

HGC-ANAC On the Move....



Member Maggie White headlined ANAC luncheon on closing day.



Member Pete Rodriguez was highlighted nationally during LatinX month



"State of HIV in Houston" a huge success with a panel discussion.



HGC had a strong showing at nationals in Tampa.

Chapter Highlights from the President



As I consider what ANAC, Tampa, our HGC chapter and the hundreds of people that have crossed my life on this path, I realize the impact that we as a whole are making in our communities for those infected and affected with HIV/AIDS. Over the last 22 years I have served as an HIV specialty provider, I have witnessed significant change in life, medication management, prevention and policy. The LGBTQ+ community has achieved positive recognition, awareness and a voice which can be seen on television through commercial advertisements, sit-com roles and news media. The one thing that perhaps has not yet changed is the stigma that comes with HIV infection. Few people are willing to share their status which continues to profoundly impact our society and delay quality advancements with social determinants of health and transmission reduction efforts. In 2022, HGC chapter has more than doubled our membership in ANAC. We have come together since the summer and accomplished a significant amount of work surrounding advocacy, barriers to care, networking and community. We have passed through another election and have accepted the outcomes with stride. As a community and organization who has faced indifference, discrimination, segregation and lack of respect, I encourage you to remain open and accept the differences of others while continuing to work together to make positive change and alleviate HIV stigma as a disease. We value the freedom of choice, speech and decision. We shall not repress those opinions that do not match ours but be open to understanding while considering the differences as we have so fought for the last 40 years in HIV/AIDS nursing.

Dr. Robin

Houston Gulf Coast Shines in Tampa



Chivon McMullen-Jackson received partial conference scholarship. Patricia Carter received HGC conference scholarship. Drs. Emily Barr and Diane Santa Maria presented posters. Evelyn Malone-Hicks spoke at Chapter's meeting. Maggie White keynote at closing luncheon. Dr. Emily Barr received Researcher of the Year award and headlined breakout session on her research. National committee membership: Awards—Kendrick Clack; Chapters Co-Chair—Robin Hardwicke; Nominations Chair-elect—Evelyn Malone-Hicks. HGC attendees: Dr. Lynn Roberts, Pete Rodriguez, Jim Osborn, Quincy Jennings, Veronica Brady & Dr. Sha McCoy. Thanks to all who attended and represented.

Please consider membership on a National committee: Awards, Bylaws, Nominating, Research, Global HIV Nursing, Palliative, Health & Wellness, Chapters, Rural & Frontier, Policy & Advocacy.

The Results Are In!



Thanks to everyone who completed the Member Engagement Survey. When you speak, we listen. Here are some highlights of your responses:

- Day of the week matters: We are changing to every 4th **Thursdays**
- Frequency matters: We will remain **every other month**
- Location: We live in **Houston**...so no problem there.

You provided us with so many wonderful topics in multiple areas of interest. We are planning a full day of education (continuing ed credit to be available), State of HIV in Houston II & monthly discussion forums on Facebook. Committees will be formed to ensure success. Be sure to sign up! More details to follow soon.

2023 Community Service Recipient

REED Family Clinic- volunteer opportunities to come; watch for emails. Scan for more info:



HIV/AIDS Specialty Certification



Certification is an indication of current knowledge, skills and experience in a specialized area of practice to promote optimal health outcomes.

Certification can lead to increased personal satisfaction, job satisfaction and patient satisfaction. It can also improve collaboration, as well as patient and organizational outcomes. The purpose of certification is to promote comprehensive HIV/AIDS nursing care by:

- Encouraging continued personal and professional growth in the practice of HIV/AIDS nursing
- Establishing and measuring the level of knowledge required for certification in HIV/AIDS nursing
- Providing a national standard of requisite knowledge for certification; thereby assisting the employer, public and members of health professions in the assessment of the HIV/AIDS nursing practice
- Recognizing formally through certification those individuals who meet the eligibility requirements and standards set by the HIV/AIDS Nursing Certification Board



We are currently seeking all who wish to obtain certification. I will be submitting a request for a group discount on January 09. Please notify me of your interest in application prior to this time.

Certification requirements for ACLPN, ACRN, AACRN may be found online by scanning QR code.

New Incoming HGC Board Members



The current BOD says thank you and goodbye to outgoing Secretary Chivon Jackson.



President-Elect Evelyn Malone-Hicks. She's an RN who works with TheraTechnologies.



Secretary Dr. Sha McCoy. She works as an Medical Science Liaison for Gilead Sciences.



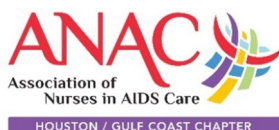
Director at Large Dr. Sheryl Malone-Thomas. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Nursing

End of Year Events



Celebrate World AIDS Day on Thursday, December 1st. Drop us a line on Facebook to share how you will be celebrating.

- Thursday, December 8th—Member Only Christmas Party
- Thursday, December 15th—Open mixer 6pm Highline Park 600 N. Shepherd Suite 499- Please bring black hair products for donation to REED;
- Thursday, January 26, 2023—Membership Drive & Mixer. Details TBA.
- 2023 Meeting Dates:
 - Meetings: March 23rd; May 25th
 - Day of Education: July 20th
 - State of HIV in Houston: September 21st
 - National ANAC Conference—New Orleans: Oct 25-28
 - Member Holiday Mixer: December 7th



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