

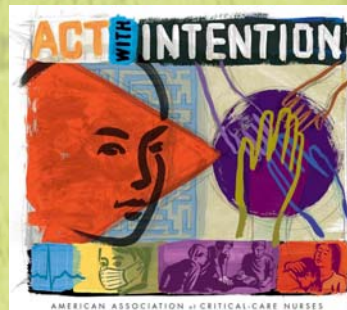
# The Monitor

AACN-GCC's Quarterly Newsletter

## HARD TIMES FOR OUR NATIONAL ECONOMY, BUT NOT FOR NURSES!

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that registered nurses constitute the largest health care occupation, with 2.5 million jobs! Approximately 59% of these jobs are in hospitals. Over the 10 year period between 2006-2016, registered nurses are projected to generate about 587,000 new jobs, one of the largest numbers among all occupations; overall job opportunities are expected to be excellent. Additionally, hundreds of thousands of new nurses are going to be needed to replace the nurses who leave the profession. Employment of RNs is expected to grow 23% between 2006 and 2016, much higher than the average for all occupations. Growth will be driven by technological advances in patient care, which permit a greater number of health problems to be treated, and by an increasing emphasis on preventative care. While employment is expected to grow mostly outside of the hospital setting, there will still be growth within hospitals and other acute care facilities.

## ACT WITH INTENTION! BECOME A LARGER PART OF YOUR LOCAL AACN CHAPTER



*ANYONE* who is interested in becoming a part of our local chapter's board is encouraged to attend a board meeting! Below is a schedule of upcoming meetings.

- **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** at Mercy Anderson Hospital—5pm-7pm
- **Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** at Jewish Hospital—5pm-7pm

*ANYONE* wishing to submit **ANY** information for the newsletter is encouraged to do so... Also anyone interested in co-editing the newsletter **PLEASE** contact us at [newsletter@aacngcc.org](mailto:newsletter@aacngcc.org)

### **UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL EVENTS:**

- **Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**
  - Possible topic: Sim Man
- **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**
  - Possible topic: DVT & PE
- **Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**PLEASE visit our website for venues and further information- you are now able to register for these events through our website as well! These events foster not only education but also serve as a great way to network and meet new people! Come join us!**

### **TRIVIA!**

**The answer to the previous question was :**

**D. ARDS.**

**Here's this edition's question~ email your response to [newsletter@aacngcc.org](mailto:newsletter@aacngcc.org)**

**TRUE OR FALSE: The total surface area of our alveoli is about the size of a tennis court.**

### **Research Money Available!**

The American Association of Critical Care Nurses – Greater Cincinnati Chapter supports AACN's Research Mission by awarding funds (up to \$2000) to area critical care nurses who desire to foster critical care nursing research. If you are involved in a research or best practice project, let us help with your financial costs. Visit our Research/Best Practice website for more info @ [www.aacngcc.org/id13.html](http://www.aacngcc.org/id13.html)

### **MEET THE BOARD!**

To help our readers get to know the local board members, we will be featuring several board members in each edition of The Monitor.

**JASON SCHENCK, RN, BSN--** is our president-elect. He will take over as President in June of 2010. Jason works at The Christ Hospital as a Clinical Manager. He is originally from West Alexandria, KY, but currently resides in Price Hill. His favorite food is sushi and his favorite vacation spot is Ft. Lauderdale. Jason belongs to AACN, AACN-GCC, Mayor Mallory's Young Kitchen Cabinet, and OONE. He enjoys running and spending time with his friends and family. Jason's wish for nursing is that we will embrace change more readily, and he says there's never been a time that he wished he was not a nurse. In the next 5 years, Jason hopes to complete graduate school and obtain a job as a director. He hopes to go on to become a CEO of a hospital and to own a second home. He encourages ALL local critical care and acute care nurses to join AACN-GCC! Visit our website at [www.AACN-GCC.org](http://www.AACN-GCC.org) for information.

**MARY SUE KRUMMEN, RN, BSN, CCRN—**Mary Sue also works at The Christ Hospital as an EPIC trainer. She currently resides in Mason and has 3 children. She hopes to complete her MSN sometime soon. Her favorite movie is The Man From Snowy River and her favorite book is The Last Lecture. Her wish for nursing is that we continue to embrace technology. Mary Sue belongs to a professional organization because she feels it is important to give back, stay involved, and make a difference. A favorite memory of nursing that she mentions is when she once laid on a gurney under a white sheet and then jumped up when the unit assistant came in to take the "patient" to the morgue. She says that becoming a nurse was the best thing she has ever done.

**STEFANIE HILTZ, MSN, RN, CCRN, ACNP—**is the author of The Monitor! She works as a nurse practitioner with an internal medicine practice. She currently lives in West Harrison, Indiana. Recently, she and her husband celebrated the birth of their first son, born in June. Her favorite movie is Fight Club and her favorite food is Chinese. Her hobbies include spending time with friends and family and her 2 dogs. Her long term goal is to work as nursing faculty at a local college/university and to eventually obtain her PhD. Stefanie's wish for critical care nursing is that more nurses would seek and obtain certification in their specialty—the time and effort put into preparing for the exam helps you in your daily work and allows you to provide better care for you patients, which is the goal of every nurse.