



KEIKI TIMES

Hawaii Chapter: National
Association of Neonatal
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Message from the President:

Aloha to all.

During the holiday season of Thanksgiving it seems only appropriate that I give thanks to all of you that have helped make this chapter official once again. Those of you that make meetings, send email, or take on chapter tasks have made this dream of mine a reality. One year ago I was still trying to decide whether moving my family from Boston to Hawaii would be the right thing. In less than one year, I am thankful that having a group of professionals like you to work with has made me have no regrets. Within six months we have become a revitalized chapter with lots of great things planned.

I hope that as you reflect upon the year that you consider what you can do to give back to your profession and to your community. By participating in professional organizations like HINANN you are helping promote neonatal nursing, education, and patient advocacy. We as a group will work towards educating our nurses and medical staff that works with our patients, we will also assist our patients by working on community projects that help with prematurity and infant safety. YOU ARE THE FUTURE OF NEONATAL NURSING, it is up to you to help educate the future. If we all give a little we can all get a lot.

If you think of all the things you are thankful for, add to the list the ability to participate in one of the most special moments in a family's life. You as the nurse are allowed to be a part of this life changing moment for this family and you often will end up in their photo albums. Stories of you will be told as the birth story is shared with the child over and over. You should be thankful that you are allowed to witness both life and death of infants. By having this experience I think we must all agree that it gives us a reality check as to what is really important.

As a mother of three premature infants (a 32 weeker and 30week twins) I am thankful everyday that there were nurses like you that were dedicated and caring. I am thankful that I can help a family during a difficult time in their life while also celebrating with other families the achievements their infants have made. If you are still having difficulty thinking of things to be thankful for try these:

- 1. That your child is fresh and talks back, because it means he can talk and think.*
- 2. That you get to go home and have all your family members under the same roof.*
- 3. That when you can't find a parking space at the mall it's because you can't use the handicap parking.*
- 4. That you have to make dinner because it means your child has the ability to eat.*
- 5. That you have to help your niece and nephew with their homework because they can go to school.*
- 6. That you woke up this morning.*

There is so much we can all be thankful for and I want to thank you for allowing me to be your HINANN president. The New Year is bringing lots of great things and I hope you will join us. I wish you all a Hau'oli La Ho'omaika'i, Mele Kalikimaka, and a Hau'oli Makahiki Hou.

*Pamela Almeida
HINANN President*

Mark Your Calendars



Hawaii NANN Spring Conference is scheduled for April 12, 2006 at the Ala Moana Hotel. We have a great set of presenters lined up for this event. Some of the topics that will be covered are Fetal/Neonatal Surgery, Hearing Screening, Newborn Metabolic Screening, & How to Prepare for Home Care.

Please inform all your NICU friends &

colleagues off island or in the mainland about our conference so that they can make plans to attend. Our "Save the Date" postcards are ready for mailing. If anyone's interested in lending a hand with the conference, let us know!

HINANN Update

Margarita's Scrubs has provided HINANN with an exclusive print top. Support your local HINANN & purchase your scrub top today! They are \$15 each (tax included). This will make cute stocking stuffers for your nursing friends off island!

Our president, Pam Almeida, NNP, spoke @ the AWHONN conference & we were able to set up a HINANN Information Table. Stephanie Hoe helped spread the buzz about our organization. This was a great opportunity for us to network with interested nursing students and other health care workers. We also showed off our HINANN scrubs & actually took orders from off island attendees of the AWHONN conference.

Thank you to Darla Baumgartner & all who attended our fundraiser "Crop till you drop."

Our appreciation goes out to those who supported our fundraiser and purchased Longaberger baskets.

COMMITTEES

These committees need you! Let us know what interests you & we'll fit you into one of our committees.

- Fundraising
- Recruitment/Retention
- Community Service
- Education.



CONFERENCES

April 12, 2006
Hawaii NANN Spring Conference
Honolulu, HI
Pamela.almeida@kapiolani.org

April 20-23, 2006
NICU Leadership Forum
TEAMBUILDING: Creating a Climate
for Great Collaboration
Marco Island, FL
To reserve your spot e-mail
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For more info contact Christine Burke at
866/866-6750

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Aloha to our new members
Kapiolani: Jennifer Yamada, Sheree
Cambra, Diane Sanguenza, Chrissy
Quast, Lori Lee, Carrie Saldana, &
Toni Ornellas
Kaiser: Amy Stell

Happy Birthday to Michelle Pichay of
Kaiser NICU on Nov. 17th!

Happy Birthday to Sadie Brown,
Kapiolani Intermediate Nursery, on Nov.
24th. Gobble! Gobble!
Geoff Early, Kaiser NICU &
HINANN Treasurer, will be moving to
Japan after the holidays. We would like to
wish him & his new bride the best of luck.
We hope that he'll stay in touch! He has
been an excellent treasurer for the short
time that we have been re-established. We
are grateful for all he has done for
HINANN. Thanks Geoff!

Julie Saldivar, Kaiser NICU, will be
relocating to Colorado in the spring. We
sure will miss her! Thanks for all that
you've done to help re-establish our
chapter.

We will also miss the company of Christina
Ourednik, Kapiolani NICU, who will be
also moving to the mainland in 2006. We
wish you the best of luck in your future
endeavors!

Tiare Miller, Kapiolani NICU, is
engaged to her long time beau Todd.
They are planning a spring 2006 wedding.
Congratulations!

Amy Florendo, Kapiolani Intermediate
Nursery is engaged to Phanoumath. The
wedding date is set for January 2006.
Best wishes!

Someone had a baby?
Someone graduating from nursing school,
passed the RNC exam?
Someone moving, leaving island?

HOW TO CONTACT HINANN

Send an email to:



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NEXT MEETING:

December 13, 2005 (Tue)
0845 @ Sizzler's Pearl ridge



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