

# T a v N E T

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## **Spring Conference:**

***March 26 – March 28, 2008***

### ***Sheraton Grand Hotel @ DFW***

4400 West John Carpenter Freeway  
Irving, Texas

Room Rates: 129.00 – 169.00 (The  
169 is for the “king” or very large  
rooms)

Reservations: (972) 929-8400

**Book by 5pm March 4, 2008 to  
receive this rate.**

### **AnneMarie Palatnik MSN, APN, BC *Speaker for Conference***

She is a Clinical Nurse Specialist, responsible for the ongoing education of the staff, implementation of new practices, and program development for the cardiac areas. She participates in policy and procedure development and revisions. She also assists in the coordination of the continuing education activities of the Medical Center.

AnneMarie has been a cardiac nurse for more than 19 years and a CNS for 13 years. She has given multiple presentations both at the national and regional levels. She has published several articles on a

variety of cardiac topics and has served on the planning committee of several national conferences. She is a member of AMSN and AACN, past president of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Academy of Medical Surgical Nurses and currently serves as the chair of the education committee. She is also the education coordinator for the TRENDS in Trauma and Cardiovascular Nursing Conference, which is an annual four-day conference that is attended by 1,000 nurses.

## **Seminars for Spring Conference:**

Wednesday starts with registration then the General Business meeting from 1:00 to 3:00 followed by a Conference Session 3:00 to 5:00.

On Thursday, Breakfast is 7:00 to 8:15 with the first morning session from 9:00 to 11:00. Lunch is from 12:00 to 1:00 and AnneMarie Palatnik presents from 1:30 to 4:30. Topic: Nursing Made Incredibly Easy – Cardiac, Respiratory & Diabetes.

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Friday begins with Breakfast from 7:15 – 8:30. Our morning consists of a presentation from 8:45 to 9:15, a break from 9:15 to 9:30 and another presentation from 9:30 to 10:30. Our Business Meeting and CEU wrap-up, from 10:30 to 12:00, are the final components of the conference



Approximately 7 CEU's may be granted for full attendance.

**FOR INFORMATION ON OTHER  
TOPICS AND SPEAKERS:**

*Watch the TAVNE website for  
updated Conference Agenda*

**Registration Times:**

Wednesday, March 26: 11:00a – 12:30p

Thursday, March 27: 7:30a – 8:30a

Please abide by these times so the ones assisting with registration can also enjoy the meetings.

*See online registration information on  
TAVNE website*

**Exhibitor/Vendor Times:**

Thursday, March 27: 7:00a – 7:45a

11:00a – 11:45a

4:30p – 5:00p

**Voting Times:**

Thursday, March 27: 11:00a – 11:45a

4:30p – 5:00p

**Conference Fee Refund Policy:**

**All refund requests should be submitted in writing to the Treasurer. The request should include the reason the refund is requested, who to make check payable to (i.e. individual or college), and where the refund check should be mailed.**

**No refund checks will be prepared or mailed until all outstanding debts/credits for the meeting are tabulated. If refunds would result in TAVNE losing money on the function, no refunds are issued. Members requesting a refund are notified that no refunds would be forthcoming.**

**Refund of registration fees for meetings (spring convention or fall conference) will be provided at 75% if the member notifies TAVNE 2 weeks prior to the meeting date.**

**No refund will be made if the above timelines are not met.**

**Fall Conference**

(Save the dates)

October 29, 30, 31, 2008

Austin: Omni Southpark

**TAVNE Executive Board**

Click on "Executive Board" on TAVNE Website homepage

**President's Message**

By Karen Malloy, MSN, RN

Greetings TAVNE members:

I hope you all had a happy, safe and healthy holiday break. I can hardly believe it is January 2008. Next year TAVNE will be 30 years old. Now that is a testament

(greetings from the President cont.)

to the need for such an organization! Plans are in the works for a celebration – but we need your help. If you know a past president or how to get in touch with one – please let us know how to contact them. You can send contact information to any of the executive board members. We would love to have as many past presidents as possible with us for the 30-year celebration.

The spring conference is March 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> in Dallas. I know it will be packed with good information for nurse educators. If you have not been able to attend one of the TAVNE conferences or you have a new faculty member – I know that you will find the conference fun and informative. It will provide you with opportunity for networking with new friends and a time for reconnecting with existing friends. In today's educational climate – we need to work together even more than ever before. I look forward to seeing you there.

Karen

## Fun things to do while at Conference!



Irving, Dallas, Ft. Worth area attractions, theater, shopping, restaurants, local entertainment guide, calendar of events, etc.  
<http://www.irvingtexas.com/Visitors/WhatToDo/Attractions/>

## Any News or Correspondence?

Share it with TAVNE. Send to:  
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