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What's TAPANing

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Happy Holidays wesTpan members!

Now that fall is ending, the Holiday Season is upon us! This is my favorite time of year, as I'm sure it is for many of you.

I would like to say Congratulations to our Vice President of wesTpan, Jessica Herrera, for getting nominated for being one of the Permian Basin Great 25 Nurses!! Great job Jessica!!

We have a lot of great members in our region, so if you, or someone you know, should be in the Spotlight, please send us a picture and a short bio, and we will be sure to include it in the next newsletter. Everyone deserves their time in the spotlight for the work they do!

In Midland, for the Holiday Season, we are doing our Annual Paw's for Celebration donation drive. We collect pet supplies to help our homeless furry friends during the holidays. Please think about collecting donations in your areas for this, or any cause you like. We can help create flyers to post in your work areas. If you do any activities to benefit the community, be sure to take pictures and send them to us. It is a great thing to share with region members. Any of the wesTpan board members will help you with ideas or answer any questions you may have.

Also, if you have an article you would like to write for the newsletter regarding PeriAnesthesia nursing, please feel free to do so. Articles are accepted anytime through the email address listed in the wesTpan contact information.

Do you have any ideas for activities or educational opportunities? If so, please let us know. If you are interested in becoming more engaged in our regional activities, please contact us. Liaisons are needed for every area in our region. We would love to have suggestions and any help from you that you can give.

Please go to the ASPAN website at <http://www.aspan.org>, the TAPAN website at <https://www.tapan.org>, and the wesTpan website at <http://tapan-westtexas-panhandle.com> for information about our organization. You can also get ideas about ways to get more engaged and involved. Any time you can give will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for all you do every day for your family, friends, coworkers and communities! Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season with family and friends!

Sincerely,

Trina Mora, MSN, RN, CAPA, CPAN

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April 3rd 2022



Join the

[wesTpan Region](#)

group on Facebook!

Pictures, comments,
events are posted regularly!

Member



Member CAMPAIGN

January 1 – December 31, 2021

Invite your colleagues to join ASPAN today! To thank you for your recruitment work, a variety of awards are available for members who participate.

You can obtain promotional materials and membership applications by contacting ASPAN's National Office toll free at 877-737-9696 or emailing: dhanisch@aspan.org. Request as many copies as you like, and be sure to place your name as the recruiting member on each application you distribute.

ATTENTION!!!

There is now a special additional award for recruiting a new member during the period of September 1st through December 31st 2021!

Go to <https://www.aspan.org/members/Member-Get-A-Member-Campaign> to get information and claim your rewards!!

Campaign Awards

- Five names (one from each Region) are randomly drawn each quarter. Winners receive an award of their choice from **Tier One**.
- **Recruit 4-9 new ASPAN members in 2021** and receive an award of your choice from **Tier One**.
- **Recruit 10 or more new ASPAN members in 2021**, and receive an award of your choice from **Tier Two**.
- **The Recruiter of the Year, the individual who recruits the most members during 2021** will win one free year of ASPAN membership (*non-transferable*), one free 5-day registration to the 2022 ASPAN National Conference (*non-transferable*), and a commemorative plaque.

(image and text direct from <https://www.aspan.org/Members/Member-Get-A-Member-Campaign> accessed 3/14/2021)

ASPAN National Conference April 7th-10th 2022 In Philadelphia, PA

Let's gather together for the National Conference 2022 which will feature a new 4-day format from Thursday – Sunday designed for greater convenience and less expense.

There will also be a virtual option to choose from.

Save the dates and watch for more announcements to come

Scholarship Opportunities!!

Check *THIS* out!! There are many scholarship opportunities available to you as an ASPAN member! Don't miss out! Start planning now to submit your information for these important member benefits.



ASPAN Scholarship/Award Program includes money for BSN, MSN, and PhD tuition, ASPAN National Conference, CPAN or CAPA Certification, Humanitarian Missions, and even the Nurse in Washington Internship. Applications and information will be available at ASPAN.org this coming February. Research grants are also available for many types of research projects. This is free money for you to use as a member of ASPAN.

There are also opportunities through the state level. The Texas component membership provides scholarships for advanced degree education and continuing education, grants for Medical Mission trips, and research. Information for these awards can be found at TAPAN.org. Part of the dues you pay every year for membership goes toward providing money to help nurses like you learn and teach from home, at school, and abroad.

The region can help as well. West Texas and Panhandle region offers scholarships as well. The information and application is available at our website. Please email admin@tapan-westtexas-panhandle.com with any questions about any of the opportunities listed above.

Last, but not least, ABPANC offers scholarships for those of you looking to get certified as CPAN and /or CAPA. Visit their website for requirement and application information. What have you got to lose? There is plenty of financial help out there for you, take advantage of it.

Congratulations!!!!

Jessica Herrera, at Midland Memorial Hospital, was honored with being nominated for being one of the 25 great nurses of the Permian Basin this year! Great job Jessica! Your passion is showing again, keep up the good work!



Carrie Watson has graduated and now has her masters in nursing!! Quite a long road, good job! Proud of you and your persistence throughout all of the changes and difficulties. Onward and upward!



*Wishing you very
Happy Holidays*



\$\$ wesTpan Financial Report \$\$
Report as of December 6th, 2021

INCOME
(including dues, fundraising, donations, etc)
\$ 246.66

EXPENSES
(reimbursements, meeting expenses)
\$ 0

BALANCE: \$3746.09

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Save the date...2022!

24/7/365

Willingness to Serve

TAPAN and wesTpan websites are *always* ready

To take Willingness to Serve forms!

Show how much you care for your patients and your profession

By filling out a form found on the websites under the “forms” tab

January 1st- March 15th 2022

ABPANC Spring Exam Registration Open

Check out the website at: www.cpancapan.org Be sure to review the new rules for testing and recertification.

February 7th -13th , 2022

PeriAnesthesia Nurse Awareness Week

PANAW raises public awareness of our profession!

A celebration of what you do every day

Items available for sale now to help show your pride, visit

<https://www.jimcolemanstore.com/panaw/>

February 15th

Spring 2022 Newsletter submission deadline

Submit events, pictures, congratulations, and even jokes

to admin@tapan-westtexas-panhandle.com

March 15th- May 15th , 2022

ABPANC Spring Exam Window

Visit www.cpancapan.org for updates

Good luck to those of you testing!!

April 3rd, 2022 at 3pm

wesTpan Member Meeting

Please log in to join the meeting

Details will be sent via email

April 7th-10th

ASPAN 41st National Conference

Perianesthesia Nursing Together- Importance of Connection, Power of Community

In Philadelphia, PA, See website for updates

Visit www.ASPAN.org

Anytime, Anyday

Visit ASPAN.org to see a list

Of webinars and on-demand modules available anytime



Hendrick Medical Center:

Holidays bring out the giving spirit in every one, it is no different this year despite this pandemic and its effects. Mission Thanksgiving in Abilene was again a great success. The nursing, anesthesia, scrub tech, and support staff donated items to help make it a success. The wesTpan region contribution was the largest since beginning the annual drive in 2018! There was very nearly a truck load of items!



Mission Thanksgiving has been going for over 20 years and benefits Love and Care Ministries helping homeless and needy people in the community. Thank you to everyone who gave in surgical services at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

*****Share the news from your area! Send your top sTar-bits to be included in *****

What's TAPANing to admin@tapan-westtexas-panhandle.com



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

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West Texas and Panhandle Region

Member Meeting

**Don't be left out in the
cold, stay in the loop with events and
needs of our region!**



You are already a member,
join other members in voicing your opinions, complaints, and ideas for our region.

What needs do you have? How can the association help you?

April 3rd 2022 at 3 PM central time zone

Virtual meeting



Keep an eye on your email for details to come.

Agenda and virtual meeting details will be sent via email

prior to meeting time.