



AANA Foundation eForum - Annual Meeting Highlights



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Foundation Highlights of the 2009 AANA Annual Meeting



The 2009 AANA Annual Meeting was held in sunny San Diego, California. On Saturday,

Joyce Kelly ran the Anesthesia Pioneers meeting where approximately 15 CRNAs gathered for coffee and sweet rolls. After introductions, each told stories about how they became CRNAs, who influenced their careers, what they were doing and are currently involved in. Photos were taken and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie.

On Sunday, the Opening Ceremonies were held.



Ten people were inducted into the AANA Foundation Friends For Life program. CDR John Maye, CRNA, PhD, NC, USN was awarded the Researcher of the Year Award and Theresa Culpepper, CRNA, PhD was recognized as the Rita LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year.



On Sunday afternoon, the General Poster Session was held in the Exhibit Hall. The Foundation sponsored over 80 poster presentations in categories of scientific, leadership, and clinical. With the help of poster session judges, the following winners were selected:

Scientific: The Effect of Immobilization Stress and Hormonal Treatment on Nociception

Leadership: An Analysis of Selection Criteria for a Military Nurse Anesthesia Program

Clinical: Prophylactic Isopropyl Alcohol Inhalation and IV Ondansetron Versus IV Ondansetron Alone in the Prevention of Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting

On Monday, approximately 1,000 students attended the AANA Student Scholarship Luncheon. The AANA Foundation awarded over \$126,000 in scholarships to 66 students.

The oral presentation of eight research posters took place on Monday afternoon. Over 125 Annual Meeting participants attended the research session to hear the following presenters:

Investigation of the Anti-Inflammatory, Anti-Nociceptive Effect of Ellagic Acid as Measured by Digital Paw Pressure via the Randall-Selitto Meter in the Male Sprague-Dawley Rat Anesthesia Simulator Training

Quantification of Regenerative Skeletal Muscle Components in a Malignant Hyperthermia Susceptible Porcine Model: a Possible Link to Prolonged Muscle Weakness

A Study to Assess the



Effect of an ACLS Simulation-based Educational Intervention on Performance and Knowledge in a group of First Year Nurse Anesthesia Students

The Effect of Pain on Leukocyte Cellular Adhesion Molecules and Inflammatory Mediators

Association between Genotypes for Opioid μ Receptors and Catechol-O-Methyl Transferase with Opioid Induced Sedation in Postoperative Orthopedic Trauma Patients

The Effects of Arterial Blood Pressure on Rebleeding when Celox and Traumadex are Used in a Porcine Model of Lethal Femoral Vascular Injury

Controlled Epidural Anesthesia Versus Patient Controlled Anesthesia Plus Continuous Lumbar Epidural Anesthesia in Laboring Women

The Effect of Epidural Normal Saline Bolus Prior to Catheter Removal on Parturient Sensory and Motor Function Recovery

On Monday evening, the AANA Foundation hosted its Awards and Recognition Dinner at Roy's Restaurant. The Advocate of the Year award went to Wilma Gillis, CRNA, ARNP. The Post-Doctoral Fellowship was given to Charles Vacchiano, CRNA, PhD. The Hershel



Bradshaw Doctoral Fellowship was given to Robert Matthews, CRNA, MSNA and Tony Umadhay, CRNA, MSN was awarded the New York Life Doctoral Fellowship. 10 new Friends For Life were inducted.

The following people received Doctoral Fellowships:

Connie Calvin, CRNA, ARNP, MS; Michael Dosch, CRNA, MS; Juan Gonzalez, CRNA, MS; Jill Stulce, CRNA; Patricia Wirth, CRNA, USN and Suzanne Wright, CRNA, MSNA.

Warm wishes and a heartfelt thank you was given to Ken Plitt, CRNA, MBA, the AANA Foundation Board Chair. Ken served on the Board for six years and handed over his gavel to Nancy Gondringer, CRNA, MA who will serve as the Board Chair for 2009-2010.



Tuesday morning the AANA Foundation hosted its 12th Annual Golf Outing at Salt Creek Golf Club in Chula Vista, California. 88 players participated and had a picture perfect day for golf. Prizes were given for first, second and third place along with

prizes for the various contests. Several state associations and generous individuals donated gifts that were given out in a drawing. None of this would have taken place without the help of our volunteers.

The Annual Meeting would not be complete without the Banquet Dinner that was held Wednesday evening in the Convention Center. There were close to 1,500 people in attendance waving their napkins while they cheered for their respective states. It was a beautiful evening that congratulated Jackie Rowles on her excellent year of service as AANA Board President and welcomed James Walker as the 2009-2010 AANA Board President.