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Georgia Perinatal Association Just Turned 40! Be a part of the celebration through participation.

Start this New Year off on the right track and become an active member of Georgia Perinatal Association. Join GPA now for a special New Year special of only \$40 for a year member. This limited time offer ends April 30th, 2017. Membership rates will increase to \$50 after April 30th, 2017. For membership information, please visit georgiaperinatal.org to become a member.

This past September we had our 30th annual Georgia Perinatal Association conference at The King and Prince Resort located on St. Simon's Island, GA. Pearls of Practice: Promoting Safer Outcome in Georgia was the theme throughout the conference. The relaxing beachfront resort offers many amenities while learning and networking at the conference. Plan to join your peers at the 2017 Annual GPA Conference, September 20-22, 2017 at The King and Prince Resort, St. Simon's Island, GA. GPA is proud

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to include many notable providers as members. Speakers at annual conferences have included Dr. James Woods, Lisa Miller, CNM,JD, Dr. Harold Katner, and Dr. Mitch Rodriguez.

GPA is a dynamic multidisciplinary organization with a focus on health care issues that improve pregnancy and infant outcomes. Our membership works to promote perinatal health through education, collaboration, and influence of state public policy.

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2017 marks the 40th year of GPA making a difference in maternal-child health in Georgia. As an organization, GPA strives to engage members from the wide range of disciplines involved in caring for families in Georgia. Georgia Perinatal Association was established in May 1977 as changes in perinatal care throughout Georgia were taking hold. The first officers included: William Kanto, President; William Souma, Vice President; Jane Kimbel, Secretary; Doug Bruce, Treasurer.

The key concepts from the original objectives of the association are what continue to make it unique today. Those include: 1) providing a forum for different members of the health care system to exchange information necessary to support and promote a perinatal health system in Georgia, 2) to educate professionals and consumers on the importance of having a perinatal health system that is accessible to all born and unborn inhabitants of Georgia, 3) to be a conduit of public policy that impacts perinatal health throughout Georgia.

Membership Special

\$40.00

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SAVE THE DATE

2017 Conference
September 20 -22
The King and Prince
Beach & Golf Resort

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By: Dina Herren & Jodi Hudgins

Member Spotlight



Dina Herren, BSN, IBCLC, MSN, NP-C, graduated from University of North Florida in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Walden University in 2014 with a Master of Science and specialty with Family Nurse Practitioner. Dina lives in Nashville, Georgia. She has 2 children, Josie, 8 years old, and Cole, 6 years old. She has been happily married to James Herren for the past 10 year. Dina has a twin sister, Gina Christopher, who is also a nurse practitioner. Gina and Dina received their BSN together and pursued their nurse practitioner degrees separately. She has attended the Twins Day Festival for the past 14 years with her twin sister located in Twinsburg, OH. Also, she enjoys spending time with her family, the beach, and reading.



Dina became credentialed and a member in 2015 with the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). She obtained her International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) October 2015. Dina worked for 15 years as a Registered Nurse in Labor and Delivery, Newborn Nursery, and Perinatal Home Health. She worked for 6 years as the Women and Children's Nurse Educator at Tift Regional Medical Center. In addition, she is an ACLS, ACLS-OB, BLS, & PALS instructor. Currently, Dina is president of GPA and has served on the GPA board since 2007. Dina is passionate about improving the health and outcomes of mothers and babies.



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