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*Register today for the Spring Fling!*

**Spring Fling 2018**

**March 24th**

**Spokane, WA**



*7am-4pm*

*Hotel RL by Red Lion Spokane at the Park*

*Phone*

*(509) 326-8000*

*Address*

*Hotel RL by Red Lion*

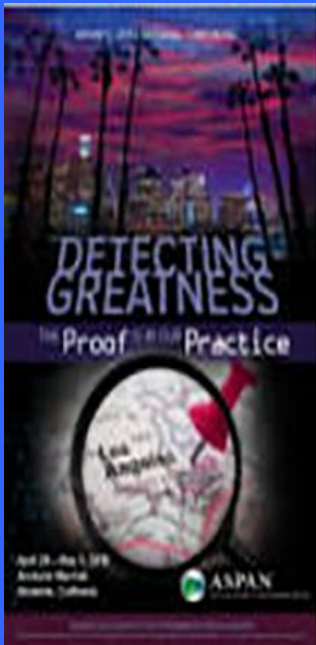
*303 W North River Dr.*

*Spokane, WA 99201*

*Website*

<https://www.redlion.com/park-Spokane>

[Spring Fling 2018 flyer](#)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

ASPAN's 37<sup>th</sup> National Conference

April 29 – May 3, 2018

Anaheim, California

[2018 Registration Brochure](#)

[Click here to register](#)

NPANA component luncheon:

12:00pm, May 1, 2018

Buca di Beppo

Address

11757 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840



*NPANA 2018 Fall Conference: Portland, OR*  
September 29-30, 2018  
Perianesthesia PEARLS in Portlandia!  
Venue: Holiday Inn Portland Airport  
More details to come....



## *ASPAN PeriAnesthesia Certification Review*

*Lois Schick is coming to Seattle, WA. Saturday,  
February 10th!*

**ABPANC CPAN/CAPA Spring testing: Registration is open Jan 8 - March 26th**  
**Testing dates are April 2- May 29th!**

**New testing locations now available in Alaska!**

**[Seattle certification review info](#)**

**[Certification schedule and fees](#)**

*Congratulations to our newly certified RNs Fall 2017:*

<i>Tracy Wolter- CPAN</i>	<i>Maryse Barker- CPAN</i>
<i>Buffie Cubit- CPAN</i>	<i>Shari St John- CPAN</i>
<i>Michaela Wilde- CPAN</i>	<i>Kenneth Bucher-CPAN</i>
<i>Lisa Fordham- CPAN</i>	<i>Lindsay Denney- CPAN</i>
<i>Charles Bierle- CPAN</i>	<i>Hillary Preston- CPAN</i>
<i>Lindsey Jackman- CPAN</i>	<i>Thomas Vaverka- CPAN</i>
<i>Robyn Randall- CPAN</i>	<i>Jessica Russell- CPAN</i>
<i>Nereyda Leder- CPAN</i>	<i>Karen Schmidt- CPAN</i>
<i>Angela Knapp- CPAN</i>	<i>Katherine Jardine- CPAN</i>
<i>Veda Wilson- CPAN</i>	<i>Michelle Fieser- CPAN</i>
<i>Nancy Deem- CPAN</i>	<i>Danielle Ferreri- CPAN</i>
<i>Andrea Zech- CPAN</i>	<i>Faina Yoffe- CPAN</i>
<i>Amber Berard- CPAN</i>	<i>Jennifer Henderson- CPAN</i>
<i>Jarick Huliganga- CPAN</i>	<i>Johanna Abafo- CPAN</i>
<i>Sena Carlile- CPAN</i>	<i>Shawna Beese- CPAN</i>
<i>Caroline Blachford- CPAN</i>	<i>M Elizabeth Leske- CPAN</i>
<i>Lisa Thacker- CPAN, CAPA</i>	<i>Leona Foley- CPAN</i>
<i>Kelly Wolff- CPAN</i>	<i>Jamie Conant- CAPA, CPAN</i>
<i>Laurie Dougherty- CAPA</i>	<i>Dawn Gump- CAPA</i>
<i>Christina Kent- CAPA</i>	<i>Sheena Marie Blocker- CAPA</i>
<i>Candy Watzek- CAPA</i>	<i>Kandace Kibler- CAPA</i>
<i>Simone Jackson- CAPA</i>	<i>Teresa Brown- CAPA</i>
<i>Tamara Brown- CAPA</i>	<i>Michael Hardy- CAPA</i>
<i>Barbara Gomez- CAPA</i>	<i>Gretchen Novasio- CAPA</i>
<i>Sara Eveland- CAPA</i>	<i>Deanna Beach- CAPA</i>
<i>McRomeo Libid- CAPA</i>	<i>Nancy Ownby- CAPA</i>
<i>Annette McCulley- CAPA</i>	<i>Theresa Bonnell- CAPA</i>
<i>Kimberly Mudge- CAPA, CPAN</i>	



*Education Corner:*

*Barb Richardson,  
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*March 24: NPANA Spring Fling (Spokane, WA)*

*April 29-May 3: ASPAN National Conference (Anaheim, CA)*

*September 29-30: NPANA Fall Conference (Portland, OR)*

*Do you need help hosting an educational offering? Want to offer contact hours with your own speaker? We can help you!*

*ASPAN Select Offerings also provide options for 1 to 3-hour pre-recorded education sessions! Contact hours are available for purchase. Let us know if you are interested in hosting a session!*

[\*ASPAN Select Seminars\*](#)



*PeriAnesthesia Nurses Awareness Week February 5-11th*

[\*Check out PANAW gear here\*](#)



*What's the deal with the IV fluid shortage?  
Submitted by Shannon Kline, RN BSN CPAN*

*When Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico in September of 2017, it resulted in the temporary shutdown of Baxter's manufacturing plants. According to [CBS news](#), Baxter produces more than 43% of the U.S. IV solutions market, "tens of millions of sterile IV solutions" each year. In an [FDA press release](#) the U.S. has been working to restore operations/move critical supplies off of the island. The FDA also reports approving IV solutions from new companies as well as temporarily allowing the importation of non-U.S. made sterile IV solutions. The FDA states that these measures should help improve the shortage in the near future.*

*The IV fluid shortage is compounded by a severe flu season. We have all seen this in our daily practice. At my facility, I've heard anesthesia providers talking about running patients on Propofol drips, 'to increase their total IV fluid.' We've been asked to evaluate each patient's needs for IV fluids and have sent the majority of patients to the OR with 250ml hanging instead of a liter. Nurses are standing at the bedside giving drugs via slow IV push with multiple 10ml flushes rather than putting that same medication in the infusion bag it would normally be in. We as nurses never fail to demonstrate our flexibility and resourcefulness in finding ways to provide the best possible care to our patients despite less than optimal conditions. Good job to all of us for the hard work!*

## **Membership & District Updates:**

*Submitted by Jaime Conant,  
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**Membership Update  
January 2018:**



- Total Members as of January 2018: 877

New Members November and December: 40

## **Government Affairs:**

Did you know? ASPAN has many advocacy resources:

<http://www.aspan.org/Resources/Advocacy>

<https://www.govtrack.us>

National Assoc. of City & County Health Officials (NACCHO) announces release of its policy recommendations for 2017. There are over 125 policy statements on public health issues impacting individuals and communities.

[Compendium of Policy Recommendations](#)

Update on health care reform legislation:

American Nurses' Association:

[Health Care System Reform](#)



## **NPANA Officers:**

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Editor's Note:

**Off the Cuff © article & event submissions are welcome!**

**Submissions are due: Mar 15, June 15, and Oct 15.**

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quality care for patients

*and their families through professional education, research, and  
standards of practice for  
PeriAnesthesia nurses.*

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