



# The Greater Delaware Valley ANIA Chapter Newsletter

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Welcome to the 1st Issue of the  
Greater Delaware Valley ANIA  
Chapter Newsletter!  
Brought to you by the Connections  
Committee

Our quarterly newsletter was created to bring  
GDVAC members news of upcoming events, a  
forum to highlight trends in Nursing Informatics,  
and a way for members to network.

We welcome comments, suggestions, and espe-  
cially article submissions!



**Keep an eye out for an announcement regard-  
ing our Spring Networking event!**

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## DVNCN Joins ANIA *Eileen D'Amico, BSN, RN*

DVNCN is now the Greater Delaware Valley ANIA Chapter. At the 2015 ANIA annual conference DVNCN was approached by the ANIA Chapter Director inquiring if we would consider becoming part of ANIA. The advantages of becoming part of ANIA were significant and the board decided to ask the DVNCN membership to choose. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of it. The leadership and structure of our organization will remain the same.

The first change that will be noticed is that our website will change to an ANIA Chapter website. The URL for our new website is <http://community.ania.org/greaterdelawarevalley/home>. Please pardon our appearance while the website is still under construction. Our chapter will include the area in PA that follows the Delaware Valley out to the Harrisburg area and New Jersey south of Trenton. All ANIA members who live in the area that have been identified will automatically become chapter members. If you live outside of this area, you will need to manually choose this chapter. This merger should give us an even larger pool of active members. DVNCN can look forward to an exciting future as the Greater Delaware Valley ANIA Chapter.

As a reminder you need to be an ANIA member to join our ANIA Chapter. Annual dues is \$79, two years is \$148. The following link will take you to the ANIA membership page:  
<https://www.ania.org/membership>

## DVNCN History *Barbara F. McAleer, RNC*

Delaware Valley Nursing Computer Network (DVNCN) was founded in the Philadelphia area in the late 1980's by a small group of acute care nurses who worked with computer systems, primarily in hospitals. It is an organization dedicated to professional and educational purposes. Members are encouraged to take an active part in networking, speaker participation and brainstorming on discussions of issues and trends in Nursing Informatics (NI).

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Since DVNCN's inception, Nursing Informatics has become a body of knowledge studied at both the undergraduate and graduate level. In 1992, the American Nurses Association (ANA) recognized Nursing informatics as a specialty. The Informatics Nursing certification examination was developed by the ANA in 1994 and is presently maintained by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

DVNCN members practice NI in a variety of settings, including but not limited to hospitals, long-term care facilities, technology vendor organizations, and as independent nursing entrepreneurs. They work as analysts, project managers, program managers, educators and consultants promoting nursing practice through nursing informatics. DVNCN sponsors a yearly conference specific to Nursing Informatics.



*From the Archives: DVNCN members with Susan K. Newbold. Who can name the others in the picture?*

In 2007 DVNCN participated in the Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI) Strategic Goals and took on increasing communication channels by requesting space in Nursing Spectrum, proposing a series of articles showcasing different facilities, and participating in Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics (SINI). They also participated in a mentorship program and supporting ANI research. This was part of the TIGER (Technology Informatics Guiding Education Reform) Initiative begun by ANA.

In March 2010, DVNCN participated through Alliance for Nursing Informatics (ANI) in submitting written comments on the Department of Health and Human Services DHHS 45 CFR, Part 170 entitled Health Information Technology: Initial Set of Standards, Implementation and Certification Criteria for EHR Technology: Interim Final Rule.

The organization has grown to more than 300 active members from a variety of healthcare settings including many current Nursing Executives.

## Introducing Eileen D'Amico, BSN, RN Executive Officer of GDVAC



Eileen D'Amico is the newly elected Executive Officer of GDVAC and is "honored to be the Executive Officer of GDVAC. As part of the Executive Board I will work to move GDVAC forward." She has been a member of DVNCN since 2011, the Chair of the Connections Committee since 2012 and a member of the Planning Committee since 2013. Eileen brings a wealth of knowledge to her position of Executive Officer of GDVAC as she is a registered nurse who has been involved in nursing informatics for over 12 years. She received her BSN from Neumann College. Prior to working in nursing informatics fulltime, Eileen worked in Hospice in positions ranging from staff nurse to Director. It was while working in Hospice that Eileen became involved with the implementation of an EMR and was hooked. She decided to follow her passion of working in nursing informatics and has spent the last 10 years as the Manager of Clinical IS implementing the EMR and other clinical systems in a long term care setting which consists of 6 facilities spread throughout New Jersey. Eileen also is the HIPAA Security Officer for the organization. Eileen has done presentations on both the regional and national level, including NJ HIMSS, DVNCN, AHIMA and annual software vendors' User Group.

During her free time Eileen is an avid gardener and enjoys reading. She also has fun spending time with her two Standard Poodles, Sam and Oz.

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Do you have more DVNCN pictures or history?  
We would love to have them! Send to:

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