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2010 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Deb Taylor



This is my last President's message to the New York State ENA members. I have embraced this opportunity to lead you throughout the past year and to lead us into the future of NYSCENA. I thank all of you for your support and friendship.

This year has brought many challenges to our membership. As everyone is making monetary cuts, the council has voted to end the printing of the newsletter. Beginning in 2011, the newsletter will be available online from the New York State ENA website, nysena.org, for printing and sharing with colleagues.

We have finally become a 501 (c) 3 organization. There will be many challenges ahead, but our state treasurer Rosa Waldroff will be available to help all of the chapters reorganize their bookkeeping. With the assistance of our HSBC representative Scott, our new accounts are being set up.

I hope that all of you continue to support our ENA. We have a voice and we need to continue to voice our concerns for patient care and safety, as well as our own safety. Our NYS Assembly and Senate passed a nurse assault bill that allows patients to be charged with a felony if they assault a nurse. We need to make sure that our administrators, law enforcement personnel and district attorneys follow through with this law so that the workplace is a safe environment for ourselves as well as our patients and visitors.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity to represent you this past year. As we continue to grow, may you learn, lead and inspire into the future of emergency nursing.

2011 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mickey Forness



t is my distinct pleasure to be serving as your 2011 NYSCENA President. At our recent meeting in Batavia, we had a very productive planning session for the upcoming year. The first meeting will be held in Binghamton January 22. Since we are now a 501(c) organization, there are

many requirements we have to meet. We have scheduled an orientation session for chapter presidents and treasurers and Council representatives for 1 pm on January 21 at the same location. We strongly recommend that these leaders attend this session. In an attempt to identify what the NYS Council can do to be more supportive to our members, we are preparing an email survey that will be sent early next year. We are also working on a very exciting SETTING THE PACE 2011 conference to be held in Saratoga Springs in April which will address many legal issues. Many members brought forth ideas and concerns that we plan to address as proposed resolutions at the 2011 General Assembly to be held in Tampa, Florida in September. Our Professional Development committee is planning a TNCC/ENPC Instructor Course to be held later in the year. As plans evolve we will be sharing them with you.

As this will be our last hard copy newsletter, I encourage you to visit the website frequently to see what is occurring in our council as well as in the other chapters. The NYS Council and I are here to serve the members of ENA. Each chapter will have a Board of Director liaison who can help in any way needed. You may certainly contact me by phone at 716-373-2612 or by email at mickeyforness@yahoo.com. We hope to accomplish many things and have a truly exciting year for our organization. I thank you for the opportunity to serve you and encourage each member to become involved in your professional organization.

WESTERN CHAPTER'S PRESIDENT HONORED IN SAN ANTONIO

Cheryl Marcel, President of the Western Chapter, received the "Behind the Scenes" Award at the Emergency Nurses Association Annual Meeting and Conference in San Antonio on September 23, 2010. Her activities in her local chapter included increasing membership, obtaining CEU's for educational offerings and providing educational speakers and dinner for each meeting. In addition, Cheryl secured a \$20,000 grant from a local women's board to purchase equipment for her Emergency Department. She also precepts new nurses and tirelessly advocates for Certification in Emergency Nursing. Cheryl persuaded the ED Physician's group to provide free books to candidates preparing for the CEN exam.



Congratulations, Cheryl. Western Chapter is glad you are on their Team!

FROM THE CHAPTERS

Genesee Valley held an Emergency Nurse Conference at the University of Rochester with 63 attendees. A CEN Review was held September 11th with 50 in attendance. At the November 8th meeting, Sherrie McDonald reviewed the national meeting held in San Antonio. The chapter is in the process of setting up a Facebook account and a new website.

Mark Twain awarded a 2011 ENA membership to a chapter member for Emergency Nurses Week. Debra Dibartolo has been appointed to the National ENA Government Affairs Committee. She is also a SBIRT (Screening Brief Intervention Referral to Treatment) mentor.

Nassau Queens distributed cookies to all Nassau and Queens Emergency Departments for Emergency Nurses Week. See article in this newsletter regarding Assemblyman Saladino addressing their October 12th meeting.

Southern Tier held their third annual teaching day with 39 registered and 5 speakers addressing a variety of topics, which received positive reviews. Their website is up and running with a link to Facebook. Check their website for next year's calendar.

Suffolk held its October 21st meeting at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital with speakers from the New York Organ Donor Network. Cookies were delivered to all EDs in Suffolk County for Emergency Nurses Week. Their Holiday meeting was held on December 7th at Ruvo's Restaurant in Port Jefferson.

Western's October 13th meeting topic was Eye Emergencies. The December 8th meeting was held at Orchard Park Country Club, with a presentation by Dr. Eric Roger, Neurosurgeon, on Back Pain. Rhabdomolysis will be the subject of their February 9, 2011 meeting. Western is sponsoring a free raffle to Setting the Pace 2011 for members who attended two meetings between June and December. Two of Western's members received awards at the national meeting this year, which they feel is appropriate in the 40th year since Anita Dorr co-founded ENA in this area. See articles in this newsletter.

NASSAU QUEENS HOSTS NYS LEGISLATOR

Lisa Kelly

On October 12th, 2010 the Nassau Queens Chapter held their third quarterly meeting at the Winthrop University Hospital's New Life Conference Center. The guest speaker was Assemblyman Joseph S. Saladino of the 12th District, who participated in an interactive discussion and dinner with some of the chapter members. Topics discussed were Assembly Bill 3103, mandatory overtime for nurses, safe staffing ratios, Medicare reform and civil confinement.



In photo from left to right: Lynn Helmsorig, Margaret Pomerico, Assemblyman Saladino, Lisa Kelly, Judy Jax, Maria Rodríquez-Crispin, Mary Schmidt-Roth, Ellen Berghorn. Not shown: Wanda Pabon, Susan Simmons and Patricia Felder.

SETTING THE PACE 2011

Kathy Conboy, Conference Chair

As we are all planners in our jobs and lives, I am writing to update you on the plans for next year's conference, Setting the Pace 2011, April 7-8, in Saratoga, New York.

Our speakers have been finalized. We have looked at all the past evaluations and have tried to select the topics you find the most challenging in your scope of practice including pediatric, geriatric, and bariatric patient care (how's that for a trio?!). Pain management and patient satisfaction seem to be the most difficult for us to manage, and we have speakers to address those issues as well. By far, the most requested topic is legal issues and I am very pleased to announce that Edie Brous, a nurse lawyer who has spoken at ENA meetings nationally, will be our keynote speaker. She will be both informative and challenging as she discusses the common legal aspects that affect our care and the documentation pitfalls we all face. She is always a very popular speaker and is from New York!!

This year we are offering a Manager's Forum as one of our pre-sessions, to meet a goal we have had in NYSENA for many years and multiple requests from ED managers across the state. It will be open to any nurse manager, but also to anyone who might be considering this position as a career option or is a nurse leader in another capacity. Some of the topics planned include technology, personnel issues, and patient satisfaction challenges. The session will be coordinated by nurse managers with New York State ED experiences to share.

Our second pre-session will be The Management of "Brain Attacks" in the Emergency Department. This session will meet the annual 4 hour stroke center education requirements. And it includes education about the management of both types of stroke patients as well as current research, mock codes, and a stroke survivor perspective.

Exhibitors are key to our conference. They provide the financial assistance that allows us to keep our costs affordable to you. There is no doubt that the economy has affected them as well as our hospitals, and we are especially thankful for their continued support. If you meet with a potential exhibitor/sponsor in your ED, refer them to NYSENA.org for information and sponsorship options for Setting the Pace 2011.

Our special challenge this year was to provide a quality conference for you at a reasonable cost. We are not raising our registration prices for 2011!! You may take advantage of both the early and/or group registration, and we will have a Paypal option. Information will be on the web site soon.

I urge you to PLAN AHEAD and join us at Setting the Pace 2011!!!!

Congratulations Marylow Killian!

Congratulations to Marylou Killian,
who was installed as a
2011 National ENA Board of
Directors member at the national
ENA Conference in San Antonio in
September!
We are sure you will be
good representative!



COURSE SCHEDULE

COURSE	DATE	PLACE	CONTACT
TNCC	Jan. 4,2011	Bronx	virginiatufaro@nbhn.net
TNCC	Jan. 6 & 13,2011	D'Youville College, Buffalo	Jessica Castner 716-417-7360
TNCC Reverification	Jan. 10,2011	Stony Brook	631-232-0718 bcarlstrom@sjcny.edu
TNCC	Jan. 14,2011	Elmira	mteeter@aomc.org
TNCC	Jan. 20 &21	Winthrop, Mineola	jjax@winthrop.org 516-663-8708
TNCC	Jan. 26	Stony Brook	bcarlstrom@sjcny.edu
TNCC	March 25 & 26	Winthrop, Mineola	jjax@winthrop.org 516-663-8708
ENPC	Jan. 18	Syracuse	RyanA@upstate.edu 315-464-2982
ENPC	Feb. 24 & 25	Winthrop, Mineola	jjax@winthrop.org 516-663-8708
ENPC	March 30 & 31	Cheektowaga	Joanne Fadale 716-574-7336 tjjmf40@aol.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011 NEW YORK STATE OFFICERS

New state officers were elected at the October 23 NYSCENA meeting in Batavia.

Congratulations to the new president-elect Audrey D. Sealey, treasurer Rosa T. Waldroff (re-elected), and board member Virginia A. Hebda.



Incoming Pres. Mickey Forness with Outgoing Pres. Deb Taylor



Rosa Waldroff (R) Re-elected Treasurer



Ginny Hebda (L) Director at Large



2011 Pres. Mickey Forness (C)

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Deb Taylor Thanks Sue Chalupa Breese (R) For Her Years of Service on the State Board

NYS ENA AWARDS FREE MEMBERSHIPS

Each year for Emergency Nurses Week, the New York State Council Emergency Nurses Association awards a free membership for one member in each NYS Chapter.

The winners of this year's raffle are:

Elizabeth Shearer — Adirondack
Sherwin Telford — Brooklyn-Staten Island
Nancy Page — Central
John Farris — CHATT
Celia McIntosh — Genesee Valley
Kimberly McDermott — Lower Hudson
Morenike Springer — Manhattan-Bronx
Sylvia Cadwell — Mark Twain
Linda Siegrist — Mid-Hudson
Carol Muench — Mohawk
Keshia Thorpe — Nassau-Queens
Mary Ellen Jennison — Southern Tier
Denise Southwick — Suffolk
Marie Owens — Western

CONGRATULATIONS to all! Keep up the good work

NYSCENA 2011 MEETINGS

January 21, 2011 - Binghamton Regency
Orientation for new chapter and state officers at 1 PM.
Call 607-722-7575 for reservations. Rooms \$79/night
January 22, 2011 Council meeting at 8 AM.

April 7 & 8, 2011 - Saratoga Springs Holiday Inn
Setting the Pace 2011 Conference
Call 518-584-4550 for reservations. Rooms \$120/night
April 9, 2011 NYSCENA Meeting

August 13, 2011 - Doubletree TarrytownCall 914-631-5700 for reservations. Rooms \$114/night

September, 21 -24, 2011 - ENA National Conference Tampa, FL

Check conference brochure and/or ena.org for more information.

October 22, 2011 - Newburgh Additional information to follow.

Please contact the NYSCENA secretary, Sandi Tetler if attending any Council meeting atenasandi@tetler.net
All New York State members are welcome to attend the meetings.

Bring a friend!

THANK YOU TO NYS 2010 DELEGATES

Deb Taylor, 2010 NYS President

I would like to thank all of the New York State Delegates who traveled to San Antonio this past September and represented us at the ENA national meeting. Thank you also for your time and dedication to the New York State Council.

Margaret Barry * Ivy Budhaí Henry * Susan Chalupa-Breese * Barbara Clasen * Kathleen Conboy * Elizabeth Courtney

Daniel Dennis * Debra Dibartolo * Joanne Fadale Michele Forness * María Giganti * Laura Giles* Virginia Hebda * Lynn Helmsorig

Judith Jax * Mary Ellen Jennison * Katrín Kean * Marylou Killian * Lisa Kosits * Mary Mahler * Joseph Malenda * Cheryl Marcel

Susan McAllen * Shari McDonald * Jill McLaughlin * Margaret Miller * Roseann Mohney * Cathy Page * Phyllis Parker

Audrey Sealey * Karen Taggart * Deborah Taylor * Mary Ann Teeter * Sandra Tetler * Gwendolyn Williams * Mary Zellner

DR. DUNFORD RECEIVES NATIONAL ENA AWARD

Cheryl Marcel

Dr. Denise Dunford, a long time ENA member from Western New York Chapter won the National ENA award for Nursing Competence in Aging in Sept., 2010 in San Antonio. Dr. Dunford was the one of the first local nurse practitioners employed in the emergency setting and is an educator at D'Youville College School of Nursing. Her immeasurable passion for the care of our community's elderly is evident in the many roles she develops for enhanced geriatric care.



She is a role model for the care and advocacy for the geriatric patient on an individual and community level. As such, she has mentored innumerable bedside nurses and nurse practitioners in quality and comprehensive care for geriatric patients in both the hospital and community setting. In her previous position as a post-discharge liaison, Dr. Dunford tenaciously advocated for the needs of geriatric patients well beyond the Emergency Department. Her remarkable integrity and uncompromising standards in the care of the older adult are inspiring.

In her current educator role as Assistant Professor and Director of the Family Nurse Practitioner program at D'Youville College, Dr. Dunford has created nursing and interdisciplinary education for falls prevention in the elderly, directed research that targets falls prevention competencies in the healthcare team, and focused on original nursing inquiry into health literacy concerns.

Congratulations, Denise!

PHELPS MEMORIAL CELEBRATES EMERGENCY NURSING WEEK

Candace Huggins, RN, MS, NP

The Emergency Department at Phelps Memorial Hospital Center in Sleepy Hollow, NY celebrated Emergency Nurses Week with food (a token of appreciation from the ED doctors), education and community service.

Our community outreach, a Teddy Bear Clinic for kindergarten children, was a first for Phelps. The Clinic, which was held on October 16th, was an interdisciplinary effort with contributions from the Emergency Department, local school districts, community organizations, the X-ray department, the nutrition department, primary pediatrics, infection control, pre-hospital community EMS services and the rescue police services. The clinic was mainly staffed by the Emergency Department nurses and assisted by their children. The object of the program was to familiarize the young children with the treatment process in an emergency room and provide wellness and safety information in a fun setting.

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The visiting kindergarten students were given teddy bears for which they assumed care. They chose a chief complaint and took their bear to be examined by a doctor, treated by a nurse, have a pretend X-ray and be discharged. They were also given wellness information, a snack and were trained in hand washing. After the ED visit, they were escorted to explore the rescue vehicles: an ambulance car and bus and even a helicopter.

It was a wonderful celebration enjoyed by all who participated. Thanks to all the staff who contributed their time and creativity.





ARE YOU A CEN OR CPEN?

Joy Doser, RN, BSN, CEN and Wende Tefel, MSN, RN-BC, CEN

In October, the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) allowed nurses to register for the Certified Emergency Nurse (CEN) and Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse (CPEN) exams at a discount rate. ENA recognizes that the CEN and CPEN certifications provide documentation that nursing professionals have acquired the knowledge to practice the specialty of emergency nursing. Nurses that become certified as CENs or CPENs demonstrate to employers, patients, and coworkers that they have advanced knowledge of and competency in Emergency Nursing. Having a certification is essentially a guarantee to employers and the community that the nurse has the competency and commitment to continuing education, as well as dedication to the practice of Emergency Nursing and/or Pediatric Emergency Nursing care.

Our region of the NYSENA, Genesee Valley Council, is fortunate to have a number of CEN and CPEN nurses. Our community has professional, educated and extremely competent emergency nurses to care for them in any situation that arises. Below is a listing of CEN and CPEN certified nurses by hospital.

Rochester General Hospital:

Gwen Williams, Wende Tefel, Katie Babcock, Heather Nensedic, Rosa Waldroff, Jennifer Kessler, Diane Langton, Regina Ricotta, Laura Stahl, Joann Mantisi, Sue Chalupa-Breese

Strong Memorial Hospital:

Adult Emergency Department: Stacy Palma, Amy Torres, Pediatric Emergency Department: Tina VanWie, Patty Pangia, Marcy Noble, Barb Dahlberg, Liz Van Hacht

F.F. Thompson:

Virginia Hebda, Jamie Vine, Sue Hohm, Sherry O'Neill, Patty VanAmber.

Lakeside Memorial Hospital:

JoAnne Thomas, Kate Fink, and Joy Doser.

Unity Health System:

Nancy Hally, Heather Lee, Melissa Suhr.

Newark Wayne Hospital:

Lisa Comella, Theresa Vatter.

Certification preparation and exams can be costly and is usually at the expense of each individual. Rarely is certification paid for by the hospital employing the nurse. Magnet Certified Hospitals encourage and expect nurses to seek certifications. Other forms of certification include Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC), Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course (ENPC), Critical Care Certification (CCRN) and many others by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

We personally salute each and every nurse that becomes certified in any specialty. Certification shows your willingness to go the extra mile to fully comprehend your specialty and be the best you can be.

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Coleen Vesely, RN, BSN, CEN, CPEN, MEP

Mary Zellner

2010 was my second year attending the national ENA conference and my first year representing New York State as a delegate. I always look forward to spending time with my fellow emergency nurses as it provides a time for personal growth and renewed dedication to my chosen vocation. The conference presents many opportunities in different realms. It is possible to network with nurses from around the country and around the globe. It is a unique opportunity to explore the spectrum of what we, as emergency nurses, do from different perspectives; from the rural community hospital to the busy urban trauma center. One day I had lunch with SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner) nurses from New York City, and that evening I had dinner with military nurses from Arizona and trauma center nurses from New Jersey. Each interaction provided an opportunity to glimpse into the lives of other professionals who are facing the same types of patients and issues as we do every day. The sense of camaraderie provided both renewal and re-energizing in these difficult times of economic downtrends, staffing cutbacks and frustration with the sometimes overwhelming tasks that we face as emergency care providers.

San Antonio was a wonderful backdrop for the conference. I enjoyed the ENA Foundation sponsored River Ride. I also had ample time to explore the many attractions offered by the city, such as the Alamo, the Tower of the Americas, and the Riverwalk with my friends, both new and old.

The conference courses included a wide range of pertinent subjects which ranged from humorous to fascinating to the truly moving. The general session presentations provided an interesting mix of topics from different perspectives. Who would guess that a former football player could make what he learned on the field relevant to what we do as nurses? And yet that is what Eric Bowles did, as he spoke of overcoming fear and learning to be a leader.

My experience as a NY state delegate was enlightening and I felt empowered by the privilege to participate in the General Assembly. Colleagues from around the country and around the world brought their concerns to our organization because they felt that through ENA's collective voice, we could truly make a difference. We addressed sobering issues such as pain and violence in the emergency department, along with other topics that are always at the forefront of our practice as we function in our respective roles on a day to day basis. Through ENA's position statements, we can impact not only emergency practitioners, but other health care providers as well. ENA is a driving force on the national stage and important stakeholders listen to us when we speak. This carries a tremendous responsibility to EMBRACE our unique profession with a serious and thoughtful eye towards the future.

I want to thank our current ENA president, Diane Gurney and ENA president-elect, Anne Marie Papa for their inspiring words. They, and the other officers and board members, are such an approachable group of motivational leaders, always ready and willing to listen to what the members have to say.

I would sincerely like to thank the vendors. Without their support, our conference would not be possible. It was a pleasure to learn many new things from them and to interact with them in the exhibition center and beyond, at the parties and various other activities.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank both my state and local chapter for motivating me to get involved in ENA and for making it possible for me to attend the national conference. Remember, it is at the local level that involvement begins and where you can start to "Make a Difference," as was the theme of Emergency Nurses Week this year.

Mary Zellner is a member of the MidHudson Chapter.

The TNCC & ENPC course test and evaluation Scantron forms have had a small but very important change made to them. The new forms began being sent the end of August, 2010. The new form allows the student to enter only the last four digits of his/her social security number. The older forms may still be used until you run out, however, please request that the student only fill in the last four digits of his/her social security number in the corresponding spaces so that National's scanner can pick them up correctly.

In order to attend an ENPC/TNCC reverification course the participant must be a current ENPC/TNCC provider. The Course Director is responsible for making sure that all participants in the reverification course have a current provider card/status. If the person's provider status has expired he/she must either attend a two day provider course, or challenge a two day provider course if the Course Director is able to accommodate him/her. To challenge a course the student must attend the written and skill station testing portions of the course only. They do not sit through the lectures or the skill station teaching portions of the course, nor do they receive contact hours for challenging the course. The number of challengers allowed in a course is completely up to the Course Director's discretion.

The indirect fees per attendee will increase by \$5.00 effective for all ENPC and TNCC provider courses to be held January 1, 2011 and beyond. There will continue to be a 10% discount provided on any indirect fees that are paid prior to the course date. As reverification courses are another format of a provider course, the indirect fees for the reverification course attendees will also increase as outlined above. There is no change to the indirect fee for TNCC and ENPC instructor courses.

CORRECTION TO AN ENPC INSTRUCTOR COURSE FORM AND ENPC TRIAGE TESTING SCENARIO – SET #2 The form used for the Management of the Ill or Injured Pediatric Patient, Instructor Course Scenario, has been corrected to reflect that skill step 18 is a double starred (**) item. The corrected form is posted in the Course Directors Only section of the ENA web site. Please be sure to update your instructor course materials with that form. A correction has also been made to the ENPC Triage Testing Scenario – Set #2. The rate of pain on page 4, Physical G-I, has been corrected to 4. The instructor supplement is correct but the current CD-Rom has an incorrect rate of pain. The corrected form is posted in the Course Directors Only section of the ENA Web site. Please be sure to update your instructor course materials with that form.

The Administrative Guidelines outlines what you need to do as a Course Director. You should become familiar with your role and responsibilities. Notice that there is no requirement that you send course paperwork to the state chair unless they ask for it. As the new chair starts in January, you should only send the post course participant summary if asked.

I have enjoyed the past year as your State Chair for Professional Development. The year went by quickly and my only regret is that I was not able to come to one of your courses and see how I might improve my own.

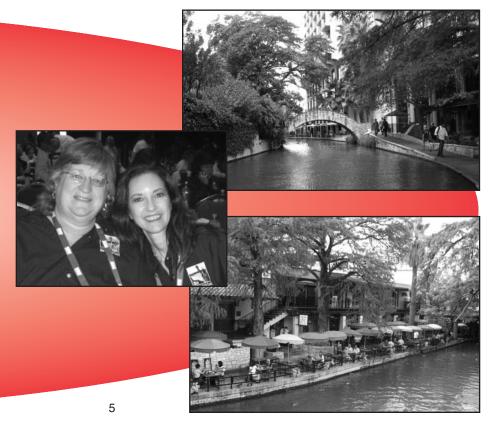
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