide Certification. This is a 3-year certification. We hope that more of our WALPN members can attend the 72 nd NALPN Conference, which the site has not been chosen.

If any of our over 13, 8029 LPNs in Wisconsin ever have questions, or concerns about their profession, please know I am available for any questions you may have.

My message to the LPNs in Wisconsin is to continue your membership in NALPN, which automatically gives you membership to WALPN. This is the BEST way to keep up to date with issue that affect your license, and give you the most current education on healthcare issues. Healthcare is forever changing. YOU are in charge of your profession, stay current.

Respectfully submitted,
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- Oct. 31 st 2022 WALPN newsletter “CAPNOTES” to be emailed to members
- Oct. 31 st , 2022 “THE PULSE” NALPN Newsletter to be email to members
- Oct. 15 th , 2022 WALPN Zoom Meeting: Conference planning
- Oc.t 20 th , 2022 NALPN Conference call (Post Conference discussion)
- Jan 15 th , 2023 Article deadline for “THE PULSE” to be emailed to
 - nalpnooffice@gmail.com (in subject put Jan. Pulse)
- Jan. 31 st , 2023 NALPN newsletter “THE PULSE” emailed to members ONLY
- Feb. 15 th , 2023 Article deadline for “Capnotes” to be emailed to
 - kalistaconsultingllc@gmail.com
- Feb. 28 th , 2023 WALPN newsletter “CAPNOTES” emailed to members
- April 23 rd , 2023 Sunday WALPN Board of Directors meeting @3pm @ the Wintergreen/Clarion Hotel
- April 23 rd , 2023 WALPN Conference will begin with a Meet & Greet in the Hotel
- Lounge/Bar time to be determined
- April 24 th , 2023 WALPN 71 st Conference to commence: details in Feb. Capnotes

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State News

Each year at our annual WALPN conference our members, and their families collect toiletries from hotel visits. Or they bring travel size toiletries to our conference. WALPN member June Bahr then distributes these items to the Homeless shelters, Domestic Violence Shelters, and local high schools. Yes, I did say high schools, as some students do NOT have anywhere to shower, so they shower at the school. We want to give them hair products, deodorant, soap etc. To help this situation.

Please start collecting now, and ask your family to do the same, WALPN wants to help, we hope you do as well.



WALPN Committees

Conference/Education: **JoAnn Shaw, Marcie Nytes, Debra Blahnik, Bonnie Schindler

Finance/Fundraising: **Carolyn Kaiser, Karen Kofka, Rite Dietsche

Membership/Publicity: **Bonnie Schindler, Sue Gillette

Legislation/Bylaws: ** Marcie Nytes, Carolyn Kaiser, Bonnie Schindler

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WALPN requests that if you make a change in your address, phone number or email that you send this change of information to the NALPN office @ nalpnoffice@gmail.com. We want to be able to always send you the latest newsletters for WALPN and NALPN, and current updates.



Good words for Great Starts

State News

2022 WALPN convention - Raffle winners!

- 1) Badger Basket: Bonnie Schindler
- 2) Packer Basket: Sue Gillett
- 3) Tignanello purse: Sue Gillett
- 4) Blue bath crystals: Michelle Klotz
- 5) Himalayan Pink Salt bath: Kay Heus
- 6) LPN bag of essentials: Rita D
- 7) Nursing Equipment: JoAnn Shaw
- 8) Kitchen Basket: Michelle Klotz
- 9) Feel Good (candy/cookies/lotion/etc.): Annette Hooker
- 10) Butterfly Flowers: Sue Gillett
- 11) Succulents: LuAnn Kochler
- 12) Geranium: JoAnn Shaw



Marcie Nytes WALPN Vice President has been appointed to a second term on the Wisconsin Center for Nursing Board of Directors. This is a 2-year term. She represents all LPNs in Wisconsin at the table. We thank you for her time, and dedication to our chosen profession.

WALPN will be electing officers at the April 2023 Conference, which will be President, Treasurer, and 1 Director. These are 2-year terms. Anyone interested, please send in your Nominations papers, when you see them in the Feb. 2023 issue of Capnotes. We do take nominations from the floor as well. Officer's duties are to attend Zoom meetings, attend a face-to-face meeting in October, and attend the annual WALPN Conference, in which a Board of Directors meeting is held the afternoon before the Conference.

We ask that everyone get out to vote!!!



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National News

The NALPN Board of Directors will be searching for a location for the 72 nd Annual NALPN Conference, which will be held Oct. 15 th -18 th , 2023, so you can make plans now to attend this event. Details will be announced soon.

The 71 st NALPN Conference was held Oct. 16 th -19 th , 2022 @ Hotel Effie in Miramar Beach Florida. We had approximately 46 in attendance, small however very enlightening. We all were dazzled by awesome speakers. All attendees, including 7 LPN students, and their instructor, received a MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATION.

Newly elected
officers are:

Vice President: JoAnn
Shaw

Secretary: LaToya
Johnson

Directors: Bloscenia
Advent, Gwendolyn
Dunn, and Peggy
Carpenter

WALPN

Congratulates all of
the new officers, and
sends them love and
support,
during their term on
the NALPN Board of
Directors

Awards Given as follows

NEW CHAPTER STATE FOUNDERS AWARD

Alacia Hightower Virginia established Oct. 2019

Bloscenia Advent Pennsylvania established Feb. 2020

Lisa Johnson North Carolina established Jan. 2020

Amy Fontz Maryland established Oct. 2021

Phyllis Gwenette Boyd Georgia June 2022

Carol Phillips Florida established June 2022

Mariana Solorio California established June 2022

LPN of THE YEAR AWARD

Renae Likong New York

LILLIAN KUSTER AWARD

JoAnn Shaw Wisconsin

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Phyllis Gwenette Boyd Georgia

The National Association of Licensed Practical/Licensed
Vocational Nurses, INC.
congratulates these hard-working LPNs/LVNs.

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