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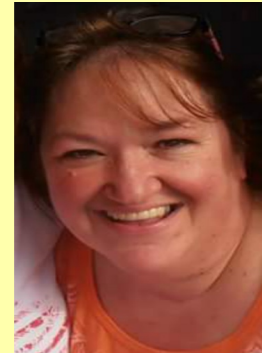
Summer 2018

## *Message from the President*

~ Martha Reid

It is hard to believe that another summer is ending, and fall is just ahead. NYSENA is busy preparing our delegates for General Assembly and Emergency Nursing 2018 in Pittsburgh September 24-29. At our July meeting we held our annual delegate orientation and will also have a conference call to prepare us to vote on the many resolutions and bylaws changes that are proposed.

We have a full roster of delegates attending with us, and among the 39 delegates are several new faces who took the time to apply and take the chance that they would get to go! We have set each of them up with a mentor to show them the ropes and are so excited for them to experience being part of the General Assembly. Being in a room with more than 700 delegates from around the county, (and even around the world as there is an international delegation as well) with the ENA President, Board of Directors, ACEP Rep, Parliamentarian, and a huge panel of ENA past presidents, is awe inspiring, and debating and voting on the many items is an experience like no other! The annual call for delegates comes out in April with a points based application. Delegates are selected based on a points system until all spots are filled. So watch for the email and plan to submit your application for a chance to go next year!



NYSENA is also excited to announce that we will be having an open reception in the eve on Wednesday September 26 for all NYS Emergency Nurses attending the conference in Pittsburgh. You do not have to be a member to attend so please read below for more information on this and plan to come and bring your friends. We are excited to meet you!

It has been a very busy year so far with much more ahead. It is truly a great time to be part of NYSENA with so many exciting things happening. If you have been looking to get involved in your local, state or national ENA, now is the time to do it! We welcome all newcomers to our state council meetings and to be involved on our committees. Please reach out to any state council officer or member for any questions or to find out about meetings and committee opportunities.

## **Bella Notte Bash!**

Martha Reid

NYSENA is sponsoring a reception on Wednesday, September 26 for all nurses from New York State attending the Emergency Nursing 2018 conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

This will be an informal chance to meet up with other emergency nurses from all over the state and to enjoy some food and fellowship. Bella

Notte has agreed to shut their doors for our private party so we will have the place to ourselves to party on! Please plan to join us to kick start your conference and bring your friends! You do not have to be a member to attend!



We will have a delicious buffet as well as a drink coupon for all in attendance.

**Date:** Wednesday September 26

**Time:** 6-9pm

**Location:** Bella Notte, 1914 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh PA - conveniently located on the strip!

**RSVP to:** [president@nysena.org](mailto:president@nysena.org)- recommended but NOT required.

## *Picnic at the Park!*

### *NYSENA tried Spiedies in the Southern Tier!*

~ Martha Reid



Southern Tier Chapter Hosted NYSENA for a Friday evening picnic at Otsiningo Park while the state council was in Binghamton for our July meeting. It was catered by a Southern Tier regional favorite Spiedie and Rib Pit giving members from our NYSC a chance to try the locally famous spiedie. The weather was amazing giving us all a nice chance to rest and unwind after a long day of meetings.



# ***NYSENA members on Capital Hill***

~ Sandi Tetler

Annually, ENA national members travel to Washington D.C. to advocate for legislation on critical health issues. NYS ENA president, Martha Reid, NYS secretary, Mary Lou Killian, Sandi Tetler ( Lower Hudson Chapter treasurer) and David McComb (Manhattan Bronx Chapter) attended ENA's Day on the Hill on May 8th and 9th in Washington D.C. The first day was a learning session of four current bills before the Senate and Congress, "how to advocate techniques", and networking. Day two was a full day of prescheduled meetings with the legislators. This year ENA advocated for 4 different bills:



**The Health Care Workplace Violence Prevention Act (HR 5223):** This bill would require covered health care employers (primarily hospitals and outpatient clinics) to implement workplace violence prevention plans to prevent or mitigate the epidemic levels of violence seen at hospitals and emergency departments across the country daily.

**SOAR Act, Stop, Observe, Ask and Respond to Health and Wellness, (S: 256):** this bill would provide pilot programs to better equip healthcare professionals with tools to identify victims of human trafficking, between victims and law enforcement communications, and assist victim referrals for service agencies.

**Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act (H.R. 1876/ S. 781)** would help remove current barriers by providing general liability protections at the state and federal levels for licensed health professionals, including emergency nurses, who volunteer their services during a federally-declared disaster or public health emergency. It does not protect these volunteers for willful or criminal conduct, or if the volunteer was under the influence at the time. By making it easier for licensed health professionals to volunteer, we can increase the number of these critical professionals available to serve when a disaster or emergency strikes, and ease strain on already-taxed health care systems.

**MISSION ZERO Act (S. 1022)** The House version of the bill has already been passed in February. It would provide grant funding to allow military trauma teams to practice alongside their civilian counterparts in trauma centers across the country.

It was a busy day, walking to and from the offices of our legislators that we were meeting with and although we didn't get to talk to any of the actual legislators themselves we did have good meetings with their legislative assistants who will pass our requests on.

Offices we met with included: Senator Chuck Schumer, Representative Carolyn Maloney's LA, Ana Le, Representative Claudia Tenney, Representative Sean Maloney, Representative Yvette Clarke, and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand.

While walking to a meeting, Martha and Mary Lou bumped into civil rights icon Rep. John Collins walking down the sidewalk and were able to have a short chat with him. We also ran into the North Dakota delegation outside the Capitol and took a selfie with them!

The team did have some down time and attended the ENA sponsored evening events of a ghost tour in Georgetown and a moonlight tour of the monuments. Both were a lot of fun, but of course more walking.

Although we accomplished a lot, the work is not done yet. Over the next few months the team will follow up with their district legislators and continue to seek support for these critical issues. YOU can be an advocate too!!! Let your voice be heard, if interested in finding out more on advocacy, you can contact Government Affairs' Chair, Sandi Tetler at [enasandi@tetler.net](mailto:enasandi@tetler.net). You can also stay on top of these issues by getting updates by joining ENA's legislative network [EN411](#).



## Brooklyn Narcan Distribution Program: STOP OD NYC

~ Audrey Dupree- Sealey, PhD,  
FNP, Brooklyn Staten Island ENA  
President

The New York State Stop the Drug OverDose program has come to Brooklyn. Dr. Sandra Scott, Chairman of Emergency Medicine at Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center initiate this program in the borough of Brooklyn.



Heroin addiction and prescription opioid abuse are persistent national problems that reach deep into communities across New York and heavily affect young adults. NYS has been awarded \$8.1 million in federal funds to help prevent heroin use, prescription drug abuse, and opioid overdose among adolescents and young adults across the State, while also increasing awareness about the dangers of these drugs. The number of people who died from opioid use in the city last year was more than five times the amount killed in driving accidents.

In accordance with the recommendations of the New York State Heroin and Opioid Task Force and 2016 legislation, the NYSDOH is providing opioid overdose kits.

Naloxone is a medication that reverses overdoses from opioids such as heroin and prescription painkillers, Percocet, Oxycodone. New Yorkers can get this life-saving medication from the DOH and or a local distributor like Brookdale Hospital Emergency Department. New York City also has a mobile app, Stop OD NYC, which shows you how to recognize and prevent opioid overdoses, and where to find naloxone near you.

If you would like more information about this program contact: [presidentbsiena@gmail.com](mailto:presidentbsiena@gmail.com) for more information on the STOP OD NYC KIT.

## PREVENT OVERDOSE DEATHS



**STOP OD NYC**  
Learn how to use  
naloxone and  
where to get it.



## Remembering . . .

~ Tammy A. Ophardt

2020 is around the corner and with it the 50th anniversary of the ENA! NYS was the home of co-founder Anita Dorr and we are preparing for an exciting celebration. Part of that process is collecting as much of our history as possible both so that we can preserve these memories as well as share them with our current members. Each chapter is asked to prepare an article for each newsletter until 2020 as a start.



**Adirondack and Hudson Valley chapters, please have your Remembrance Articles for the October newsletter.**

Anyone who has any memorabilia/photos or stories to share, please contact our 50th Anniversary chair Kathy Conboy at [Kathleenconboy24@gmail.com](mailto:Kathleenconboy24@gmail.com).

Here is a list to remind the other chapters when your article will be due:

1. Western NY- fall 2017 published
2. Genesee Valley- winter 2018 published
3. Southern Tier- spring 2018 published
4. Adirondack- summer 2018
5. Hudson Valley- fall 2018
6. Central New York - winter 2019
7. CHATT - spring 2019
8. Manhattan -Bronx - summer 2019
9. Twin Tier - fall 2019
10. Suffolk - winter 2020
11. Long Island -Queens - spring 2020
12. Staten Island- summer 2020
13. Mohawk- fall 2020





## Following the Flame around NYS

~ Tammy A. Ophardt

The lantern symbolizes exceptional practice and innovative performance in leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research. Lanterns are making their way around the world highlighting the incredible work done by local, state and international ENA members.

As the Lantern continues on its journey around NYS, think about places you can take the Lantern to in your chapter and reach out to President Martha Reid at [president@ena.org](mailto:president@ena.org) to see if the lantern is available to join you.

Anyone with pictures, please share the pictures on social media with the hashtag #followtheflame by August 31 to be featured at the upcoming ENA 2018 Conference in Pittsburgh.



## Upcoming dates to Save

NYS Council Meetings 2018:  
October 20      Binghamton Double Tree



Add event to your  
**Calendar**

2018 Meeting Raffle Chapter List:

October 2018

Southern Tier

Suffolk

January 2019

Western

Adirondack

Newsletter Deadline Dates 2018:

November 3

Other 2018 Events:

September 24-29 National ENA Conference, Pittsburgh, PA

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