



Hawaii Association of Neonatal Nurses

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Message from the President:

**WOW**

In preparing this message I reviewed the previous newsletter and can only think of WOW, as the best way to describe how far we have come in just 2 years. In these two years we have managed to redevelop our chapter and receive our charter from the national office. We have an approximate membership of 30, with members moving off island and some moving in. We have participated in community projects (e.g., March of Dimes walkathon, Hawaii Blood Bank blood drive, and donation of car beds to needy families). We have offered one great annual educational conference with our next one coming in April. We now have our first corporate sponsor, which will allow us to offer you more educational sessions. We also received chapter communications award at the national conference held in Nashville, Tennessee in November 2006. And if that wasn't enough, we now have a website that you can go to ANYTIME and check out what is happening in the chapter and in the national association. Our new website is:  
[www.HawaiiNANN.org](http://www.HawaiiNANN.org)  
Please check it out and send us your comments.

None of this would be possible without you. Those of you who have decided to take an active part in your profession are reaping the rewards. We are hoping for those who were not able to join us before, that you will find a way to get involved. This could be simply placing stamps on conference flyers, posting signs in your unit for meetings or joining us at the March of Dimes Walkathon. You decide how involved you would like to be and we'll adapt to whatever you can offer.

I extend this invitation to ALL of our islands and hope that nurses from all islands will want to join us to assist their educational needs. We are all one, hoping to make a difference in the lives of babies and their families. Lets get together and make it happen.

I hope to meet you all at the April Conference and for those of you that have to work, we understand. That is why with our corporate sponsor we will be offering an educational dinner every other month starting in May. The dinner will include a one hour lecture and a chance to talk story with other neonatal nurses. Please be sure to introduce yourself, I really do want to meet you all and thank you for taking the time to give back to your profession.

Pam Almeida  
HINANN President



**Happy Birthday To:**

Darla Baumgartner: 04/20  
Pam Almeida: 4/29  
Jaymie Pinho: 05/04  
Stephanie Hoe: 05/10  
Gina Sakai: 05/24



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### HINANN meeting dates:

Mar. 13      Aug. (no meeting)  
Apr.12      Sept. 11\*  
May 8\*      Oct. 9  
Jun. 12<sup>th</sup>    Nov. 13\*  
Jul. 10\*     Dec. 11`

\* Indicates educational dinner meeting

°Hawaii Blood Bank Blood Drive  
(HINANN team participating)  
Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Pearlridge  
Mall, 8A-1P. Bring anyone you know  
who can donate!

°Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
HINANN Spring Conference, Ala  
Moana Hotel

°March of Dimes Walkathon- (Join  
the HINANN team)  
Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Kapi'olani Park  
Step off at 7:30A

°Academy of Neonatal Nursing  
Advance Practice Conference,  
Sheraton Waikiki, April 18-21, 2007

°HINANN Educational Dinner  
Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>  
(Sponsored by MedImmune)

°National 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Neonatal  
Advanced Practice Nursing Forum,  
May 30-Jun.1, 2007, Washington, DC

°HINANN Educational Dinner  
Tuesday July10th, TBA

°HINANN Education Dinner  
Tuesday Sept.11<sup>th</sup>, TBA

°National Association Neonatal Nurses  
23<sup>rd</sup> Conference, San Diego, CA, Sept.  
25-27, 2007



## LETS TALK STORY

### WELCOME TO NEW HINANN MEMBERS:

Melody Kilcommons

Gina Paeste

Joyce Madonia

Dana Ing

Jeannie Borza

Christine Wojciechowski

Laura Fujimoto

Leilani Kupahu-Marino (Leilani  
was the previous president of the  
Southern California Chapter of NANN;  
we are thrilled to have her and all her  
great ideas)

Welcome to new members of the Kap.  
NICU: Destry Heiser and Rebie Amasol.

### Best Wishes To:

Laura Linarello,(Kaiser)on her  
engagement.

Sadie Hanaumi(Kap) will be marrying  
Kerry Kim on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

John Keenan(Kap) and Monica  
Okumura(Kap) will wed in Penn Yan,  
New York on Oct.21, 2007

**Congratulations To:**

Tiare (Kap) and Todd Fisher on the birth of their first son, Tanner Fisher, born on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Maria Leonor(Kap) had a baby boy on Jan.6<sup>th</sup>.

Lynsa Knickerbocker(Kap) had her second baby, a boy on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>.

Sheree Cambra(Kap) and Amy Florendo-Sirivattha(Kap) are both expecting their first babies this spring.

**Farewell to:**

Candace Martinez(Kap) moving back to California to care for sick family. God bless you and your family.

Respiratory therapist, Wendell Inouye,(Kap) is moving on to St.Francis, West. All the best to him.

**Congrats** to Hiroko Akagi(Kap) for completing an Infant/Neonatal massage course in Miami, Florida.

**Best wishes** to Gina Sakai(Kaiser) back in school for her bachelors' degree in nursing. You go girl!

**Do you remember:**

Denise Companion? She was a level II Kap.nurse. StephanieHoe met up with her in Florida and she is currently working in a Level II in Florida and applying to an NNP program.

Geoff Early (previously Kaiser) he and his wife had their first baby, a girl Nov. 06. They currently live in Japan.

Someone having a birthday, had a baby, graduated from nursing school, or passed the RNC exam?

Someone moving or leaving off island? Let HINANN know, we would like to recognize them in the newsletter.



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