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Happy New Year to all SPCN cardiac nurses!

Turning the calendar to a new year tends to draw us towards reminiscing about the past year and making resolutions for the year ahead. When I take a look at where we were last year as an organization, and where we are today, there are no doubts that we have made progress. Our refreshed logo and new web site have created new energy amongst members (and hopefully non-members wishing to join). We were financial supporters of the nursing reception held at World Congress in Washington, D.C. and opted for a virtual annual educational program to coincide with AHA Sessions held in Philadelphia. Both of these events promoted nursing collaboration by attendees nationally and internationally.

However, we have to set new goals to keep us moving forward as an organization. The current SPCN board members agreed to offer more educational opportunities throughout the year, rather than just one date. With that, we are gathering a group of experts to speak on the topic of transition. This theme will be used for nursing, patients and families, and caregivers until our next annual educational meeting in November 2024. We will plan to provide these offerings every other month, beginning in February with Dr. Kiona Allen speaking on transition from inpatient to outpatient care. Please look for an invite to follow in the near future!

February is National Heart Month with 2/2 designated as National Wear Red Day. Break out that sweater, dress, scarf, jewelry, shoes, or whatever you can find to show your support! Additionally, we will be promoting our annual membership drive in February by sharing a flyer highlighting SPCN and a QR code to easily become a member. I fell short of meeting our 2023 goal of 400 members, but I'm confident with your help, we can make it happen! The personal and professional rewards of membership are beyond measure. Watch your inbox for more updates this month and share with ALL cardiac nurses you are connected with. Together, we can be even better!

Wishing all of you a joyful and healthy 2024!

Respectfully,

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