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Join the
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Pictures, comments,
events are posted regularly!

President's Message

by Trina Mora

Hello wesTpan Members,

I can't believe summer is over and school has started again already! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and made lots of great memories with family and friends! Fall is already upon us, and the holidays are coming up fast.

There have been some changes in our wesTpan leadership again. I am back as President for our region. Jessica Herrera will continue as Vice President/President Elect, and the Facebook Master. Sarah Salcido will continue to serve as Treasurer, and is now Immediate Past President. Kat Tollett will continue to serve as Secretary, News Letter Editor, and is now the Webmaster for our wesTpan web page. I want to thank the board members for covering for me in my absence. You have no idea what that means to me and I am very grateful for you all!

As mentioned before by Kat Tollett in a previous newsletter, we are looking for volunteers for our region. Whether you can serve on a committee, or volunteer to help at various educational and fundraising events, you are invited to participate in our active organization. We are looking to fill Liaison Officer positions in San Angelo, Lubbock, Odessa, and Amarillo. Maybe you have an article about perianesthesia nursing that we could include in our newsletter, or pictures of local events you have participated in. Whatever you think may be news-worthy, please send it to us and we will include it in the newsletter. You can earn scholarship points for different things you send to us for the newsletter, and it would mean a lot to us as a group. Without member participation, there would not be money available for scholarships, or the ability to come together for our profession. Your talents and expertise are valuable to all of us! If you are interested in helping in any way, please send an email to admin@tapan-westtexas-panhandle.com and we will help you get involved.

The 41st Annual State TAPAN Conference will be held in San Antonio from October 13th through the 15th, 2017. Please make plans to attend, if possible. You can register on the TAPAN website www.tapan.org or look on Facebook for the registration link. I hope you can make it there, not only to learn, but to enjoy some time with your fellow perianesthesia nurses!

Sincerely,

Trina Mora, BSN, RN, CAPA, CPAN

Save the date...2017

October 2nd - November 20th

CAPA CPAN exam dates

Good luck to those of you who are testing!

For more information, visit the ABPANC website at: <http://cpancapa.org/>

October 13th - 15th

41st TAPAN State Conference

Drury Plaza Inn, 823 N Loop 1604 E San Antonio, TX.

Go to www.tapan.org and your email for details and registration information.

April 29th - May 3rd 2018

ASpan National Conference

Taking place in Anaheim CA

Visit <http://www.aspan.org/Events> for details

Congratulations!!!

To our own Jessica Herrera
for completing her baccalaureate degree!!
Congrats to you for your awesome achievement!
Great job!

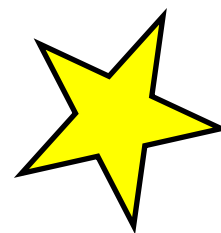
\$\$ wesTpan Financial Report \$\$

Quarterly report as of August 1st, 2017

INCOME (including dues, fundraising, donations, etc): \$110.97

EXPENSES (reimbursements, meeting expenses): \$ 1028.44

BALANCE: \$1205.36



Midland Memorial Hospital (Midland):

This year, for Nurses week in May 2017 at Midland Memorial Hospital, Sarah Salcido BSN RN and Jessica Herrera BSN RN put together several prizes for the nurses in the Peri-operative area. This was a fun time for the nurses of Preop, same day surgery, holding area, operating room, CRNA, endoscopy and PACU. The gifts consisted of several different items donated by nurses, physicians and others from the peri-operative area. The outcome was unpredictable and surprising! Two surgeons randomly picked names out of a box to award nurses with 28 small gifts and 5 big gift baskets.



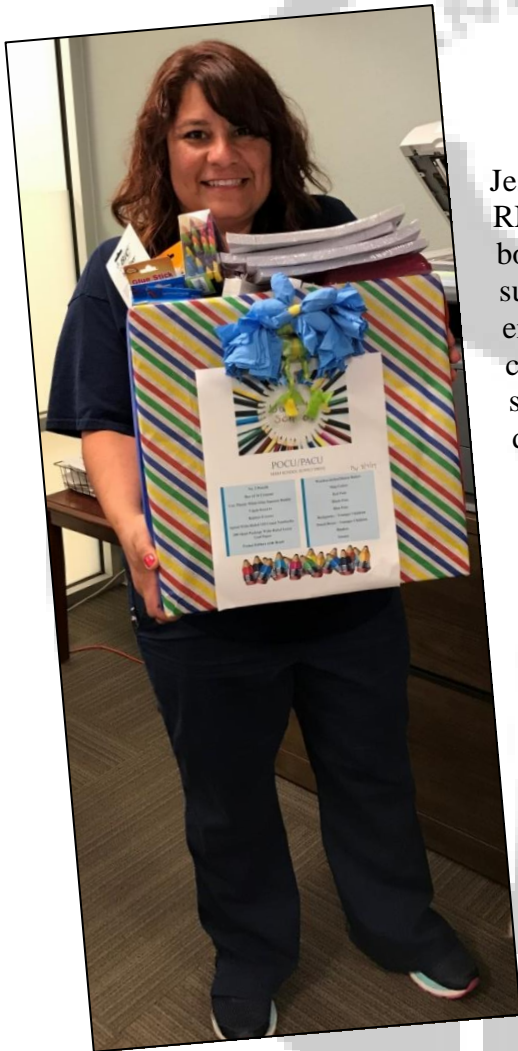
Left to right Brenton Ross CRNA, Carrie Watson BSN RN, and Natalie Kingston RN.



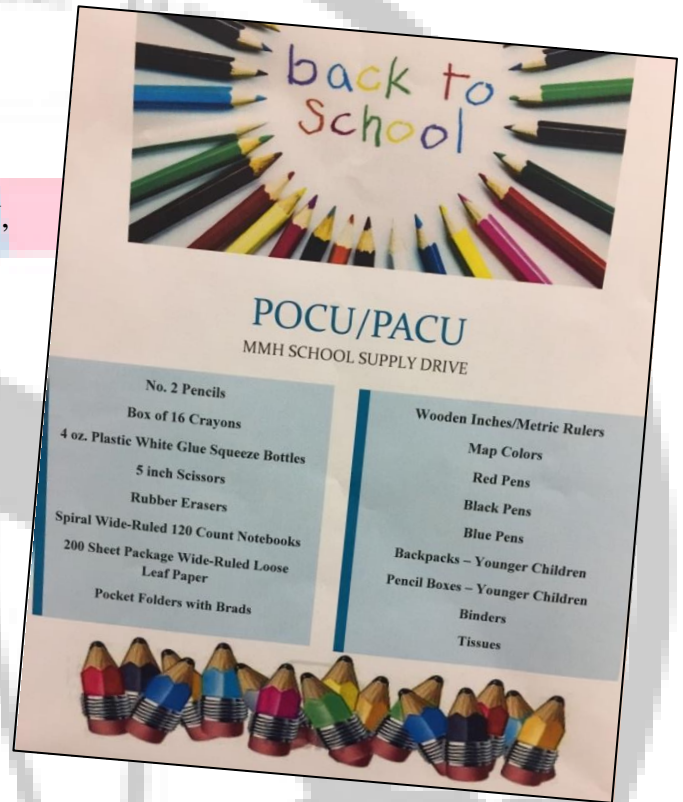
This bed displays only half of the gifts donated to put in the gift bags and baskets!
Left to right
Phyllis Hawkins RN,
Kim Woodard RN,
OR circulator
Nani Struble BSN RN,
and Jessica Herrera BSN RN

Midland Memorial Hospital (Midland) continued:

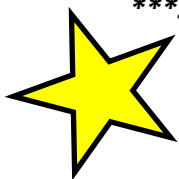
Midland Memorial Hospital had a back to school supplies drive for the employee catastrophic fund at the beginning of the school year. The POCU/PACU department set up a box in their area to help with the supply drive. Many people donated several items on the needed list for the supply drive. One large box stuffed with school supplies was given to the catastrophic fund.



Jessica Herrera BSN, RN is holding the box filled with supplies for the employee catastrophic fund school supply drive.



Join the wesTpan group on Facebook today! Pictures, events, and announcements are updated often. Share your nursing pictures and comments with everyone!



*****Share the news from your area! Send your top sTar-bits to be included in ***
What's TAPANing to admin@tapan-westtexas-panhandle.com**

WESTPAN NEW MEMBERS OF 2017!

Shelly Burrow BSN, RN, AND
Elsie Howard RN, CAPA
Phyllis Hawkins RN, AND
Beatriz Herrera RN
Ann Kveton BSN, RN, CPAN
Eileen Morrow BSN, RN, CPAN,
CCRN
Jae Palentinos BSN, RN
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CPAN, CAPA, CEN
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Happy Halloween!!



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Feel free to submit any items or ideas you would like to see included

to admin@tapan-westtexas-panhandle.com

AND...

Don't forget to join us on Facebook!

Thank You to everyone who makes this newsletter possible!

Please send us your pictures!
We would love to hear from anyone and everyone!



Editor's Note:

What's TAPANing is the official Newsletter of West Texas-Panhandle Region.

Contributions to *What's TAPANing* are encouraged. All articles and comments relevant to Perianesthesia care must be double spaced and typed. The author is responsible for providing appropriate references for accuracy and reliability of information.

Submission Deadlines:

Feb 15th - Spring newsletter

May 15th - Summer newsletter

August 15th - Fall Newsletter

November 15th - Winter newsletter

Send comments, suggestions, and/or submissions (including individual achievements!) to tollettk473@gmail.com