

**2011- March 10th** marked our first meeting in the year 2011 held at the Elizabethan Room at the Kahler Hotel. About 30 nurse practitioners enjoyed a Caesar salad buffet with a warm peach cobbler as dessert. Kerry Stoick, ASMNP President, shared a music video "Let's Get Loud" referring to the current legislative activity the MN APRN Coalition is working on in getting the National APRN Consensus Model adopted into the current Nursing Practice Act. The MN APRN Coalition group is currently meeting every Monday and an open invitation to attend and become a part of this was extended to all members. For more information regarding the meetings or to obtain an Informational/Educational packet to help you in learning more and the actions you can take, please contact [asmnp@hotmail.com](mailto:asmnp@hotmail.com) and we will get you in contact with Kerry Stoick or Kari Dowsley who are actively involved and looking for your help.

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**The Winter ASMNP meeting 2010** was held on Tuesday November 9th at Victoria's Ristorante & Wine Bar. Just over 30 nurse practitioners attended to hear Dr. Kenneth Hershon present on Incretin Therapy: A New Paradigm in the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes. This was sponsored by Network for Continuing Medical Education (NCME) and the webcast can be found on their website [www.ncme.com](http://www.ncme.com) or [www.diabetescme.org](http://www.diabetescme.org) if you would like to view it. Continuing education was provided along with wonderful Italian food. Kerry Stoick, the current president gave us an update on legislative issues in the pipeline and the industry representatives gave us a summary of new pharmaceuticals and review of more familiar ones. .

We would like to wish all a happy National NP Week, November 7-13, 2010 where the theme is Everyday Heroes.....Nurse Practitioners. Thank you for all you do for a wonderful profession. See you at are meeting in March.

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**The September ASMNP Kick off 2010** was a success despite the need for an ark. There was no flooding at Somerby Golf Course and over 30 attendees were able to participate. A welcoming speech by new president Kerry Stoick, then industry representatives followed by a presentation of the [asmnp.org](http://asmnp.org) web site by Amy Koenigs was the event. There was much socializing and catching up by nurse practitioners. Welcome to new members and renewing members.



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**The biannual legislative brunch** was held on Saturday July 24th at the University of Minnesota Rochester Center. The event was catered by Canadian Honker. The guest speaker, Dr. Mary Chesney, spoke on MN APRN Legislative Updates and the MN APRN Mission to improve patient care and access. Tina Liebling, Minnesota State Representative, District 30A and Steve Drazkowski Minnesota State Representative District 28B were available for discussions and questions.



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**The ASMNP Spring Member Meeting 2010** was held at the Plummer House on Thursday May 13th.

A delicious meal by Catering by Design of either chicken picatta, grilled tarragon steak with mustard sauce or mushroom and spring vegetable risotto was enjoyed with a rich chocolate dessert. An informative update by Ms. Susan LaMotte, RN, CNM, MS from the Minnesota Board of Nursing was presented along with information on the Steering Committee Action Plan for 2010. We welcomed graduating nurse practitioner's Kelly Koperski and Anne Beighley. Thank you for all who attended and filled out a survey to assist in future planning.



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The Spring ASMNP Member meeting was held on **Thursday, March 11th** at Twigs in Rochester. The evening was started with networking and a social time. Forty members from the surrounding Southeastern Minnesota and Northern Iowa attended despite a very foggy evening. After a wonderful meal, Ms. Katie Collins RN, CNP, MS from the VA Clinic presented "PTSD-When our Warriors Come Home."

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