



Message to PNAA SCR Membership

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My Warmest Greetings to Everyone!

On behalf of the 15 chapters of the PNAA South Central Region (SCR), I am inviting you to the 17th PNAA SCR Conference “*The Power of Advocacy: Be Seen. Be Heard. Be Counted*” in San Antonio Texas on November 1-4, 2018. The host of the conference is the Philippine Nurses Association of San Antonio Texas (PNASA). I can assure you that you will learn more and get inspired by the most engaging and expert speakers in their field of practice. The many historical places to visit and enjoy in San Antonio should be exciting and full of memorable experiences for families. The PNASA colleagues have dedicated long and rewarding hours to ensure that you will have the best PNAA SCR Conference ever! Please attend and smell, feel, hear, taste, see and experience it all yourselves!

I am honored and humbled to serve you as the PNAA South Central Region Vice-President 2018-2020. Each one of us play a vital role in making a difference to our nursing profession, for each other as Filipino-American Nurses, and to the communities / people we serve. Just like you, I am proud of being a Filipino nurse and a member of the Philippine Nurses Association of America. Of the four PNAA Regions, South Central Region (SCR) has the most number of chapters. It is composed of 15 chapters and more in the making. Texas has eight chapters (PNA San Antonio, PNA Central Texas, PNA South Texas Rio Grande Valley, PNA Texas Cameron County, PNA Metropolitan Houston, PNA North Houston, PNA Texas Golden Triangle, and PNA North Texas), Florida has five chapters (PNA Gulf Coast Florida, PNA Tampa Bay Florida, PNA Central Florida, PNA Northeast Florida, and PNA Miami and Southeast Florida), Georgia has one chapter (PNA Georgia and one sub chapter) and Tennessee has one chapter (PNA Tennessee).

The PNA-TN that I founded in 2016 is the first in the State of Tennessee. A new chapter with young, bright, dedicated, committed, and energetic nurse leaders. Serving as their adviser and mentor, the PNA-TN continuous to grow from inception with 30 members to 85 members and still increasing its membership. I am a member of PNA-TN. As Past President of PNA Metropolitan Houston in 2004-2006, I’m serving as a member of PNAMH Advisory Council. My philosophy in life is simple ... I believe strongly in the power of collaboration, partnership, team work, coaching and mentoring. As your RVP, my passion to serve the 15 chapters and beyond is always in my mind, heart, and soul. Together we are one and with one strong voice let us ... Make a difference and advocate for PNAA’s Mission and Goals, Nursing Profession, and Healthy People Globally.

Sincerely,

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