GBC-AACN Mission Statement

The American Association of Critical Care Nurses is a not for profit service association dedicated to the welfare of people experiencing critical illness or injury. Our energies are primarily directed at advancing the art and science of critical care nursing and promoting environments that facilitate comprehensive professional nursing practice for those experiencing actual or potential critical illness or injury.

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Greetings to all,

It’s hard to believe that we began this journey together almost a year ago. Our then newly elected AACN President, Teri Lynn Kiss challenged us to flame the FIRE within our self. The GBC took up the torch and did exactly that. The programs we offered throughout the fall were well received. During the stark, cold, snowy winter, the GBC continued to burn with activity. We were so excited to secure a national speaker, Cammy House-Fancher, ACNP, MSN, CCRN-CSC, PCCN, to speak at our annual Nursing Spring Celebration Dinner honoring members and area nurses. On March 23rd lights were ablazing at Maggiano’s Restaurant in Boston as Cammy spoke on the “Cutting Edge of Nursing”. With her clinically, grounded humor, Cammy discussed the impact of healthy work environments and effect of teams on improved safety and care. Over 60 nurses left the event inspired, invigorated, and proud to be a nurse. On April 9th the GBC partnered with Regis College to co-sponsor a program entitled Emerging Trends Impacting Acute/Critical Care Nursing. It was devoted to research and quality. The audience heard Avital Rech MS RN CCRN from Boston Medical Center and Mary Lou Cullen RN from Regis College and Brigham’s and Woman’s Hospital, present their research. Over 15 poster presentations on research and quality improvement projects from area hospitals were proudly displayed for the audience to review and discuss with each project lead. It was a successful evening, that the GBC board voted to appropriate some monies and clinical leadership to mentor nurses and cultivate others to participate in similar poster presentations. Lastly our organization has identified a new charity in (continued) Project Hope.

Throughout the year the GBC board burned through our agenda and goal of being a “Cutting Edge” AACN chapter. We solidified plans and programs for next year, ensuring a smooth yearly transition. Our chapter logo, website, and business cards were upgraded. We embraced technology and began offering Pay Pal and Fire Fly systems for our members to easily register, pay for programs, and renew their membership/dues. We used Survey Monkey twice to ask you, our constituents, to select our chapter’s charity and next year’s GBC board members and officers. Our efforts were successful. Today the GBC is proud to boast the highest membership it has had in many years. In addition during our annual board elections, we received the largest membership voting response in our history. To that end we welcomed 4 new board members from various hospitals making the new enlarged board truly representative of the city at large.

Reflecting on this past year, I cannot believe all that we have accomplished. It truly demonstrates the affect positive energy has and that everyone is capable of accomplishing much when a spark is flamed and tended. As I pass the torch on to next year’s GBC President, Colleen Ryan MS, RN, CCRN, I want to thank you all for the privilege of working with you this past year. It’s been my pleasure and honor.

Burn brightly,

Janet S. Eagan MS, RN, CCRN
AACN Outreach Program:

Would you like a **GBC AACN Outreach Program** at your hospital? GBC continues to reach out to hospitals in the greater Boston area. GBC is willing to support your hospital in setting up educational opportunities for nurses. **We can bring speakers, provide CEU’s and refreshments for FREE...** what we need is a place to hold the conference in your hospital. Email us to get more information...we are happy to work with you. *gbc.aacn@gmail.com*

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**Janet with Cammy at our Spring Celebration**

The GBC’s Annual Spring Celebration for Nursing

On March 23 the GBC offered one of it’s favorite events, our annual Spring Celebration for Nursing. This event allows the GBC to honor our members and area nurses. The evening is meant to inspire and validate the extraordinary work nurses do every day. This year we were so very proud to have a national speaker as our presenter. Cammy Houser-Fancher, ACNP, MSN, CCRN-CSC/CMC, PCCN, spoke on The Cutting Edge: Building a Team. Two areas that Cammy reviewed were the importance of developing and maintaining a healthy work environment and building teams to improve patient safety and care. As a currently practicing, acute care Nurse Practitioner in a large urban hospital, Cammy’s clinical experience and savvy demeanor infused laughter in the audience while underscoring the importance of the material. Over 60 nurses enjoyed the presentation and left with much to reflect upon. Thank you for all your do from the GBC!
2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Delirium
September 10th 2015
Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital
Charlestown, Ma

A Free Presentation for the GBC-AACN Community
On September 10th, 2015, Dr. Christopher Carter, PsyD (a Director of Behavioral Medicine at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital) will present on "Understanding Delirium." The presentation is free for all attendees and will include a light dinner and continuing education credits. The presentation will focus on identifying risk factors, describing symptoms, early recognition, and discussing nursing interventions for delirium. The event will start at 5:30pm in Conference Room A at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital (300 1st Ave, Charlestown, MA 02129). Advanced registration is required and can be completed online by going to gbc-aacn-understanding-delirium.eventbrite.com. For questions, please contact event organizer Darren Page (dfpage@partners.org or 617.952.5321).

Transition of Care from Pediatrics to Adult
December 3, 2015
Boston Children’s Hospital
Garden Room

Check the GBC AACN website for further registration details.
www.aacn.org/gbc
PCCN/CCRN REVIEW COURSES

The Greater Boston Chapter will be offering the highly successful CCRN/PCCN Review Course at Lantana’s in Randolph. The CCRN review class will be November 4th & 5th 2015. The PCCN review class will be held November 5th & 6th 2015. We are pleased to announce that Cammy House-Fancher will be presenting again. Cammy is a nationally known speaker with over 37 years of Critical Care experience. She brings much clinical practice skill to the lectures as well as providing clinical pearls for bedside care. Past attendees describe Cammy as knowledgeable and humorous. She is engaging, entertaining, and motivated the nurses to keep on learning.

The course is a great review as well as an important step in preparing for either the CCRN or PCCN Certification Examination. Anatomy and physiology, physical assessment, and pathophysiology are presented in a systems approach. The clinical certification exam evaluates level of knowledge and clinical expertise.

Don’t Forget!!

AACN Webinars
Go to aacn.org to view FREE monthly webinars that provide 0.5 contact hours.
The upcoming live webinar is entitled:
Adult Survivors of Childhood Chronic Disease: Focus of CHD
July 9, 2015
Connect-Share-Impact: Pediatric and Neonatal Critical Care Nursing Summit

**September 25 & 26, 2015** Boston Children’s Hospital is pleased to host Connect – Share – Impact: Pediatric and Neonatal Critical Care Nursing Summit, September 25 – 26, 2015, at the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School, in the heart of Boston’s famed Longwood medical center neighborhood. The summit creates a unique platform for nurses to:

- Discuss the unique challenges and opportunities in pediatric and neonatal critical care
- Collectively identify trends in pediatric and neonatal critical care nursing that should be addressed
- Share best practices that nurses are able to institute into their organizations
- Grow their professional network
- Prepare for pediatric / neonatal care certification and obtain continuing education credits

Preceding the summit, Boston Children’s will conduct an all-day certification review class on September 24, providing nurses who attend the summit an opportunity for instruction on topics and materials necessary for certifications in pediatric / neonatal care.

Registration for the summit and all-day certification review class will open March 31, 2015.

Horizons Warwick, RI in 2016
Horizons 2016 - A Critical Care Symposium

Call For Poster Abstracts
Due December 1, 2015 Click Here for Details
2016 is the 30th Anniversary of Horizons!

April 5, 6 & 7, 2016

GBC Membership Corner

There are GBC AACN members as of June 2015. Members are from community hospitals, academic medical centers as well as academic settings. Share the word about GBC AACN with your colleagues. See the membership form at the end of the Chronicle.

179 GBC members- 172 paid & 7 life time members. There are 67 GBC members up for renewal the end of June

Thank you to all the members that voted in our election for 2015-2016 Board of Directors of GBC. We welcome back current board members along with 4 new board members! Congratulations to everyone!
The election results are as follows:
President Elect: Dennis Doherty
Secretary: Donna Rosborough
Board of Directors:
Nancy Bittner
Marcia Bixby
*Lucia DeSousa
Dorothy DiDomenico
*Linda Le
*Kathryn McCarraher
*John Whitlock

Please know we would like to get to know all of you. We hope to meet you at GBC meetings or programs. You can also e-mail us if you have specific questions or comments.
Visit GBC’s website: http://www.aacn.org/gbc

Keep in touch
Tell us what you are up to for our Fall Chronicle. To continue to receive mail and emails from GBC please notify us of any change of address or email address!

GBC HANDBOOKS

The GBC Critical Care Handbooks are available for $5 per book, or $4 per book for orders of 25 books or more. Contact us at gbc.aacn@gmail.com if you wish to purchase handbooks.

Community Service Corner

1. Project Hope (mission: to provide low-income women with children access to education, jobs, housing, and emergency services)

Stay tuned for more information of how you can get involved with Project Hope or contact board member Darren Page at dfpage@partners.org.

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GREATER BOSTON CHAPTER of AACN
Membership Application

*Name: ________________________________________________________________

*Home Address: __________________________________________________________

*City/State/Zip: __________________________________________________________

*Home Phone: __ (_______) _______________________________________________

*Copy of National AACN Membership card (please attach): ☐ (Required)

*E-Mail Address: _________________________________________________________
(Address required to receive information regarding programs)

Certification: CCRN ☐  PCCN ☐  CMC ☐  CSC ☐  CCNS ☐  ACNPC ☐  CNML ☐

Hospital/Employer: ________________________________________________________

Clinical Area: ____________________________

Work Phone: ___ (_______) ______________________________________________

Membership Type: (Please select one)
☐ Active
☐ Emeritus (submit proof of age 55 years or greater)
☐ Student (first year membership free)
☐ Affiliate (LPN or non-nurse professional)
☐ International
☐ Corporate

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Dues for GBC-AACN:
1-year: $15.00  2-years: $25.00
(Checks payable to GBC-AACN)

Please submit this membership application to:
Greater Boston Chapter of AACN
PO Box 81030
Wellesley Hills, MA  02481-0001

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date: ________________________________
Check Amount: _______________________

AACN Number: ____________________