



Florida Becomes the Newest AALNA State Chapter *Florida Assisted Living Nurses to Benefit*

NAPA, California (January 14, 2015) – The American Assisted Living Nurses Association (AALNA) added a new state chapter, official January 9, 2015. With over 3,000 assisted living facilities located in the state of Florida, there was an overwhelming push by the nurses of these facilities to form an AALNA State Chapter in Florida. With the guidance and support of AALNA President, Calvin Groeneweg, and National Board of Directors Member, Deb Choma, local assisted living consultant, Donna Crivaro, RN, BS, CRNI, C-AL and Gail Matillo, MPA, the Executive Director of the Florida Assisted Living Federation of America, brought together a group of over 75 assisted living nurses to meet and surpass charter membership criteria and create the AALNA Florida Chapter.

“So many of the nurses working in Assisted Living wanted to have a voice legislatively,” said Donna Crivaro, who will serve as President of the AALNA Florida Chapter. “The nurses and many supporting companies are very excited about our chapter.”

AALNA developed two organizational leader structures for AALNA members within each state: State Chapters and State Nurse Leaders. Both provide assisted living nurses with the resources essential to promote effective nursing practices in the assisted living industry. Joining AALNA’s Arizona and New Jersey Chapters, and 22 states with AALNA nurse State Leaders, the Florida chapter will provide its AALNA members with numerous networking opportunities, updates on industry trends, educational offerings, and information on changing regulations. The nurses leading the AALNA Florida Chapter will be able to provide information on local issues important to assisted living nurses and will serve as a conduit for voicing opinions in national policy discussions.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN ASSISTED LIVING NURSING ASSOCIATION (AALNA):

The American Assisted Living Nurses Association, founded in 2001, is the only national

non-profit association dedicated exclusively to nursing in assisted living. Established and operated by nurses, for nurses to promote effective nursing practice in assisted living so that nurses as well as residents benefit from a national forum and AL specific educational opportunities. The Association further functions to assure that Assisted Living is recognized by the post-acute healthcare industry as a practice specialty.

ASSISTED LIVING NURSES INTERESTED IN AALNA MEMBERSHIP

- Florida assisted living nurses who would like to join the AALNA Florida chapter should contact Donna Crivaro at dcrivaroconsultants@outlook.com.
- To learn more about AALNA and how to become a member, please visit www.alnursing.org or call (707) 622-5628.
- AALNA Members, interested in becoming a Nurse State Leader or forming a State Chapter in your state can call (707)-622-5628 or email AALNA President, Calvin Groeneweg at calvin@alnursing.org.

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