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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mary R. Hayes, RN, MSN, CEN

The Key to Happiness is Having Dreams... The Key to Success is Making Dreams Come True...

I read this quote when I was in the Successories store in Atlanta, Georgia, during the ENA Annual Meeting. This quote exemplifies the New York State Emergency Nurses Association. We all have dreams and goals in life, some of which are easily fulfilled, and others we need to work hard to accomplish. This was clearly evident during the Annual Meeting, Awards Luncheon, and Scientific Assembly.

During the Annual Meeting Report of Committees, members of NY were recognized for their work on National Committees. This year there were 14 members from NY on these committees, including one committee chair and two chairs-elect. These members have been appointed to National committees through their work on local and state levels. They each had a dream of being appointed to a National committee, and were successful in reaching that goal.

The "hot issue" on the floor of the General Assembly was the Resolution on Assisted Suicide. The issue is very controversial, and much debate ensued. Many of the 43 NY delegates not only spoke to the issues surrounding the Assisted Suicide Resolution, but attended the resolution re-writing forum. NY members also wrote and presented resolutions to the floor of the Assembly. Michelle Silliker and Mary Ann Teeter Wylie co-authored a resolution on the need for improved telecommunications, which they successfully defended, and was ratified by the Assembly. Kathy Conboy co-authored a resolution for improved customer service in emergency care, which was also upheld by the Assembly. We were an integral part of ENA policy making. These NY delegates had the conviction to help make their dream come true.

The 1997 Awards Luncheon included honors to New York Emergency Nurses. Mary Ann Teeter Wylie from Elmira was honored with the Nursing Practice Award, and a Special Recognition Award for her work in injury prevention. Kathy Conboy from Binghamton was honored with the Award for Nursing Professionalism. They both had dreams of making an impact on Emergency Nursing and Emergency Care and have seen their dreams fulfilled through their work.

Arline Reinking-Hanf was an invited speaker to the Scientific Assembly on Holistic Nursing Care. I was proud to attend her lecture, but I was even more proud of her colleagues who attended to give her "positive energy", to help her achieve her dreams. None of us practice in a vacuum, and it is heartwarming to see the amount of support and encouragement we give each other to assist in achieving our dreams and goals.

New York ENA is on the forefront of Emergency Nursing. ALL MEMBERS of ENA can and should attend the State Council Meetings. You can have a say in emergency care issues through involvement on the State and Local level. The next State Meeting is November 14-15 in Saratoga Springs. Please come and let your voice be heard. You have dreams and together we can make them come true.

So laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friend; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life had breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded..... Emerson

NATIONAL HONORS TO NY NURSES!!

The 1997 Emergency Nurses Association and ENA Foundation Awards Luncheon September 3, 1997 found honors bestowed upon 2 NY Emergency Nurses!!

ENA Award for Nursing Professionalism

This award honors an emergency nurse who consistently exhibits traits associated with professional behavior and commitment to professional values and is active within the profession. Kathy Conboy, Southern Tier Chapter, is honored for her work with the ENA on a local, state, and national level. Kathy represents Emergency Nursing in her community through her work with victims of violence through the Broome County Victims Assistance Center, Child Advocacy Center, and through her testimony before the State Legislature. Congratulations Kathy!!



ENA Award for Nursing Practice

This award honors an emergency nurse who exemplifies nursing practice as demonstrated by his or her clinical skills, caring, and compassion. This nurse consistently performs above and beyond the requirements of the job description in delivering quality care to his or her patients. Mary Ann Teeter Wylie, Mark Twain Chapter, is honored for the care she provides to her patients on a daily basis at Arnot Ogden Medical Center, in Elmira. In her letter of nomination we see that "Mary Ann consistently brings joy and enthusiasm to her work. She shares her compassion and zest for life with all who are near her... She is a fierce advocate for her patients and believes it is her duty to protect and provide high quality care..." Congratulations Mary Ann!!

CHAPTER NEWS

ADIRONDACK CHAPTER

- The Adirondack Chapter just completed their annual Teaching Day. It was a success. Topics included Legal Documentation in the ED, Ophthalmic Emergencies, New Infectious Disease Standards, TPA and Stroke.

NASSAU QUEENS

- The Nassau Queens Chapter of ENA recently held a very successful seminar "Assault on the Senses", September 17th. They hope to make this an annual event.
- The next meeting of the Nassau Queens Chapter will be Wednesday, November 5th at 5 pm. Election of officers will be held. A lecture on Caring for the Caregiver, Stress Reduction for the ED Nurse will be given. To register to attend or for more information, call Mary Schmidt-Roth 516-766-2784.
- The Nassau Queens Chapter ENA is reaching out across international waters to help the sick in Honduras. The Chapter is donating funds to assist a group of physicians, nurses and dentists who go to the Honduras each year to run a free clinic. They bring their skills along with needed medical supplies. While the group donates their time, they are looking for donations of medicine and medical supplies. The group will head to Honduras at Thanksgiving time.

GENESEE VALLEY

- The 13th Annual Legislative Reception was held with NYSNA on October 3.
- October 16th will be the Annual Teaching Day Medico-legal Aspects of Emergency Nursing. Contact Susan Knapp at 315-524-4883 or SDKnapp@computer-connection.net for more information

BROOKLYN-STATEN ISLAND

- Nurses from the Brooklyn Hospital Center helped save the lives of several high school students. The hospital is located across from a high school and next to a large park. Two students were crossing the street with their class and were struck by an auto. They were rapidly exsanguinating in the street. Nurses from the ED, Security, and an Ambulette crew stabilized the 2 students and brought them into the ED to continue treatment. The students are now recovering from their injuries. Kudos to: Angela Alleyne, Jennifer Chambers, Gail Johnson-Campbell, Angela Allen, Sherri Ann Pinnock, and Hyacinth Blackwood!!

WESTERN CHAPTER

- The Annual Teaching Day is October 21 at Classics V Conference Center. The topic will be Domestic Violence: "A Band-Aid Just Isn't Enough". Contact Christine Hanes, 209 Doyle Drive, N. Tonowanda 14120 for more information.

LATEX ALLERGY SURVEY SUMMARY

A latex allergy survey was distributed to the attendees at the NYSCENA state conference in Ithaca. A response rate of 61% was obtained. 20% of nurses responding believed they have a latex allergy, and 72% have a nursing colleague with a latex allergy. Just 1% of those responding have been tested for latex allergy, and 1% have applied for workers compensation. Commonly reported symptoms included: skin problems with pruritus, eye irritation, headaches, chest tightness, and respiratory problems. 9% report that these problems have affected other areas of their life. 49% of those responding report that accommodations have been made by their employers for those with latex sensitivity. *The Feb. and April, 1997 issues of JEN have multiple articles addressing latex allergies for those who wish further information.*

1997 ANNUAL MEETING ATLANTA, GEORGIA



COURSE in ADVANCED TRAUMA NURSING (CATN): A CONCEPTUAL APPROACH

November 13

Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs
\$200.00

Contact: Mary Ann Wylie at 607-733-9242

COMMITTEE NEWS

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- The NYSCENA Research Committee has developed a Nursing Research Resource booklet which is available to all NYS Emergency Nurses. This resource booklet contains information on emergency care research organizations, ongoing research projects relating to emergency care and nursing practice, research nurse experts who are willing to support emergency nurses in their research efforts, and research references. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this booklet, contact Arline Reinking-Hanf, 914-667-6980, e-mail: areinking@compuserve.com. A donation of two dollars is requested to cover printing and mailing costs.

COMMITTEE NEWS

NYSCENA OFFICER ELECTIONS

Susan Strauss-Chair of Nominating Committee

- Elections of officers for the 1998 year will be held at the last business meeting of 1997. On November 14, 1997, in accordance with the NYSCENA Policies and Procedures, voting will occur for the positions of president-elect, secretary, and member-at-large. Each Chapter will be allowed two votes by their elected representatives to the council. Elected officers will be installed that evening and will assume their responsibilities January 1, 1998. Nominees for office are:

President Elect

- **Catherine Norton Lind, RN, MSN, CEN, FNP**

Ms. Lind has been an active member of NYSCENA since 1992. She has been involved in many committees on a local and state level. Cathy was the recipient of the 1996 NYSCENA Nursing Education Award. Cathy is a past chair for the council's Trauma Committee. She is a member of the instructor faculty for both the TNCC and ENPC certifications. Ms. Lind is presently an At-Large Member for the NYSCENA. She is Director of Nursing for Emergency and Ambulatory Care Services at Bellevue Hospital in Manhattan, and a preceptor in nursing for Lehman College. Cathy received her Master of Science degree from Lehman College and a Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate from Adelphi University. She is a member of the Nassau Queens Chapter.

- **Ann Marie Tyrell, RN, MS, CEN**

Ms. Tyrell is currently completing her two year term as secretary for the NYSCENA. She has been a member of ENA for 15 years. She has represented our delegation to the General Assembly for several years. Ann Marie is a TNCC instructor and actively participates in her Western New York Chapter. Ms. Tyrell is the Nurse Manager for Emergency Services at two institutions in the Millard Fillmore Health System. She graduated Cum Laude from Boston College and received her Master of Science degree from SUNY at Buffalo, where she was awarded the Ruth T. McGrorey Award for Leadership.

Secretary

- **Susan Knapp, RN, BSN, CEN**

Ms. Knapp was the chairperson of the very successful 1996 "Setting the Pace" Conference. She has served on several committees. Susan was the recipient of the NYSCENA Special Recognition Award in 1996 for her contributions on a chapter and state level. Ms. Knapp is ENPC instructor faculty for the NYSCENA. Susan graduated Magna cum Laude from Nazareth College of Rochester, and is currently the charge nurse at Highland Hospital in Rochester. Ms. Knapp is an active member of the Genesee Valley Chapter.

Member At Large

- **Barbara Carlstrom, RN, MSN, CEN, NP**

Ms. Carlstrom is the Director of Emergency Nursing at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital in Patchogue. She has been a member of ENA since 1981. She is a member of the ENPC instructor faculty and a TNCC instructor. Barbara received her undergraduate and graduate education at SUNY Stony Brook, Magna cum Laude. Barbara is also a member of the NYS Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, NYSNA, and Sigma Theta Tau International. She volunteers in many community service programs, including the Cool Kids Coalition for Burn Safety. Barbara is from the Suffolk Chapter.

EMS COMMITTEE

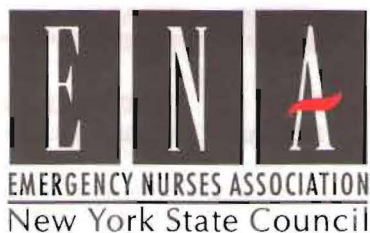
- The New York State EMS Bureau has a website: www.health.state.ny.us
- The State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee has issued new guidelines for the care of hemophiliacs and biphasic defibrillator use. Directives for the use of hyperventilation in the head injured, and the use of MAST have also been approved.
- HCFA has put forth new regulations relating to ambulance services. These are currently being reviewed and discussed by the state EMS Council
- EMS state conference "Vital Signs" will be held Nov. 14-16 in Saratoga Springs.

TELEPHONE TRIAGE SIG

- A new Special Interest Group for Emergency Nurses involved in Telephone Triage has been recognized by ENA. Valerie Grossman of Rochester is the Facilitator. This group met for the first time in Atlanta. For more information, contact Valerie210@aol.com.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- Now more than ever, NYSCENA Government Affairs Committee needs the support of the entire state membership! As many of you know, we have been hard at work to pass a bill which would make it a felony offense to assault a health care worker in the Emergency Department. In April, 1997 Bill # 7245 sponsored by Senator Stephen Saland passed in the NYS Senate. In August, 1997 Bill # 6025 sponsored by Assemblyman Brian McLaughlin passed in the NYS Assembly. Unfortunately, when the Assembly bill was held in Codes Committee for months, wording changes were made to the document, so the bill is no longer a "companion bill" to its Senate counterpart. Since the legislative session is now closed, there was no opportunity to combine these bills with the wording changes. Both our bills will need to be reintroduced to their respective membership when the new session starts in January. So hope persists....
- On January 21, 1998, the NYSCENA will be holding its biannual Legislative Breakfast in Albany. The Government Affairs Committee would hope to have as many members as possible at the Breakfast to lobby for passage of this violence legislation. The State Council meeting will be held the day before the Breakfast and an informational issues meeting will take place on that Tuesday evening. This will be a wonderful opportunity to have our voices heard by the state legislators. If you cannot attend, please watch the newsletter for bulletins on these bills and information on calls you can make and letters you can send to urge passage of these bills.
- Other legislative issues continue to be monitored by the NYSCENA. These include: repeal of the motorcycle helmet law, HMO and managed care issues and increased responsibilities for pharmacists including PATIENT ASSESSMENTS. These bills were not passed during this legislative session but will most likely be reintroduced in January. If there is a specific bill or issue you feel will impact our emergency nursing practice, please bring it to the attention of our committee.
- Please make a note of the Legislative Breakfast on January 21, 1998 and plan to attend. Emergency nursing in New York State has a wonderful opportunity to impact on both nursing issues and patient care issues - be a part of that opportunity! We hope to see you there. Rita Anderson, Chairperson (914) 783-2384 jrand@frontiernet.net Mary Schmidt Roth, Co-Chair (516) 766-2784 roth2@ix.netcom.com



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Nov. 14-15 .. Gideon-Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs

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TNCC PROGRAMS

Suffolk	October 10	Jeanette Barth 516-667-6430
Queens	October 14, 16, 18	Mary Ellen Zimmerman 718-634-0970
Albany	November 7 & 21	Rena Rovere 518-861-5009
Rochester	November 15-16	Kathy Karski 338-4381

ENPC PROGRAMS

Albany	October 10-11	Shari Mantini 518-447-3517
Olean	October 11-12	Michelle Silliker 716-373-0735
Rochester	November 14-15	Marcy Noble 716-275-0891
Queens	November 4, 6, 8	Mary Hayes 718-634-9424

CATN PROGRAMS

Manhattan	October 17	Cathy Lind 212-562-2778
Saratoga Springs	November 13	Mary Ann Wylie 607-733-9242

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