



**Joint Leadership Meeting
ACNL Chapter Report
June 2009**

Chapter Name: San Francisco/Marin ACNL

Number of Chapter Members: about 60

Officers: (Change October 2009)

President/Chair: Nancy Carlson

President/Chair elect: Bob Patterson

Treasurer: Dennis Kneeppele

Secretary: Juliet Lane

Celebration of Chapter Accomplishments:

We continue to grow our membership with very diverse participants from Academia, Service, Students, Staff Nurses, Consultants, etc. On April 2nd we tri-hosted (along with East Bay and South Bay chapters) the Northern California Region ACNL meeting in Alamo, California. Barbara DeBaun, Improvement Advisor from the Beacon Collaborative, spoke on “Practical Approaches to Best Practices in Patient Safety”. We had around 65 attendees at the Regional meeting.

Top Issues Confronting your chapter (limit to top 3):

1. **Issues related to a difficult economy:** insufficient student placements, insufficient FACULTY placements (newly graduated Moore Fellows without jobs!), new grads without jobs in acute care
2. **Membership:** membership in a local and state organization is low on many nurse leaders’ priority list. Need more student participation in meetings and more nurse executives to participate in meetings (or send staff/leaders)
3. **Meeting Issues:** We have been looking for a more stable meeting location with reasonable cost for meals and parking: We think this is settled with the generous offer by St. Francis Hospital (through Dennis Kneeppele) to host the meetings and provide a buffet dinner and drinks (including wine) and free parking for about \$35!

Opportunities for Collaboration with ACNL:

1. Education: collaborate to sponsor programs, perhaps along with the Beacon Collaborative
2. Continue to have ACNL leadership attend Chapter meetings
3. Maximize use of the ACNL Web Site: consider having a link for each Chapter
4. Need to encourage membership at both the state and local level even though we know in these economic times this is difficult- we are a large chapter and can certainly help drive membership.

Respectfully submitted by:

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