

THE GREATER DELAWARE VALLEY ANIA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION

THE MISSION OF GDV-ANIA IS TO SUPPORT AND ENHANCE THE ROLE OF THE NURSES INVOLVED IN PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION, AND INTEGRATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE.

GREATER DELAWARE VALLEY ANIA ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

This past Fall, GDV-ANIA hosted another successful annual conference. The attendance level increased by 50% compared to last year! Close to 100 participants, with some joining virtually (new this year!), gathered for this conference titled "Seeking HIT Solutions: A Quest for Answers".

Don Klingen, MD, CMIO of Main Line Health System, began the day with a keynote presentation about the importance of the partnership between clinical and informatics to move beyond implementation to adoption. Engaged leadership, proficient end users, measurement of outcomes, and a sustainability plan are factors leading to adoption. He spoke of how clinical informatics is essential to sustainability, with key roles being leadership, advocacy, and engagement.

Nat'e Guyton, RN, MSN, CPHIMS, NE-BC, CNO of Spok, Inc., spoke next on managing change. She presented five keys to managing change:

Laura Gartner MS, BSN, RN-BC

1. Alter perceptions
2. Eliminate clutter
3. Remove constraints
4. Visionary versus systems thinking
5. Let go

She left us with this quote from George Bernard Shaw: "Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything".

Cheryl L. Fattibene, MSN, MPH, CRNP, Chief Nurse Practitioner Officer of the National Nurse Led Care Consortium, concluded the day with a presentation about nursing in the 21st century. She discussed the impact of technology, how data leads to power, and the rise of nursing informatics.

Thank you to all for joining us this year!

Slides from the day's presentation are available on our website (click [here](#)).

GDV-ANIA 2018 Election!

Elections for the Treasurer and President positions are coming soon! A call for nominations will be emailed out late February with nomination forms due March 18, 2018. In April, the official ballot will be sent out for voting. Keep an eye on your email for more information!



HOW I GOT INTO INFORMATICS & WHY I LIKE IT

Linda Raimo RN

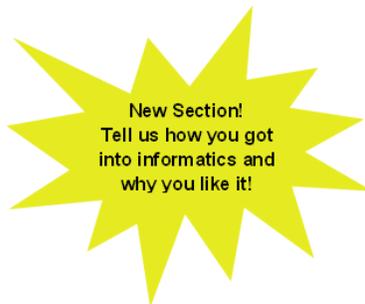
I have always loved technology and nursing. Computers always fascinated me and once I started using the EMR I wanted to know everything it could do and how it could make my job easier. I was a quick learner and would help others when they ran into problems or couldn't figure out how to use the EMR.

My first venture into nursing informatics was when I was working at a company that, in addition to doing case management, was developing a personal health record. I was recruited onto the product development team and loved it. It was exciting to use my nursing knowledge and skills to help make the record user-friendly.

From there I worked at a Skilled Nursing Facility and became very adept at the EMR used there. When a position opened up on the Informatics team a few months later I transferred to it.

I enjoy teaching others and seeing the look of sheer terror of having to use the EMR being replaced with their sighs of relief once they realized that they can do it. Helping resolve problems or issues within the EMR is interesting and satisfying especially when you figure out quickly what the problem was. Testing upgrades and enhancements to the EMR is enjoyable.

Another enjoyable aspect of nursing informatics is helping to improve work flow and processes; anything to make it easier for the caretakers makes it so satisfying.



New Section!
Tell us how you got
into informatics and
why you like it!

EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATE

As we look forward to an exciting new year in 2018, I'd like to look back at a few highlights from 2017. Of course there was our very successful Fall Conference, 100 attendees, outstanding speakers, good food and nice facilities. It was our first venture into fund raising and we raised a total of \$487. Another important step taken towards financial stability was that we were able to close our Memberclicks and Moula accounts, related to becoming an ANIA chapter, and save those monthly fees. The Nominating Committee was re-formed as a standing committee, in order to maintain structure in our election process. The ongoing process of editing our Bylaws was completed and they were approved by the membership. For 2018, the Executive Committee wants to move forward with fund raising, to assure the chapter's ongoing financial stability. We are in the process of investigating an online Silent Auction possibility. We continue to look for new and creative ways to engage chapter membership and are always looking for suggestions. One avenue we are exploring is to host webinars. Please contact me with any ideas that you have.

Take Care,

Eileen

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

- ▶ Connections Committee- The Connections Committee has been working on networking ideas, including a Spring event and the possibility of a webinar.
- ▶ Planning Committee- Fall Conference planning is underway. Stay tuned!
- ▶ Nominating Committee- Election season is soon upon us! The Nominating Committee is working on the nomination form that will be sent out late February/early March for the Treasurer and President positions.
- ▶ Fundraising Committee- We need some volunteers to get this committee started. Contact Eileen if you're interested at edamico@springpointsl.org

INTRODUCING MARY LOUISE DEMARCO MSN, RN-BC

Doreen Nation MSN, RN

Mary Louise DeMarco, MSN, BSN, RN-BC is the treasurer of GDV-ANIA. She began this role in 2013 when GDV-ANIA was the Delaware Valley Nursing Computer Network (DVNCN). Mary Louise's education and varied job experiences speak of her woven passion for nursing and informatics. Mary Louise has been involved in Nursing Informatics for over twenty years.

Mary Louise's educational path began with a BSN from Albright College in Reading, a MSN from Thomas Jefferson University and continued to a Post Master's Certificate in Nursing Informatics from Duke University, which she then capped off with board certification in nursing informatics (RN-BC).

Her early work began in Rehabilitation Nursing and then she moved into Case Management at the rehab center. She was introduced to the world of informatics when she moved to a position as a Systems Administrator for Case Management, Denial Management, Quality, Risk Management and Infection Control System. After receiving her post masters certificate and certification, Mary Louise worked as a Nurse Analyst in IT and later as the Director of Clinical Informatics for a new physician consulting group. As

a true maverick, Mary Louise completed the work cycle and later returned to the hospital as a Nursing Systems Analyst, from where she retired in November, 2017. Through all of her positions Mary Louise was able to incorporate her love for math and technology and utilize her skills to enhance the quality of data reporting.

Mary Louise sums up her passion for Nursing Informatics as, "I love NI because of the ability to be the intermediary between clinical and technology".

Mary Louise is married to her high school sweetheart for forty-five years (no she was not a baby!) and has three sons and two granddaughters. Family, fun and hobbies are her favorite activities now and she enjoys hanging out with her granddaughters, traveling, gardening, and going out to lunch and dinner with friends.

Find Flo!

Be the first to find a picture of Florence Nightingale in this newsletter and WIN A \$5 Gift Card to Dunkin Donuts!

Just email laura.gartner@jefferson.edu with her location and the first person to email with the correct response wins.

Not first to find her? Don't worry! Your name will be entered into a raffle for a second \$5 Gift Card to Dunkin Donuts!

Reminders!

- You need to be an ANIA member to join our ANIA Chapter. Annual dues are \$79 for one year, \$148 for two years. Go to <https://www.ania.org/membership> to access the ANIA membership page or click [here](#)
- ANIA has provided GDV-ANIA with a website and the Technology Team has transitioned us to this new site. You can now visit us at: <http://community.ania.org/greater-delawarevalley/home> or click [here](#)

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