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This is my last full month writing to you as the president of the MN-IAFN chapter. On January 24, 2013 this leadership role will be bestowed to our new president, Amy Langenfeld. I have truly appreciated the honor of being involved at this level of our organization and the opportunity to meet many of you at our meetings, in our correspondence, and at educational events and conferences. It has been quite a year for our chapter and for me. One and a half years ago I was in an accident and have been undergoing therapies for my traumatic brain injury. My recovery keeps improving. I am happy to announce that this week I presented my thesis, in completion of my Master's in Nursing Leadership.

We had a good turnout for our November educational event "Darkness to Light". For those who were unable to attend this important session, you may go online for the Stewards of Children Child Sexual Abuse training for \$10: http://www.d21.org/site/c.4dICIJOkgcISE/b.6242551/k.D3FC/Stewards_of_Children_Child_Sexual_Abuse_Prevention_Training.htm

For those who prefer online self-study teaching and want CEU's for training about sexually transmitted diseases, please access the Center for Disease and Control at <http://www2a.cdc.gov/stdtraining/self-study/default.htm>

There are several December events that I think you should know about. Monday, Dec. 10th is Human Rights Day and tpt MN will be showing on their TV channel "Hope for Human Trafficking Victims". It will play 4 times - at 4:30 and 10:30 am, and at 4:30 and 10:30 pm. Thanks to Ellen Johnson for this info.

During the evening of Dec. 10th from 7-9 pm, the Center for Victims of Torture will present a documentary called "Beneath the Blindfold" at the Bell Museum Theater, located on the University of MN campus, Minneapolis (10 Church St. SE). This film describes some tortured

individual's experiences and steps that they have taken towards healing. There will be a post film discussion.

On Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 11a-12:30pm Central Time there is an IAFN webinar titled *Straddle Injury vs. Sexual Abuse - Managing Traumatic Genital Injury in Children*. It is helpful for healthcare providers when caring for children who are suspected of being sexually abused. Cost is \$30 for IAFN members, \$60 for non-members; register at <https://m360.iafn.org/event.aspx?eventID=63870>

In January, Ellen Johnson and Karine Zakroczymski will be offering a 40 hr SANE training for nurses who are interested in becoming a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. Not only are they the managers of the Regions and Unity/Mercy programs respectively but continue to do SANE exams and keep abreast of current information by attending numerous forensic conferences. I have worked with both of these women; I've sat in on their training and have assisted with their courses. With their passion for this work I think they do a wonderful job. Anyone who would like more info should contact Karine at 763-236-4172.

January 24th will be our MN-IAFN business meeting and educational event, from 6-8:30pm at Unity Hospital. For more information and to RSVP please go to: <http://mnforensicnurses.org/> At that board meeting we will be voting in a new President-Elect for 2013. This is a one year role, which changes into becoming the President of the chapter the following year (2014). You may nominate yourself or others who are interested in being involved. We are looking for people who want to be involved, please consider being part of our board!

Next spring there are several worthwhile conferences going on, locally and out-of-state. They are listed in chronological order:

February 28-March 1 - Bloomington, MN. Cornerstone will be having their 7th annual Midwest Conference on Domestic Violence and Abuse. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Robert Anda, one of the co-principal investigators of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) studies. To register: www.cornerstonemn.org/

April 3-5, 2013 - Baltimore, MD. End Violence Against Women (EVAW) is hosting an International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking. Info at www.evawintl.org/

April 18-20, 2012 - Minneapolis, MN. The Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) will be having their scientific assembly titled "Addressing Violence and Abuse in the Changing Healthcare Environment". I've been very impressed with their previous conferences. Please see: www.avahealth.org/

May 13-14 (preconference), May 15-17 (conference) - Kansas City, MO. St. Luke's hospital is sponsoring their 6th Annual Forensic Investigative Conference. For more info, email them at saintlukesconciierge@saint-lukes.org

Although the chapter presidency will be changing hands soon, please know that all of us on the board want to do our best to support you in your roles. You may contact us with any of your concerns or questions, suggestions or input, as together we can make a difference for many. I may not have been personally able to address all the issues that were brought to my attention this year but I have heard you and vow to keeping asking others, from various organizations, so that we can continue to do the important work that we do, for victims of assault and abuse.

Sincerely,

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