

BIOGRAM



 **APIC** **MIAMI-DADE**
COUNTY
Chapter 008 - Miami-Dade County *founded 1972*

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Message from the President

APIC Members,

It is almost time for me to pass the gavel to Natalia Nunez, our next Chapter President. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the contributions that you made to the chapter during 2023. We had interesting discussions sparked by our educational program and legislative statutes that impacted or nearly impacted our practice. Our focus this year was on getting back to a new normal after the Pandemic and I believe that we rose to the challenge. During the year most of you amazed me with your energy, commitment to excellence and resilience. Many of you became more involved in chapter committees, others earned your certifications and there was renewed interest in chapter activities. I view that as a hopeful sign for growth and chapter development.

It has been an honor to be your chapter president this year and I'm incredibly grateful for the support that our current board and committee chairs provided. I look forward to working with you and our next president during 2024. Many of you breathed life back into our chapter after the Pandemic and I want to recognize your efforts. First, a special thanks to Paula, our joyful board secretary, who kept us informed about APIC events, meeting minutes and professional opportunities. Second, I want to express my gratitude to our amazing Education Committee. Arlene Merrill, Darren Page and their committee members who worked tirelessly to provide outstanding educational programs during 2023 and even scheduled educational programs for several months into 2024. I also want to acknowledge Liz Estevez and Norma Montalban for the amazing work they did planning the Infection Control week celebration. Barbara Russell kept us informed about legislative changes and inspired us have our voices heard by Senators and Congressmen. Also, a special shoutout to Moraima Rodriguez who led the Bylaws Committee and Arselia for chairing the Membership Committee. Finally, I want to recognize Arthur Freixas, past president and valued colleague for his patience, support, and ongoing technology lessons. Unanticipated change is certainty and infection prevention challenges are increasing, but together we are much stronger and able to navigate those rough waters to promote safer healthcare in all settings. During 2024, I invite you to focus on networking to address infection prevention challenges with renewed optimism and resolve.

Thanks for the memories, I wish all of you a happy and healthy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Miami Dade County Chapter, President

Arely

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." --Helen Keller

Thank you for your support in 2023!

APIC MIAMI DADE COUNTY MISSION STATEMENT:

The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC) is a multi-disciplinary, voluntary, international organization.

APIC's commitment is to improve patient care, prevent adverse outcomes and to minimize occupational hazards associated with the delivery of health care.

APIC 8 Officers and Board Members		2023
President		Arely Rego
Immediate Past President		Arthur Freixas
President Elect		Natalia Nunez
Secretary		Paula Ramsammy
Treasurer		Arsenio Prado
Membership Chair		Arselia Caldwell
Two Year Board Member		Liz Balda
1 Year Board Member		Natalia Nunez



Kudos to the Infection Control Committee !!

For A Great IIPW Luncheon Celebration!

Congratulations to the New Officers and Board Members!

Committee Chairs/Members	2024	2025 (SIGN UP)
Biogram		
ByLaws		
Education		
Infection Control Week		
Legislature		
Library		
Long Term Care		
Membership/Hospitality		
Nominating		
Seminar		

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR THE CHAPTER LATELY??

Add these to your 2024 New Year's Resolutions,

In support of APIC MIAMI DADE in 2024, I will:

1. Attend at least 4 chapter meetings.
2. Host a meeting at my place.
3. Join a committee.
4. Submit a *Biogram* article.
5. See what's happening at National.
6. Run for Office.
7. Bring a buddy to a meeting.
8. Go to FPIC.
9. Get certified.
10. Attend Seminar

Happy
Holidays!

Keeping one or more of these would be GREAT!

November's Biogram Article

Heartfelt thanks to Darren and Team Nicklaus Children's for their contribution to the Biogram!

Kudos to the Team on their highly creative IICW activities!

Please... double click on the attached article from Team Nicklaus Children's Hospital and celebrate with them!



International
Infection Prevention V

Holiday Luncheon Celebration

Hi Miami-Dade APIC Chapter Members,

Please see below or attached invitation for our annual holiday party. Please make sure to [register](#) by 12/8/23. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

You're invited to APIC Miami-Dade Chapter's

Holiday Luncheon Celebration

The event includes a buffet of: assorted cheeses, fresh fruit, 4 salads, 3 entrées (chicken, pasta and beef), dessert, coffee/tea, & soft drinks. We will celebrate the year, our accomplishments and our time together. Come exchange ideas and network!

Where: 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant

1395 NW 57th Ave, Miami, FL 33126

When: Tuesday, Dec 19th, 2023 @ Noon

Register by 12/8/23 (use URL or QR code below):

<https://forms.office.com/r/wkg9hSu2eU>

Payment: Pay at the door. Bring \$40 cash or check†



